

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

Denise Menard – First Selectman
Jason E. Bowsza – Deputy First Selectman
Dale A. Nelson – Selectman
Steve Dearborn – Selectman
James C. Richards – 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 7:00 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION made (Nelson) and **SECONDED** (Bowsza) to take Item 11A out of order.

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

11. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

A. Denise Menard

First Selectman Menard read her report hereto attached Attachment A.

B. Jason Bowsza

Selectman Bowsza read his report hereto attached as Attachment B.

C. Steve Dearborn

Selectman Dearborn said they did a great job cleaning up the property down by the Scantic River. He also complimented Jason on doing a great job by going out to all these places.

D. Dale Nelson

Selectman Nelson read her report hereto attached as Attachment C.

E. Jim Richards

Selectman Richards read his report hereto attached as Attachment D.

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Richards) to take Item 9 out of order.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Youth Center Study Committee Update

Before the discussion started, Selectman Bowsza said the last time the East Windsor Youth Center was at the Board of Selectmen meeting, they mentioned that they went out to bid for liability insurance and his father was one of those quoted. He informed the Board and the Youth Center Committee, that it is in violation of the Code of Ethics and he excused himself for the duration of this debate.

Wendy Parker and Donna House were in attendance. First Selectman Menard said that the Youth Center Study Committee did a great job and kept going no matter how many steps they had to take. Ms. Parker gave the Board a brief update on the progress of the Youth Center.

MOTION made (Nelson) and **SECONDED** (Richards) to approve the location 147 Main Street to use as the first stepping block to creating a Permanent East Windsor Youth Center.

Discussion: First Selectman Menard thanked Ms. Parker and Ms. House for “hanging in there” and asked the East Windsor Youth Center Committee to come to the first October meeting to give an update.

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

MOTION made (Nelson) and **SECONDED** (Richards) to go back into order to Agenda Item 5.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2015

MOTION was made (Nelson) and **SECONDED** (Richards) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2015 with corrections.

Corrections: On Page 17, 11D, it should read “they got \$12,970 from the volunteer going into their annuity.” instead of, “they got \$1,290 from the volunteer going into their annuity.”

On Page 13, 9C, the motion should read "...we accept the petition with 400 signatures" rather than "...we accept the position with 400 signatures."

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

MOTION made (Nelson) and **SECONDED** (Dearborn) to recess to give the Board of Selectmen enough time to go to Broad Brook Elementary School to start the Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

Board of Selectmen meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Nelson) to move back to the call of the order and take up Agenda Item 6.

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

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resignations: Conservation Commission, Margaret Hoffman

First Selectman Menard read Margaret Hoffman's letter of resignation for the record.

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Richards) to accept Margaret Hoffman's resignation from the Conservation Commission with regret.

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

Discussion: Selectman Bowsza stated that Peg gives a lot to the Town in a lot of ways and he is sorry to see her go from this but he is optimistic and hopeful that she will continue to serve in the ways that she does.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Board of Selectmen's Priority and Liaison Lists

MOTION made (Richards) and **SECONDED** (Nelson) to postpone 10A to the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

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

B. Approval of Tax Refunds

MOTION made (Richards) and **SECONDED** (Nelson) to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$725.45 dated 7/16/15.

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

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Nelson) to reconsider Agenda Item 4, Added Agenda Items.

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

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Richards) to add Agenda Item 10C, Adoption of the official position of the Board of Selectmen reflective of the Town Meeting held earlier this evening.

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

MOTION made (Bowsza) and (Richards) to move to Agenda Item 10C which was just added.

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Richards) that the First Selectman send a copy of the petition with the enclosed signatures and a cover letter from the Board of Selectmen strongly supporting the resolution adopted at Town Meeting to the relevant State Commissioners, our Legislative Delegation and the Office of the Governor. That we support in unison that the Town Meeting adoption of the petition as submitted to the Board of Selectmen and we encourage the State to act accordingly.

First Selectman Menard said a letter is already in the works and she could send the Selectmen a draft. She hopes for a quick reply so that we can get this moving forward.

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

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(d)

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Nelson). Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Schroll
Recording Secretary

July 21, 2015

My report to the Board of Selectmen

Much of my time since our last meeting has been spent on matters related to the State Police Firearms Training proposal. I have had many, many people stop in or call to share their position both for and against the proposal. In addition, as I reported on July 7th, Senator Tim Larson, Representative Kiner, Senator Larson's assistant Gaia McDermott and I met with Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection Schriro about the proposal of the firearms training facility in East Windsor. The Commissioner was very receptive to all concerns raised by the residents and stated that she will be sure to update the online FAQs as she obtains answers to those questions. I have attached a copy of the latest fact sheet that has additional information since that July 14 meeting with the Commissioner. State Senator Larson, State Representatives Davis and Kiner have agreed to attend tonight's Town Meeting to provide their support and assistance with whatever East Windsor decides.

