

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR  
11 RYE STREET  
EAST WINDSOR CT, 06088**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

**I. Call to Order**

First Selectman Denise Menard called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

**II. Attendance**

Present:

Denise Menard, First Selectwoman  
Alan Baker, Deputy First Selectman  
Dale Nelson, Selectwoman  
Richard P. Pippin, Jr., Selectman  
James C. Richards, Selectman

**III. Added Agenda Items**

It was MOVED (Richards) and SECONDED (Pippin) to add Warehouse Point Fire District letter dated June 13, 2013 to Communications as Item V.C. Motion PASSED (4-0) (In favor – A. Baker, D. Nelson, R. Pippin and J. Richards; Opposed – none)

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Regular Meeting of June 4, 2013**

It was MOVED (Richards) and SECONDED (Nelson) that the Board of Selectmen approves the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2013 with the following corrections:

- The date at the top of pages 2 through 10 should be 6/4/2013;
- Page 3 – Item X.B should state: Motion PASSED (4-0) (In favor – A. Baker, D. Nelson, R. Pippin and J. Richards; Opposed – none).
- Page 4, first paragraph, last sentence should state "Bard of Finance" should be corrected to "Board of Finance".

Motion PASSED (4-0) (In favor – A. Baker, D. Nelson, R. Pippin and J. Richards; Opposed – none)

**V. Communications**

Received the following:

- A. From the State of Connecticut - Adopted FY2014 State Budget Impact on East Windsor
- B. From resident Don Arcari – Document describing Local Fire Marshal Duties

- C. From Attorney T. Brignole – letter dated June 13, 2013 regarding Warehouse Point Fire District and the Town of East Windsor

## **VI. Selectmen's Reports**

### **A. Denise Menard, First Selectwoman**

Ms. Menard asked the Public Works Director to update the Selectmen on the various projects presently in progress throughout Town:

- Prospect Hill Phase III – paving should be done within the next 2 weeks
- Reconstruction of the collapse on Route 140 – expecting completion by June 21
- Chip sealing of Margaret Drive, Borrup Road and Tromley Road within the next 2 weeks

### **B. Alan Baker, Deputy First Selectman**

No report.

### **C. Dale Nelson, Selectwoman**

Ms. Nelson reported that she attended the Park Hill meeting at which Executive Director Jennifer DiMauro's resignation was accepted. The Broad Brook Fire Department will be having a "practice burn" on August 31. Also the fire department's parade is Saturday June 29.

### **D. Richard Pippin Jr., Selectman**

Mr. Pippin reported that he attended a recent Inland Wetland meeting at which 2 applications were accepted. He also stated that there is excellent training available from the State DEEP.

### **E. James Richards**

Mr. Richards distributed his report, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

## **VII. Public Participation**

Mrs. Kathleen Pippin of Woolam Road stated that the new Housing Authority Commission is doing a great job and she thinks they will get things done and are headed in the right directions.

## **VIII. Board and Commission Appointments**

### **A. Resignations:**

#### **1. Cliff Nelson, Police Commission**

It was MOVED (Richards) and SECONDED (Pippin) that the Board of Selectmen accept with regret the resignation of Cliff Nelson from the Police Commission and thank him for his many years of service on the Police Commission and for all he has done and continues to do for the Town.

Motion PASSED (3-1) (In favor – A. Baker, R. Pippin and J. Richards; Opposed – none, D. Nelson abstained)

**2. Myron K. Craig, Veterans Commission**

It was MOVED (Nelson) and SECONDED (Richards) that the Board of Selectmen accepts with regret the resignation of Myron Craig from the Veterans Commission and thanks him for his service to the Town.

Motion PASSED (4-0) (In favor – A. Baker, D. Nelson, R. Pippin and J. Richards; Opposed – none)

**B. Re-appointments: Volunteer Incentive Committee Daniel Schnobrich, (U) at large member, for a term expiring 12/31/2016**

It was MOVED (Richards) and SECONDED (Nelson) that the Board of Selectmen reappoints Daniel Schnobrich, (U) as an at-large member to the Volunteer Incentive Committee for a term expiring 12/31/2016.

Motion PASSED (4-0) (In favor – A. Baker, D. Nelson, R. Pippin and J. Richards; Opposed – none)

**C. New Appointments: None**

**IX. Unfinished Business**

None

**X. New Business**

**A. Discussion of Ordinance requested by Selectman Richards**

Selectman Richards asked what it "would have to take to have the Following ordinance be discussed at the 2nd meeting in June of the Board of Selectmen and possibly sent to Town meeting for the Towns final approval:

Ordinance Name:

Long Term Expenditures of Town Funds

1) No Board or Commission shall have the right to commit to any long-term expenditure of the Towns funds without the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Final approval of the Board of Finance.

2) This Ordinance would supersede any in the Connecticut State Statues."

Discussion began with Selectman Richards explaining that his request is due to his feeling that the Town needs more checks and balances on long term expenditures. He cited as an example the actions taken by the Pension Board at their last meeting.

