

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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BROAD BROOK, CT 06016
First Selectman's Office - (860) 623-8122**

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

Denise Menard – First Selectman

Dale A. Nelson – Selectman

Jason E. Bowsza – Deputy First Selectman

James C. Richards – Selectman

Steve Dearborn – Selectman

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Denise Menard called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:02 p.m. at Town Hall.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present:

Denise Menard, First Selectman

Jason E. Bowsza, Deputy First Selectman

Steve Dearborn, Selectman

Dale A. Nelson, Selectman

James C. Richards, Selectman

3. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2015

MOTION was made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Richards) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2015.

In Favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, Nelson and Richards. Opposed: None.

Special Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2015

MOTION was made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Richards) to postpone the approval of the April 28, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes to the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

In Favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, Nelson and Richards. Opposed: None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kathy Pippin, 37 Woolam Road, thanked the Selectmen and Joe Sauerhoefer for coming to the Board of Finance meeting because they really needed input because it was a meeting where many difficult decisions had to be made.

6. BOARD AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

- A. Resignations:** None.
- B. Re-Appointments:** None.
- C. New Appointments:** None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Senior Property Tax Relief Update

Selectmen Bowsza and Richards met with Tax Collector Patricia Kratochvil and Treasurer Kim Lord on Thursday May 7, 2015. Selectman Bowsza stated that they brainstormed ideas to make this program really work for low income or disabled seniors. He also said that the original intention was to make it a little easier for seniors to afford home heating oil and prescription drugs. He believes that with our great Town staff, we could definitely put this in place for those who need it.

B. Youth Center Study Committee update

First Selectman Menard reported that she met with Wendy Parker, Park and Recreation Director Melissa Maltese, Social Services Director Kristen Bouchard, and Facilities Maintainer Joe Sauerhoefer to discuss the possibility of the Youth Center gathering at the Town Hall Annex. First Selectman Menard stated that there is a room in the back of the Annex that they are going to look further into possibly using for the Youth Center.

First Selectman Menard suggested trying “out programs” such as bowling to see if the program will have “buy-ins” from parents. She believes that it would be a great way to see if they could get some people following and participating in Youth Center activities before investing the money into renting a space, furniture, etc.

- * **C. Committee Discussion of Economic Development Tax Incentive proposal**
Not discussed at this meeting but remains on the agenda pending receipt of additional information.
- * **D. Discussion on forming a Facilities Planning Study**
Not discussed at this meeting but remains on the agenda pending receipt of additional information.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adoption of Historic Documents Preservation Program Resolution

MOTION made (Nelson) and **SECONDED** (Richards) that Denise Menard, 1st Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

In Favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, Nelson and Richards. Opposed: None.

B. Approval of Tax Refunds

MOTION made (Richards) and **SECONDED** (Bowsza) to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$1,657.65 dated 5/13/15.

In Favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, Nelson and Richards. Opposed: None.

9. SELECTMEN REPORTS

A. Denise Menard

First Selectman Menard read her report hereto attached as Attachment A.

B. Jason Bowsza

Selectman Bowsza read his report hereto attached as Attachment B.

C. Steve Dearborn

Selectman Dearborn reported on the following:

- He believes the Town should hire a grant writer, he hired a salesman to help him with his business and the salesman sold so much for him. He believes that a salesman is similar to a grant writer and the Town could benefit from it.
- He is disappointed that the modular passed because it took away parking space. He stated that eventually someone will get run over. He is upset that he did not vote and feels that he let himself and the people down.
- He apologized for missing the last Board of Selectmen meeting. He missed it because he had so much work that kept him from being able to attend.

D. Dale Nelson

Selectman Nelson reported that she attended Family Safety Day and that it was an exciting event. Bicycles were given away as prizes. Two of the four kids that won the bicycles were there and Park and Recreation Director Melissa Maltese's daughter Mia won one of them. Selectman Nelson did not attend Park Hill or Connecticut State Police Firearms Public Scoping Meeting because she was sick.

E. Jim Richards

Selectman Richards reported on the following:

- He attended the Veterans Commission meeting and they discussed the Memorial Day Parade coming and went through their scholarships.
- He attended the Board of Finance meeting and a lot of tough decisions were to be made that night.
- He attended the Board of Education meeting right after Board of Finance. They were excited that the modulars passed, the stats are still improving. The middle school students are competing with video and academic levels for state nationals. You have to go to Middle School's website to see the videos. Positive movement forward on all levels.
- He attended the Hunger Action Team Meeting. They are working on getting the summer lunch program set up. Richards finds it bizarre the things that we have to do in our town to get free lunches for the children.
- Missed the Historical Commission meeting due to business after ours with the Rotary and the Chamber last week which was a great event. However, the Historical Commission is still looking for pictures and stories about history of the Town.
- The Economic Development Commission (EDC) met last night until almost 9:30 p.m. EDC Consultant Roger O'Brien was in attendance.
- He did not attend the Connecticut State Police Hearing because of the EDC Meeting but the consensus of the EDC felt that the State Police Shooting Range was not a positive step for the town.
- He attended the Senior Property Tax Relief meeting with Selectman Bowsza and he felt that the program would be very positive and that it would be coming out

soon. He stated that it will be something of use and value to the seniors that are in financial trouble.