My stand on the matter is based on what I have been asked many times, "what good does this facility bring to East Windsor". After a significant amount of due diligence with that question in mind, if the majority of the Town Meeting continues to oppose the proposal, I have already begun working on a letter stating that the majority of those that have spoken to us are opposed to siting a firearms training facility in East Windsor, that the proposed site in East Windsor does not meet a number of the criteria listed as critical by the State and indeed some will be adversely impacted by such a facility and that the Town urges the State's rejection of the proposed East Windsor location for the Connecticut State Police Firearms Training Facility.

On a related matter, a resident questioned the legal notice of the Town Meeting. I have attached his question and the Town Attorney's answer. There is no problem with the notice of tonight's Town Meeting.

On other business -

In response to the extreme heat of the past few days, our Emergency Management team designated the Warehouse Point Library and the Senior Center as cooling stations (see the attached notice). Thank you to the staff at each facility for allowing us to use their buildings. Since it is predicted to cool a little over the next couple of days, we are only declaring one day at a time.

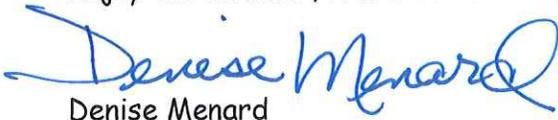
The Treasurer applied for a \$15,000 grant for reimbursement of the costs incurred with the replacement of our financial accounting system. Being one of the first in the State to move to the State's new Uniform Chart of Accounts we were also one of the first to apply for the grant. We received notice today that we have been awarded the \$15,000.

The auditors will be coming to Town in the next few weeks to begin auditing of the 2014-2015 Town and Board of Education's financials.

I, along with Selectmen Bowsza and Nelson, attended the American Heritage River Commission's Cardboard Boat Race and the BMX/Skateboard Park Committee's Rubber Duck Race. What great "small town" events that also raised a little revenue for these 2 committees! Thank you to all that organized and all that attended.

The Parks & Recreation Department's summer camp is in full swing and very well attended. It is great to see the children having such a great time outdoors under the safe supervision of our Parks & Rec staff.

Enjoy the summer, it will be over before we know it.



Denise Menard

1. Why does the state need a firing range?

- a. All State Troopers are required to qualify prior to graduation from the Academy and requalify annually. Currently, all sworn CSP personnel receive their firearms training and credentialing at a state owned training facility in Simsbury. Law Enforcement requirements, including those of the CSP, have evolved over time from a strict marksmanship program, where Troopers would shoot at nonmoving paper targets, to a dynamic training program that balances timed qualification on multiple turning targets with combat and confidence courses. These improvements in training teach and reinforce the skills necessary to make critical decisions about when, where, and how to use deadly physical force without placing innocent lives at stake. Firearms qualifications for Troopers include the use of handguns, rifles, and shotguns and are conducted in the same weather environments and light conditions that Troopers perform their duties. This is done in order for them to effectively handle their weapons in all temperatures and weather and light conditions they may face.

2. Why can't you use or expand on the range you use now rather than build a new one?

- a. The present State Police range in Simsbury was constructed in 1947. This site is at the base of Talcott Mountain, just north of the Avon town line and located within the Farmington River flood plain and flood way. In 1962, the state purchased the range, and Firearms Training has been conducted there ever since. The facility consists of a multi-lane pistol range and a separate rifle and shotgun range.

The location of the current range makes it a prime target for the rise and fall of the Farmington River. The proximity of the Farmington River and its continuous encroachment upon the range has created conditions that make its continued use impractical. The site has had issues with flooding for decades. Over the years, minor site improvements have been made to prevent or at least mitigate the impact of annual flooding from the Farmington River, but they have not been sufficient in preventing significant damage.

The flooding in the spring of 2007 caused extensive damage to the entire facility, to both the building and outdoor range areas and resulted in significant costs including clean up, delayed use, and damaged ammunition and equipment. Tropical Storm Irene in 2011 resulted in severe damage or destruction to nearly all the repairs and improvements made after the flooding of 2007.

The direct negative impacts on the training program due to this flooding include costs to the state as high as \$400,000 per event, and last minute cancelations of training events. The training and certification cycles for all Troopers are intricate and involve long term planning and reliable use of a facility. These cancelations result in disruptions to these training cycles and the increasing severity of flooding events has only exacerbated these delays. Also, to compensate for these events, the range staff has been forced to reduce and condense these training programs. These "bare bones" programs adversely affect the training level of Troopers across the state.

