

Town of Ashford

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SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017, 7:00 P.M. ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:00 pm
2. Members present: Zambo, Fletcher. Falletti was excused.
Guests: Melissa McDonough, Loretta Wrobel, Gwen Haaland, Janet Bellamy, Steve Morytko, Patrick McCue, Greg Turansky
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's Briefing
 - With the additional "midterm" reductions, the Town will not receive a total of \$191,622 that was anticipated as revenue in the 2016-2017 budget
 - In response to a directive received from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Potter Funeral Home has agreed to serve as the recipient of unclaimed human remains that originate in the town of Ashford that are not deemed to be the responsibility of the OCME
 - The second meeting of the Capital Improvement Committee will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room across the hall from the Selectmen's Office
 - The Windham Region Transit District has reported that they expect a 10% reduction in CTDot funding in the district's budget. Proposed budget cuts will be presented at the WRTD Board of Directors meeting on January 27.
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees:
6. Fletcher moved acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of 12/19/2016. Zambo seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - a. Report of Financial System Committee
 - b. Conservation Commission – Fletcher moved that a set of proposed rules governing Langhammer Trail use be accepted and posted at the trail head. Zambo seconded the motion. Members of the BOS and the Conservation Commission discussed the fact that for all intents and purposed these rules would not be enforceable. Voting aye on the motion were Zambo and Fletcher. Langhammer Trail use rules are attached to these minutes and will be posted on the Towns' website.
 - c. Review of Codification presentation: Fletcher and Zambo briefly discussed the proposed codification project and budget implications associated with it.
 - d. Proposed credit card policy – second reading – no action
 - e. Proposed whistleblower policy – first reading – no action
 - f. Social Services/Youth Services employee proposal: Zambo moved that Melissa McDonough be hired as a full-time Town of Ashford employee serving both

Social Service and Youth Service clients effective July 1, 2017 at a salary of \$45,923 for the budget year 2017-2018. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.

- g. Status of 2009 retired Dial-A-Ride service bus: As a result of extensive investigation, it was determined that the retired Dial-A-Ride service bus donated to the Town of Ashford by the Windham Region Transit District during the spring of 2016, be donated to the United Baptist Church for use in support of the Ashford Food Bank. Support of this donation has been received from St. Philip the Apostle Church and Westford Hill Congregational church. Fletcher moved donation of the retired 2009 Dial-A-Ride service bus to the United Baptist Church. Zambo seconded the motion which passed.
 - h. Committee/Commission appointments
 - o Board of Assessment Appeals – fill alternate vacancy
 - o Eastern Highlands Health District – appointment of alternate rep
 - o Commission on Aging – appointment to fill vacancy to 6/30/2017
 - o Zoning Board of appeals – to fill alternate vacancy. The Selectmen briefly discussed the possible conflict that could arise with one of the proposed nominees and took no action
 - i. Tax refunds: None
9. Remarks for the good.....
10. Adjournment

Langhammer Trail Rules

The Langhammer trails are intended for low-impact foot traffic to preserve the quiet scenic beauty and prevent erosion to the sensitive environment. The following activities, and others that may harm the park and trails, are prohibited:

- No bicycles
- No ATV's
- No camping or campfires
- No alcoholic beverages
- No littering or dumping
- No horseback riding
- Dogs must be on a leash
- No hunting

The park is open dawn to dusk. Please park in the designated area.

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