First Selectman Menard suggested that another remedy may be to change the Pension Ordinance.

Selectman Pippin stated that the Charter addresses that money can't be spent without approval from the Boards of Selectmen and Finance.

Selectman Baker stated that his concern is specifically about pension related actions and both Pension Ordinances should be amended to address what Selectman Richards is trying to do. He further stated that the Boards of Finance and Selectmen should have a say in all expenditures that have an effect on present and future budgets.

Selectman Nelson felt there is sufficient representation and a level of expertise in pension matters in the current makeup of the Pension Board. She agreed with Selectman Baker that if there needed to be a change, it should be to the pension ordinances.

It was consensus of the Board that the questions raised during this discussion should be sent to the Town Attorney.

**B. Approval of Tax Transfers**

It was MOVED (Richards) and SECONDED (Baker) to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,103.92 as recommended by the Tax Collector.

Motion PASSED (4-0) (In favor – A. Baker, D. Nelson, R. Pippin and J. Richards; Opposed – none)

**XI. Budget Matters**

**A. Review of 2013-2014 Budget**

There was discussion about how the 2013-2014 2% budget increase should be distributed in relation to Charter Section 8-5(4). It was consensus that the process for implementing the 2% budget after a 3<sup>rd</sup> failed budget referendum is unclear. The Selectmen directed the First Selectman to get an opinion from the Town Attorney that will clarify Charter Section 8-5(4) and the handling of the 2% default budget.

**XII. Ongoing Charter Review**

Chapters 6 of the Town Charter were reviewed with the following recommendations:

<b>Charter</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Section</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>6.5</b>

Should the option of a hearing in public or Executive Session if the official so chooses be added to the end of the section.

<b>21</b>	<b>6-6 (C)</b>
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Possibly add "shall report to the First Selectman.

**XII. Ongoing Charter Review – continued**

<b>Charter</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Section</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>6-6 D)</b>

Possibly add (d) "shall follow all generally accepted accounting principles"

<b>23</b>	<b>6-6 E) (2)</b>
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First sentence – should deposits be within 3 rather than 5 working days?

<b>24</b>	<b>6-7</b>
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There was discussion but no consensus as to whether there should be additional job categories, as an example Director of Public Works.

**XIII. Executive Session:**

**Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200 (6) (a) Personnel, & Litigation**

It was MOVED by D Nelson, SECONDED by R Pippin that the Board of Selectmen enter into an Executive Session.

PASSED (Unanimous) (In Favor – A. Baker, D. Nelson, R. Pippin, and J. Richards;  
Opposed – None)

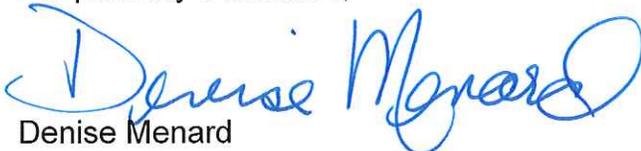
The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.; came out of Executive Session at 9:37 p.m.

**XIV. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn, made by D. Nelson, seconded by R Pippin at 9:37.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Denise Menard  
Temporary Recording Secretary

# Exhibit A

## Selectman Jim Richards Report on Commission Liaisons

BOS Meeting Date 06/18/2013

### Board of Education-

Missed last weeks meeting was not able to attend

### Economic Development Commission-

Discussion was had about how the new budget mil rate will affect the natural incentive we have had for a long time- the fact the value of Business did not really decrease like residential property so they will be paying an increase in taxes.

Discussion was had Tax Incentives are a slippery slop and in today's economy/ Fear of departure of business once incentive is gone.

Discussion was had on finding ways to reduce cost of P & Z applications / true problem is the state cost associated with applications for both residents & businesses -continued discussion is that the state rec. \$60 for some applications and the town \$25 as an example.

Discussion was had on the Status of Super Wal- Mart ( Open date believed to be October now) due to Earth Problems & Traffic site plan delayed at State level.

Discussion was had on to RTE 140 and the Businesses affected there financially by the traffic being rerouted down RTE 140- all EDC commissioners had heard from many businesses ( and residents) how this has affected their lives- EDC was glad that now the State is not just patching the road but addressing the problem.

### Parks & Recreation-

Discussion was had about Dog Park and creation of Permanent sign before P&Z

Vandalism occurred at East Windsor Park with Copper wiring being ripped from street lights and other parts of property including snack shack. Res. has not opened by this date due to rains algae levels/ Director Melissa Maltese is hopeful that It will be cleared up soon.

Chairman Szymanski questioned why on the Budget by Dept Financial info supplied by the Town no Month to Date is shown- Melissa will contact the Town as to why.

Scoreboard at Abbe field should electricity in July.

Will not be offering Swim Classes this year.

### Historical Preservation Commission-

Was not able to Attend

### Housing Authority-

Unable to Attend last night due to EDC running so long