3. How will the site be used? What type of structures will you build?

- a. Initial design will occur only after the site is selected. However, the major elements of this relocation project are as follows: The facility will consist of approximately 55,000

square feet of multipurpose training space. Their main uses will include classrooms for up to 100 Troopers, firearms simulators and other open space training rooms; an indoor active-shooter training space; gun cleaning and smithing space; staff offices and file storage; storage vaults; a kitchen and dining area to accommodate staff and Troopers; an ammunition reloading area; locker rooms for staff; and various smaller storage areas. The site will also include two range control buildings. There will be separate pistol, active shooter, rifle and shotgun ranges. This will allow for a more efficient use of training time than is currently possible. There will also be approximately 125 parking spaces as well as appropriate well, septic, telecommunication, and electrical systems.

4. Will other state or federal agencies be allowed to use the facility?

- a. The Training Facility is also shared with other in-state law enforcement agencies. Approximately 80% of the use of the facility is dedicated to the members of the Connecticut State Police. The other 20%, while overseen by CSP range staff, include federal, state and local law enforcement agencies with which we partner. Training together enhances our working relationships with these other agencies.

5. Will the range be open and available to the public?

- a. At this time, there are no plans to make the proposed range available to the public.

6. Will the range be in use 7 days a week and on holidays, both days and nights?

- a. The regular operating hours for the range is Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Every three years all Troopers are required to qualify under low light conditions. This activity is conducted immediately after sunset and typically concludes by 9:00 pm. There is minimal usage of the range on the weekends.

7. The state owns so much land already; why aren't any of these sites used for the range?

- a. In accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) there are two key factors that affect site selection for a proposed project. They are sites under the control of the sponsoring agency (DESPP, in this case) and sites that are reasonably available to the agency. Existing DESPP property and other state owned land were considered as part of the initial site selection process. Reasonably available sites included non-state owned property where the land owner is a willing seller; thereby making their property reasonably available to the agency. The site selection process also included "unsolicited sites," meaning they were submitted to the state by land owners for consideration for the relocation project. Since they were being offered to the state by willing sellers, they were deemed "reasonably available" and as such, also subject to the same vetting process as state-owned properties. Sites where the state reached out to the land owners were deemed "solicited." There were a number of solicited sites that made it through the vetting process but were not available for sale, as well as a number of unsolicited sites that were considered but did not make it through the vetting process. The three sites, Willington - Ruby Road (unsolicited), Willington - Eldredge Mills Road (solicited), and East Windsor (unsolicited), completed the vetting process, were deemed to be reasonably available, and as a result, were subsequently carried forward to the Early Public Scoping Process under CEPA.

8. How can you justify the expense to taxpayers?

- a. The purpose of this facility is to provide the best training environment possible for the men and women of the Connecticut State Police. The current facility cannot accommodate all of the training that must be provided, its capacity is limited, and the frequently occurring cancellations due to flooding impacts credentialing. For many citizens of the State of Connecticut, CSP is the only police resource available to its communities. It is critical that every Trooper receives all of the training needed, in a facility simulating the situations they may face to ensure that they are ready to respond to your calls, and are also able to protect themselves from harm when they do.

9. Does the state plan to use the selected site for any purpose other than a firing range?

- a. There is no plan to use the selected site for any purpose other than the proposed training facility.

10. Will there be 24-hour security monitoring the facility? Is the town expected to pay for the monitoring?

- a. The town will not be responsible for any monitoring or security. While there is no formal design or plan for the proposed facility at this point, the current facility is continuously monitored by an alarm company.

11. Which safety precautions are being taken to protect residents from stray bullets who live nearby?

- a. Troopers are trained and instructed to shoot at designated targets only. They are not permitted to randomly shoot at anything other than those designated targets. Information from the EIE will inform the design of the proposed range to ensure that all areas where shooting takes place will be secure from any individuals who reside or are in the area.

12. How many acres does the state need to build a firing range and what does the state plan to do with the rest of the land it doesn't use for this purpose?

- a. About 30 acres are needed for the facility itself. This acreage does not include auxiliary infrastructure that may be necessary for the project. For example, unused portions could be utilized as visual and sound buffers between the facility and the neighboring properties. The use of any remaining land will be discussed in the EIE.

13. Will the state add additional facilities to the property after the range is completed?

- a. There are no plans to add additional facilities to the property at this time.

14. Why aren't the zoning board/residents of the town able to vote on whether or not this project proceeds?

- a. The state's process is different than the one that is used by some communities when considering development projects at the local level. Since this is a state action, it is governed by state law, and not local regulations. However, public comments were solicited at the early stages of the project and will again be invited during the EIE public comment and review stage.

