

Town of Ashford

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SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2015, 9:00 A.M. ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES MINUTES

**DUE TO THE FORECAST FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HAVE RESCHEDULED THEIR
REGULAR MEETING TO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2015, 9:00 A.M.
THIS MEETING WILL INCLUDE THE BUDGET REVIEW
PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2015**

1. Call to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Members present: Zambo, Falletti, Fletcher
Guests: Wayne Fletcher, Tom Borgman, Suzanne Smith, Gerry Nagy, Barbara Zulick, Helen Sampson
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's Briefing
 - Ben Lagasse has been hired on a part-time basis to assist DPW with snow removal
 - Rick Marlin has been added to the Transfer Station substitute call list
 - Tremko House electrical work will be submitted as a change order increasing the bid price by \$2,150
 - Nextgen Corporation has been authorized to continue with safety improvements at Ashford School. They will be installing magnetic door locks over the Easter break
 - The 1996 minibus scheduled by the Senior Center for wellness trips has been determined to be beyond repair (unavailability of parts, major electrical problems, etc)
 - At a meeting with Pioneer Green Energy representatives I was advised that they will be applying to the DEEP for permits pertaining to the installation of a wind farm in the vicinity of I84, exit 72.
 - John Flichak (NECCOG) will no longer be involved with the Our Town/Our Future project
 - Connecticare has come in with a 7.7% increase for provision of health insurance for the upcoming year. Later in the year, Ovation Benefits will present an overview of the Cadillac tax and how it will affect the town
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
6. Fletcher moved acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of 2/2/15 and Special Meeting of 1/31. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
 - a. 300th Anniversary Committee report

- b. Policies and Procedures Manual: Maureen Barber will be scheduling meetings with various departments to gather information needed to complete the P&P manual
 - c. Senior Center: ASCO insurance, TVCCA
 - d. Local Emergency Medical Services Plan
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 Windham Region Transit District: Falletti moved the appointment of Christine Abikoff as Ashford’s representative to the Windham Region Transit District. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
 - o Senior Center Advisory Board: appointment to fill vacancy created by resignation of Russell Kennedy
 - b. Tax refunds
 - c. Artisan exhibition policy: Fallett moved that in accordance with CGS, Sec. 21-6 the First Selectman, acting for the Board of Selectmen, with assistance from the town clerk, will initiate and be responsible for the maintenance of a lottery system, intended to facilitate exhibition of the work of local artisans in designated areas of the Ashford Municipal Office Building and/or any property owned by the Town of Ashford. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
 - d. Fletcher moved that CCJEF’s request for funding prior years be denied and that their request for 2015-2016 funding in the amount of \$1,500 be included in the budget proposal. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
 - e. 2015-2016 budget: Budget presentations were received by the BOS from the Ashford Volunteer Fire Department and the Babcock Library.
 - f. Plan of Conservation & Development – update per statute: Zambo informed the BOS that preparation of this update by NECCOG would cost less than \$2,500
 - g. Fletcher moved the attached resolution amending Ashford’s 2012 Fair Housing Action Plan. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
9. Remarks for the good.....
10. Adjournment