

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
5 TOWN HALL RD ASHFORD, CT 06278
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19, 2018**

PRESENT: R. Ignatowicz, R. Williams, J. Rettenmeier; R. Fenn;
T. Wakeman, M. Gantick

- 1. Call to Order – 7:35 PM**
- 2. Seating of Alternates – none**
- 3. Approval of Aug. Minutes – Bob/John R. – passed**
- 4. Budget**
 - a. No funds expended
 - b. Vote on next year's budget. Keep same allocations as this year.
Terry/Mile - passed
- 5. Communications and Announcements**
 - a. Announcements –
 - i. none
 - b. Presentations – none
 - c. News from Other Commissions.
 - i. PZC
 1. New regulation on agriculture excavation exemption is complete and voted upon. It will be included with other changes in the package for a public hearing.
 2. Work is continuing on revising the residential lot size requirements, and several other areas in the Land Use Regulations.
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. Discussion of Road Safety Audit (RSA) and grant opportunities
 - i. Mike, Ray and Dick presented findings to BOS on 12/3/18. BOS will approve the report on 1/7/19
 - ii. DOT is positive about working with Ashford on near, mid, and long-term projects. There is also a possibility of applying for a grant to do a traffic, bike, and pedestrian study of West Ashford/Warrenville corridor.
 - b. Website Modifications (Chatey, Gantick, Williams) -
 - i. The prototype website is operational on the MadComm server and is partially populated with new data
 - ii. The idea of putting email communications feature on Town website was discussed.

- c. Retail and Services Enterprise Zone (Ignatowicz, Lawrence, Williams)
 - i. The owner of the vacant Mainline building contacted Williams concerning help in getting Eversource to expend the 440-volt 3 phase power from Rt 190 to the building. A meeting at Mainline between the Town, building owner, buyer, and the utility is scheduled for 1/7/19

- d. Wagon Shed Property
 - i. Town contracted with an engineering firm to do Phase 1 and Phase 2 studies. A draft of the Phase 1 study is complete.
 - ii. A meeting was held with Town officials on 11/13/18. EDC has requested a copy of the presentation from the BOS
 - iii. A public meeting was held in December.

- e. Buy Local Initiative (Fenn/Williams)
 - i. Ray gave Williams a mark up of the brochure. Williams will format it and transmit it to Anything Printed.

New Business

- 1. none.
- 7. Input from Public – None**
- 8. Member Input for Next Agenda - None**
- 9. Adjournment – 8:10 PM**

Prepared by R. S. Williams, Chair