15. Can CSP use the National Guard facility instead?

- a. The recently re-developed CT Army National Guard East Haven range was not designed to meet CSP needs and is currently being fully utilized by the National Guard. Stones

Ranch is also being fully utilized by the National Guard. The feasibility of other facilities will be addressed in the EIE.

16. Will CSP be training with automatic firearms?

- a. Most Troopers train with and use semi-automatic firearms. Fewer than 30 Troopers in highly specialized tactical units use automatic firearms and they will train occasionally, though they too predominantly train with semi-automatic firearms.

17. What, if any is the environmental impact on the air, soil, and groundwater in the land used for the firing range and surrounding properties?

- a. Such potential environmental impacts will be evaluated in great detail in the EIE. In addition, the EIE will address potential lead impacts and explore new technologies or systems to mitigate its effect by reclaiming spent lead bullets and other means.

18. What considerations will be taken to protect surrounding residential areas from excessive noise, both at night and during the day?

- a. During the EIE process, we will put forth a substantial effort to study noise impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods by modeling the expected noise generated from the new facility to the surrounding properties. Based on the assessment of potential impacts, we would explore mitigating factors which may include as examples, but are not limited to, site specific design and layout, use of existing topography, woodland buffers, and noise dampening structures, in addition to potential operational changes.

19. Will building a firing range in our town cause our home values to depreciate? Will homeowners be compensated for loss of value?

- a. Part of the EIE process includes an evaluation of the economic impact on the surrounding areas, which would include potential impact to home value.

20. Will local businesses near the range be impacted?

- a. The degree to which businesses near the site could be negatively or positively impacted will be explored in the EIE.

21. How close will the proposed range be to schools, residences, and places of worship?

- a. Part of the EIE process will further evaluate the proximity to residences, places of worship, cemeteries, hospitals, schools, daycare centers, recreational areas, and historic districts, and the degree to which they may be impacted.

22. Will the influx of Troopers using the firing range cause traffic problems?

- a. As part of the EIE process, a traffic study would be conducted which would look into such things as existing road level of services, the potential trips generated by the use of the facility by Troopers and staff during peak traffic hours, and entrance sightlines.

23. Have other facilities been considered, such as DOC or private ranges?

- a. **Groton Sub Base**-The Sub Base, an indoor range, has limited availability on the weekends only; neither its capacity nor its capabilities are sufficient to meet our requirements. Relatively few of the Troopers who are issued pistols or rifles and none of the Troopers issued long guns would be able to use this facility because of its limited

availability. Additionally, the conditions in an indoor range are controlled; they are not at all like the circumstances under which a Trooper would utilize a weapon.

National Guard Facilities - The National Guard has two locations, East Haven and Niantic. As is the case with the Sub Base, their availability is also quite limited. The military uses the East Haven facility, an indoor range with 8 pistol shooting lanes, as its primary location for shooting and as a result, there is limited availability on the weekends only. Stone's Ranch in Niantic is used for tactical training only; there are no facilities for shooting. The Guard further advised that there isn't sufficient land at this location to add a range without completely shutting down their use of the facility.

Local Ranges-Many of the local police departments use a number of ranges on private property on a catch-as-can basis throughout the state. The departments vary in size but all of them are appreciably smaller than is CSP. Additionally, many of these locations do not meet both the current safety standards and our specific training needs and requirements.

Private Range-We also explored a number of the private and public gun clubs that are registered with the DEEP. Only a few of them met our training needs and none of them was interested in a relationship with the State. The majority were insufficient in size, or provided a controlled setting only, and/or lacked the types of ranges to qualify all of the weapons that Troopers utilize.

DOC - DOC certifies and recertifies approximately 1,100 Correction Officers throughout the year. These include a 15-lane indoor range in Enfield, of which 11 lanes are operable, and a 28-lane indoor range in Cheshire, of which 25 lanes are operable, and a 16-lane outdoor range in Cheshire, of which 15 lanes are operable. The Enfield site has had numerous mechanical failures and is often inoperable. The Cheshire range closes at 4 pm per an agreement with the Town of Cheshire. To the extent that the lanes are operable, DOC uses its three sites continuously throughout the year. Any access we might have would be limited and infrequent.

24. Q. Will there be a Helipad at the facility and how often will helicopters be landing at the site?

a. There will not be a helipad at the facility and helicopters will not be landing at the site.

