

# Town of Ashford

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## REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015, 7:00 P.M. ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES MINUTES

1. Call to order
2. Members present: Zambo, Falletti, Fletcher
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's Briefing
  - John Boiano resigned his position as Chairman of the Recreation Commission
  - Response from Director of Traffic Engineering/DOT concerning evaluation of replacement of speed limit signs in the vicinity of Ashford School
  - Sid Organ stepped down as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. At their annual election the Commission elected Jeffrey Silver-Smith to the office of Chairman
  - Effective January 1, 2015, Connecticut State Police, Troop C will no longer issue pistol permits. Applicants for the State Pistol Permit will have to apply at Troop E (Montville), Troop G (Bridgeport) or DESPP Headquarters in Middletown.
  - Ross Solar has begun installation of the town's solar arrays with the municipal office building
  - The Tremko House contractor has submitted a change order relating to necessary electrical modifications not included in the initial work proposal. GESCO has submitted a price supplied by their electrician. It was the consensus of the BOS that two other bids be obtained prior to acceptance of the change order.
  - Letter from Windham Region Transit District to Dial-A-Ride customers regarding provision of service relating to changes to ensure the long-term stability of the agency
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
6. Falletti moved acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of 1/5/15 noting that the day of the week cited on the agenda posting for the 1/20/15 should be Tuesday and not Monday. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
  - a. 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Falletti reported that the committee has not as yet held a meeting this month. They are still processing bills relating to the October 11, 2014, 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.
  - b. Policies and Procedures Manual
  - c. Lake Chaffee Lots 374A and 375 – Falletti moved recommendation to PZC of approval to sell two town-owned parcels of land on Circle Drive, Lake Chaffee - lots 374A containing 4,650 square feet and lot 375 containing 13,750 square feet - contingent on stipulations that they are not considered building lots and that any improvements proposed by the successful purchaser must be approved by the

Ashford Planning and Zoning Commission and the Eastern Highlands Health District. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed. Recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission will precipitate the calling of a Special Town Meeting to ratify approval of a sale.

8. New Business

a. Committee/Commission appointments

- o Eastern Highlands Health District Alternate
- o Board of Assessment Appeals – fill alternate vacancy to 11/2015
- o Economic Development Commission: fill Rechel vacant seat. Fletcher moved the reappointment of Williams, Rettenmeier, Fenn, Gantick, Lawrence, and Warren (alt member) to 5-year terms on the EDC. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
- o Windham Region Transit District
- o Senior Center Advisory Board: appointment to fill vacancy created by resignation of Russell Kennedy. A letter of interest has been received by the BOS. This agenda item will be carried on the February 2, 2015 agenda.

b. Falletti moved a tax refund in the amount of \$22.09 to Robert Heavisides citing CGS 12-129. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.

c. 2015-2016 budget: Budget books were distributed to members of the BOS. Zambo advised the Board that they should expect a separate presentation from the Finance Department. Falletti moved to schedule a Special Meeting of the BOS for Saturday, January 31, 2015 to be held in the Selectmen's Office. The purpose of the special Meeting is to begin review of the proposed 2015-2016 budget. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.

d. Falletti moved passage of resolution endorsing 7 Regional Performance Incentive Grant applications prepared by NECCOG for submission to OPM. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.

e. Plan of Conservation & Development: The First Selectman will approach the Planning and Zoning Commission to ascertain their interest in performing the mandated update of the POCD.

f. Discussion regarding October 6, 2014 memo and use of ASCO belongings. A letter will be forwarded to the ASCO President in response to this memo. A separate copy of the response, intended for the ASCO membership, will be forwarded to the Senior Center for posting on their bulletin board.

9. Remarks for the good.....

- Zambo reported that two new casual hires will be added to the fill-in call list for the Transfer Station.
- Falletti asked that ASCO be requested to supply the Board of Selectmen with a current liability insurance certificate naming the Town of Ashford as an additional insured.

10. Adjournment