- He was happy the modulars passed. He said he was against it in the beginning but he changed his mind and voted for them because he was concerned that there would be nothing instead of something for the kids.
- The Chamber of Commerce is having its annual meeting. Usually they pick a business person of the year but this year is different because the person they chose is Director of Public Works Director/Town Engineer Len Norton. On June 11th he will be honored for his service to the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Association. He was a member of their Board of Directors for 20-30 years, for the work he does as our Public Works Director and Town Engineer and his support of the community, if there is something going on charity-wise, Len is always there to help out.
- The Education Foundation was formed in 2006 and in their 9th year last night they were granted their biggest grant ever in the amount of \$12,125 will be provided to the Science Technology Engineer and Math program for a 3D printer and 25 consoles that go with it at the middle school. He is very excited and confident that this is going to be a big plus for the middle school.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Richards). Unanimous.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Schroll
Recording Secretary

May 19, 2015

My report to the Board of Selectmen

The Public Meeting regarding the possible siting of a State Police Firearms Training Facility in East Windsor was held last night. The majority of the people that spoke expressed concerns about noise and the impact on their property values. The State will be accepting comments until June 4. Assessment of suitability of the sited will then begin. It is expected that the assessment process will conclude in September or October of 2015.

The Town & the Board of Education are moving forward with the change in our health insurance carrier from Anthem to CIGNA. Meetings with the employees will be held next week so that enrollment for fiscal year 2015-2016 can begin asap.

The proposed legislation on allowing additional casinos in East Windsor is expected to be voted on this week. The press has been asking calling or stopping by and I continue to state that we are watching the process closely and will be prepared to react to what is needed once we know additional casino(s) will be allowed. The latest changes as of today are that only 1 additional casino will be allowed and any towns interested in hosting a casino will need to submit a proposal that will be considered by a joint tribal entity that will be building the casino, the Legislature and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

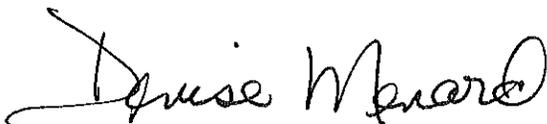
We are near completion of the HVAC project in this building. The walls will be painted by Friday and the new ceiling and lights shortly after that.

Melissa Maltese organized a "Safety Day". It was a great day for the first time of the event and many are looking forward to next year's Safety Day.

2 contracts, dispatchers and clerical, are going to full blown negotiations.

Attached are lists of the roads that are expected to be chip sealed and paved by June 30.

Remember Memorial Day parades, Sunday in Melrose at 2:30 and Monday in Warehouse Point at 10.



Denise Menard

Chip Sealing List

- Wanger Lane
- Yosky Road
- Grant Road
- Rye Street (Plantation Road to Town Line)
- Miller Road
- Plantation Road
- Griffin Road
- East Road (Rockville Road to Gravel Road)
- Windsorville Road (Chamberlin Road to Thrall Road)
- Wolfersdorf Road

Estimated Cost \$ 135,000.00

Paving List

- Eastwood Road 2" Overlay
- Holly Lane 1 ½" Overlay
- Mullen Road 1 ½" Overlay
- Winkler Road 1 ½" Overlay from Newbury Road to Wells Road

- Sullivan Farms Road Mill & 1 ½" Overlay
- Lindsey Lane Mill & 1 ½" Overlay
- Sunview Drive Mill & 1 ½" Overlay

- Norton Road Reclaim 1 ½" class II, 2" class I
- Pease Road Reclaim 1 ½" class II, 2" class I

Overlay Existing pavement 1 ½" to Kreyssig Road

- Stoughton Road intersection Reclaim 2 ½" class I, 1 ½" class II

Estimated Cost \$550,000.00

Selectmen's report 5/19/15

On May 7, I met with key staff to revisit prospective changes to the senior property tax relief program. We have a good framework to start from, and I look forward to continuing to work with them as we put together a tax relief program that will really benefit low income seniors and disabled residents.

On the 12th, the Planning and Zoning Commission met and continued to discuss the West River Farms development project. Residents continued to express concerns about existing wells being affected by the scope of the development. Ultimately the developer asked for a continuance to further address issues that had been brought to light. As this moves forward, I continue to have concerns about the potential impact on the people who already live in the area.

Also on the 12th, the town passed by the narrowest of margins the necessary approvals to fully complete the modular construction project at the BBES. A two vote margin really shows that every vote counts. This is an exciting project for the students who will be in the building and for our investment in the town's infrastructure. I would like to recognize BOE Vice Chairman Cathy Simonelli and PTO President Tanya Unsworth for their advocacy of the project.

Melissa Maltese and the Parks and Rec department did a great job with the first Family Safety Day this past weekend. She pulled together some wonderful groups and organizations to put on a great day focusing on healthy choices and safety. I look forward to it growing even larger next year.

Last night, the state police and Department of Administrative Services put on an informational session and public hearing regarding the potential siting of the CT State Police training facility. A large number of residents came out to voice their concerns, but my takeaway was that there is still a lot of information to be gathered about all three sites. Ultimately, this is a decision that will be made at the state level, out of our hands locally.

Also last night, I had the opportunity to stop by Park Hill to congratulate Pauline LeGasse for her years of service to the East Windsor Housing Authority. It was a very nice event with about 40 people there. A very nice tribute to a passionate lady.

Earlier tonight, the Building Committee met and debated whether or not to rebid the modular project or award the job to ModSpace. A motion was made to rebid the project, but died without a second. The board did decide to carry on with ModSpace.

I'm looking forward to participating in the Memorial Day activities this weekend and hope to see a great turnout from the town, as has been the case for many years past.

I did have a few constituent inquiries brought up over the last few weeks to share with the group. I had a gentlemen suggest that the town consider looking into the placement of solar panelling on town buildings, including schools. I also had someone suggest adding an additional streetlight to the crosswalk between Town Hall and the Broad Brook Elementary School. I think that both of these are ideas worthy consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason E. Bowsza
Deputy First Selectman