25. Are there plans to place a driving/training pursuit track on the property now or in the future?

a. NO. Initial plans called for a driving/training pursuit track but this is no longer part of the current plan

From: Hawks-Ladds, Joshua [<mailto:jhawks-ladds@pullcom.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 3:56 PM
To: Denise Menard
Subject: RE: Town Meeting July 21st

Denise,

I reviewed the July 7, 2015 Motion to accept the petition against the State Police shooting range (with 400 signatures), the Town Meeting Notice and the actual notice publication in the Journal Inquirer that appeared on July 16, 2015. The Motion, Notice and Publication all appear to be in order. I do not see any irregularities that would impact the Town Meeting. They are all consistent with the intent that a Town Meeting occur and if the participants vote in favor of the petition (against the range), then the Board of Selectmen will send a letter to the relevant state officials informing them of the petition and the vote and voicing support of the same.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or concerns.

Joshua A. Hawks-Ladds
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From: Michael Scalzo Sr [<mailto:scalzosr@gmail.com>]
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Subject: Town Meeting July 21st

Attn: East Windsor Board of Selectman

Ref: Town Meeting re CSPFR Proposal

The public notice in the Journal Inquirer on July 16, 2015 outlines what appears to be a motion with regards to the petition given to the Board on July 7th regarding the proposed CSP plan. This does NOT appear to be the same motion that was finally made by the Board at the last meeting and as such it appears proper notice has NOT been given to the public. The motion made by Selectman Bowsza that was agreed on by the full Board was "that we accept the petition with 400 signatures, forward it to Town Meeting, and after approval of the petition at Town Meeting submit to relevant agency commissioners and legislative delegation a letter of support on behalf of the Town ratifying the petition ". As you know the petition that you accepted by this motion contained three key points as described in Section 2 Purpose, of said petition.

Based on this, we are requesting the Town Attorney be present at the scheduled meeting to advise on this matter before the meeting is called to order.

It would appear the meeting should be rescheduled after "**proper public notice**" has been given.

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*Attachment A
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Cooling Centers available today 7/21/2015. **Click here for more information**

Because of the predicted high temperatures and poor air quality the Town of East Windsor is identifying two locations as Cooling Centers for today, 07/21/2015.

The **Warehouse Point Library**, 107 Main Street, East Windsor, CT 06088
(Hours: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM)

The **East Windsor Senior Center**, 125 Main Street, Broad Brook, CT 06016
(Hours: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

Town residents are welcome at both locations.

Both sites are handicapped accessible.

Only service animals are welcome.

Guests should bring something to quietly occupy the time. No food will be offered.

Contact the Staff at each location:

Library: 860-623-5482

Senior Center: 860-292-8262

Amanda Schroll

From: Jason Bowsza
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 6:43 PM
To: Denise Menard; Amanda Schroll
Subject: Selectmen's report - July 21

Selectmen's report - July 21

I was asked if we could include a selectmen's report section on the website. Is that something that we could do?

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on July 14. Commissioners were asked to consider amending zoning regulations to become more poultry friendly, particularly for 4H students. Current regulations require a certain amount of acreage as well as a setback. In my opinion this would be an agriculture-friendly change to zoning regs and would fit well within our agricultural heritage, as long as rooster restrictions remained as they are now.

Wendy Parker and Donna House from the East Windsor Youth Center Study Committee presented their plan to the PZC. They gave an overview of their plans, including health restrictions, food preparation, location, donated items, parking concerns, and so on.

Members had questions about staffing levels, supervision, age ranges for children, safety, kids leaving the center without permission, substance concerns, among other things.

Neighbors across from the prospective site raised concerns about traffic issues on Main Street in Broad Brook, reporting that hundreds of cars per hour travel on that road every hour. That part of the road is not near a street light or crosswalk - both measures that would add safety. Snow piles are a concern in the winter as well as the availability of parking.

Commission members granted a special use permit with conditions. It's also nice to see our permitting process move so quickly. Congratulations to the organizers of the East Windsor Youth Center in what could be a great community asset.

The board also continued its work on the POCD, and finalized its review of the Route 5 corridor. Members expressed surprise at the interspersal of commercial and residential housing along the corridor. Discussion continued on the development of a Warehouse Point Village District.

The Permanent Building Commission met on Thursday, July 16. They set up a subcommittee to oversee the school construction project at Broad Brook Elementary School. The subcommittee will be empowered to make routine approvals, but change orders or monetary issues outside of normal expectations would be brought by the subcommittee to the full commission.

The commission also reviewed the contract between the Mr. Labrie and the Board of Education. Some concern arose about who Mr. Labrie's contract should be with (BOE or Building Commission). Commission members stressed their intention for contracts to be signed by them and bills to be issued to them as the construction phase ramps up. Mr. Labrie offered to produce a retroactive financial report on the project from inception to date. The proposed contracts with the two project managers would call for a rate of \$200/hour. Because the scopes of work for the two project managers is largely duplicative, a question was raised as to whether both project members are even necessary. The commission agreed on a contract \$10,000 less than was initially proposed

On Saturday I went to see the Sabonis/O'Leary/Chaffee property and chatted with AHRC members John Burnham, Scott Tripp, Tom and Rebecca Talamini, and Dick Sullivan. They have done a fantastic job cleaning up the property and really

turning it into something that the whole town can use. They asked that we consider a, ending the charge of the AHRC to include the care and upkeep of this and other similar properties. Perhaps this is something we could discuss at a future meeting.

Also on Saturday I went door to door in Willington to take a look at the proposed state police training facility location out there. I've now personally been to the two proposed locations and the currently used one. I talked with some people in Willington who have done quite extensive research on terms of the noise impact. They continue to be as concerned as we are. The site in Willington is VERY sparsely populated, much more in line with the current location in Simsbury than East Windsor is. We are clearly a much more densely populated site than either the other proposed site or the current one.

I also reached out to the Department of Administrative Services and asked that they come tour the proposed East Windsor location as a means of demonstrating that we are not an appropriate fit for what they are proposing to do. I also asked for a list of comments submitted by town residents regarding the plan. In Both cases, DAS declined.

I've also brought copies of an OLR report submitted by Sen. Guglielmo asking for other suitable properties, and a GIS map of our affected area prepared by Rebecca Talamini that tells a pretty compelling story.

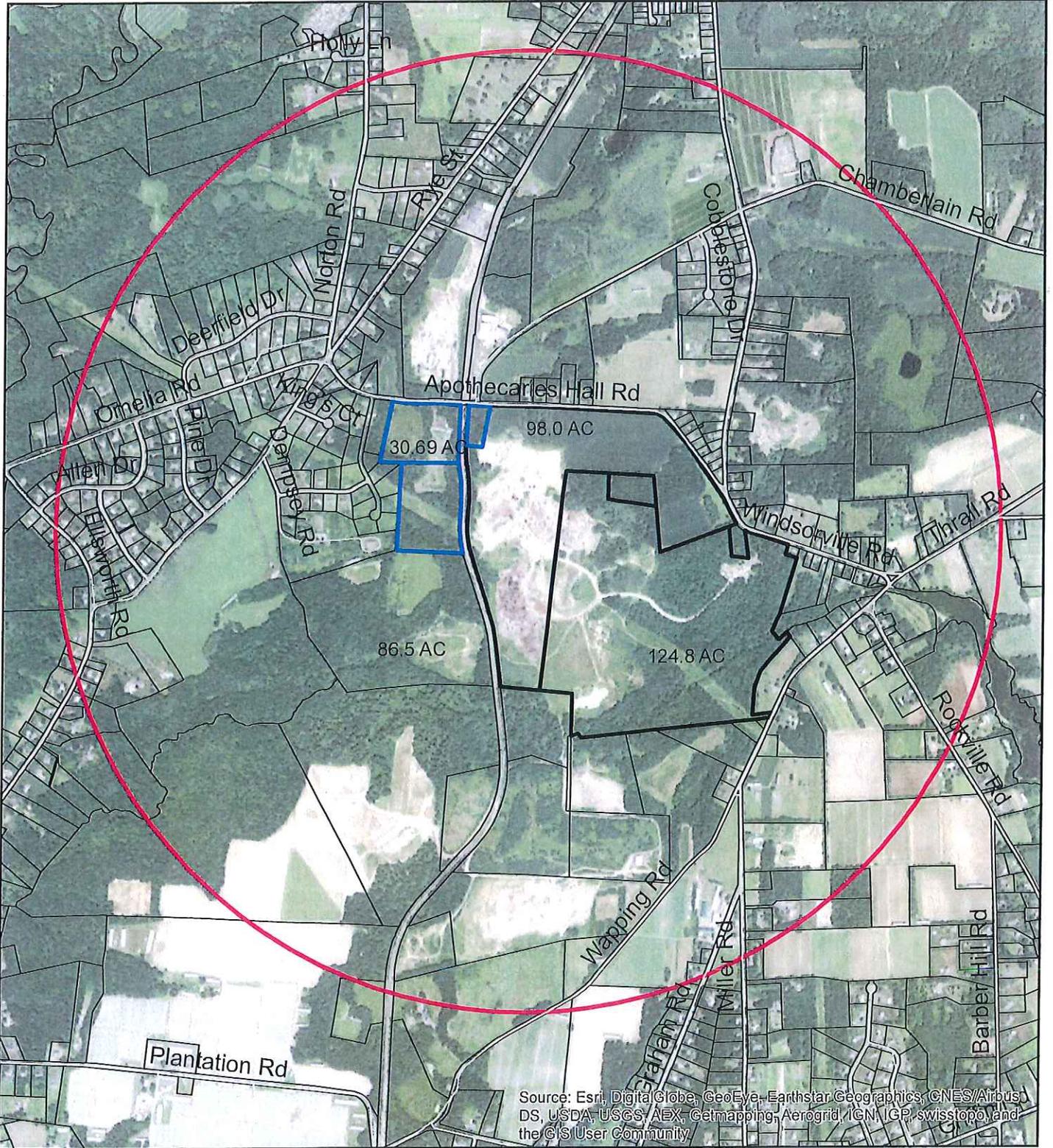
Finally, on Sunday I attended the rubber duck race and cardboard boat race. I'm still waiting for my ducks to finish, but had a great time supporting some great local organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason E. Bowsza
Deputy First Selectman

Sent from my iPad

Town of East Windsor Proposed Connecticut State Police Firearms Training Facility



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

Town of East Windsor Parcels

Proposed Firearms Training Facility (222.8 acres)

E.W. Sportsman Club (30.69 acres)

1 Mile Buffer From Center of Pits

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles



Map created by
Rebecca Talamini



GUN RANGES ON STATE-OWNED PROPERTY

For: Hon. Anthony Guglielmo

By: Janet Kaminski Leduc, Senior Legislative Attorney

ISSUE

For each gun range located on state-owned property, provide its size by acreage, when it was built and last upgraded, and the cost of upgrades made in the past 10 years.

SUMMARY

We identified eight gun ranges located on Connecticut state-owned property, as reported by the Military Department and the departments of Correction (DOC), Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), and Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

While located on state-owned property, not all of the ranges are state owned and operated. For example, the range used by the Military Department is federally owned, and DEEP operates two ranges located on state property in cooperation with private entities. The ranges used by DOC and DESPP are all state owned and operated. Additionally, there is one archery range located on state property operated by DEEP, which receives Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration funds to operate and maintain its ranges.

Table 1 provides information for each identified shooting range.

Table 1 (Cont.)

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	
State Police Range – Simsbury	<p><i>Size:</i> Approximately 13 acres, including 4 acres for a pistol range and a rifle range</p> <p><i>Built:</i> 1947 by the U.S. Army and purchased in 1962 by the State of Connecticut</p> <p><i>Last Upgraded:</i> In 1968 when a classroom and range tower were constructed</p> <p><i>Cost of Recent Upgrades:</i> None disclosed (No substantial upgrades in the last 10 years, other than mitigating damage caused by flooding from the Farmington River)</p>
Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Range - Meriden	<p><i>Size:</i> Approximately 1.3 acres</p> <p><i>Built:</i> 1971 or 1972</p> <p><i>Last Upgraded:</i> In 2004 and 2005, the range building was renovated, and in 2013, the berm was mined for projectiles, regarded, and extended</p> <p><i>Cost of Recent Upgrades:</i> Approximately \$150,000 for the two projects total</p>

7/8 Police Commission 700 PM

“There is a need for 4 cars, we will only get two, also a need for 8 front line car cameras, with the grant we will only get 4”

The town has to prioritize services

Traffic is a community problem - #1 complaints and #2 narcotics

There will be a special meeting in September/October for the purpose of Strategic Planning

Craftsmen Rd is now 30 mph from 25, no parting signs are up, Thompson is 30 mph with a medium speed of 34

The fence is now working everything else is broken and nothing is getting fixed per the Chief

STEP program is now in effect for speeding on Rye St

There are 300 acres of farm land that the ATV's are accessing. The PD closes down one area and another one gets set up.

During Public Participation I asked about an article in the JI dated 7/3. The bill would require more training and would require body cameras, the grant is available thru 2017.

7/13 Capital Improvement Plan 530 PM

Due to the 2% increase ONLY – this area had to be cut to \$667,006.00

7/19 Rubber Duck and Cardboard Boat Race 100 PM

Always a great time, sorry I could not stay thru the events

7/20 EDC 600 PM due to health issues I was not able to attend
Park Hill 700 PM either meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
Dale Nelson

Board of Selectman Liaison report Jim Richards 7/21/2015

Board of Education -
See attached

Economic Development Commission-

On July 14th Eric Moffett and I attended P&Z and worked with them to plan the next study corridor "Village District at Warehouse Point" to tie in with future development in the area, *- INCLUDING -*

Meeting was on July 20th discussed several items including Incentive programs, action plans for EDC, how is business doing in town, possible business development center.

** New & Expanded Business Event Sept. 30th 530pm Location TBD

East Windsor Hunger Action Team

Looking for Private or Corporate sponsors to allow parents to stay and eat *- SEEKING DONATIONS*

Other-

Met with Business Leaders from the region July 21st to discuss promotion of Town & region.

~~Press Rec~~

- Rich Labrie gave a Modular Project Update. As of today the project is ahead of schedule by 7 days and under budget by \$64,050. See attached notes for details.
- Dr. DeBarge presented the most recent STAR data in Math and in Reading. Many grades have met or exceeded the benchmark for achievement in both areas. This is great news! Although the reading scores at the high school did not meet benchmark, the students met the goal for growth or improvement. 80% of students significantly improved their reading score. This is an impressive achievement. In math, high school students exceed the benchmark for achievement but do not meet the goal for growth or improvement. There is much to celebrate. Areas in which to improve remain and will be addressed.
- The principal of EWMS presented a proposed schedule revision which includes a period for homework help, academic support and gifted and talented work. The BOE voted to approve. The superintendent will meet with the union to obtain their support.
- The high school will now serve brunch on early release days.
- The BOE welcomed back Dr. Kane from leave and thanked Dr. DeBarge for her service during that time.
- The BOE went into executive session to complete the superintendent's evaluation.

MODULAR PROJECT UPDATE

July 8, 2015

Attachment D
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Legislation-Grant Revision/Additional Funding:

Approved by Legislature this session- Awaiting Governor's signature on bill

State Extension of Original Grant: Approved by DAS (State)

Security:

Mod Space was provided with Release of Criminal Information Forms for any/all contractors, subcontractors and their employees to complete for their access to the building when children are present. A copy was provide to those present at the meeting and will be distributed to the Building Committee members.

Removal of Portable Units:

Interiors prepared for removal July 8- 15th (week ahead of schedule) Smart Boards and other items removed and stored.

Fire System, Electrical, Plumbing disconnects today- July 8th

Awaiting confirmation of crane schedule: Next several days

Fire Sprinkler System:

Mechanical Engineer design running mains through the classrooms was approved by Building Inspector, Fire Marshal and Building Committee. Revisited issue of hallway runs at construction meeting of July 7th. Requested new shop drawings and cost (reduction) to relocate mains to hallways wherever feasible.

Hallway ceiling heights relocation of various security and fire devices currently located in the hallways, asbestos in the classroom ceilings and the lineup/location of demising classroom wall studs were a concern, as well as future costs of sprinkler coverage for the classrooms.

Must be completed and tested for the start of school- August 31st

Request for Information (RFI):

- 1. District IT required 4 additional CAT 6 cable drops in the 10/4 units for future Wi-Fi connections.**
Status: Mod Space agreed to absorb the cost. No increase change order in process.
- 2. Mod Space requested information on sprinkler system runs as they were asked to stop planning and lay out last week pending review.**
Status: New shop drawings and revised costs being developed by Mod Space.

3. **Concrete: Mod Space has asked to revise concrete floor requirement from 5 inches to 3 inches reinforced.**

Status: Architect agreed per change stamped by Connecticut licensed engineer. A change order will be issued with a credit of \$ 14,050.

Other:

1. Jim Giuliano has submitted a proposal to the Building Committee to be appointed as their Construction Manager. He is currently negotiating his fee with the Chairman of the Building Committee. His proposed fee is approximately \$ 13,250 less than the amount remaining in that line item (formerly CREC Construction Management Cost). (You may recall that he was the original engineer assigned by CREC for this project. He was followed by Chris Cyckley who has also left CREC. No one has been assigned since by CREC.)

2. An extension of the Futures contract for the "Owners Representative" has been submitted to the Board of Education for approval.

On July 7th, Denise Menard informed me that if I was going to be paid from Town bond, then the Town would have to approve my contract.

3. Building Committee and/or construction management personnel were invited to visit the factory (Pennsylvania) to review construction at any time during the construction period.
4. Additional State Construction Education fee was submitted to the BOE for approval and payment (\$ 254.23). Covers added cost and construction budget increase. \$ 1105 was previously paid.
5. Based upon the State's past practice, we filed an EDO49 for additional funds from the grant. On July 7th we were advised by the State to withdraw the EDO49 and resubmit it at the end of the month after the Governor signs the bill for the added funds and we could draw down additional funds. We will withdraw the current EDO49 and resubmit after the Governor signs the legislation.
6. Building Committee has scheduled a standing meeting for the last Monday of every month during the construction phase. NOTE: A meeting is being scheduled for Thursday, July 16th (in lieu of July 27th Meeting).
7. Construction meetings are scheduled for every 2 weeks on Thursdays at 1:30 at the Town Hall meeting room. (Next meeting: July 23rd)

Bottom Line:

Schedule: Ahead of Schedule- 7 days **Budget:** Under Budget (\$ 64,050)