

**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, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members

Bob Maynard – First Selectman
Richard P. Pippin, Jr. – Deputy First Selectman
Jason Bowsza, Selectman
Steve Dearborn – Selectman
Dale A. Nelson – Selectman

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Bob Maynard called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present:

Bob Maynard, First Selectman
Richard P. Pippin, Jr. Deputy First Selectman
Jason Bowsza, Selectman
Steve Dearborn, Selectman
Dale A. Nelson, Selectman

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION made (Bowsza) and SECONDED (Pippin) to add Salary of First Selectman as Item 10G.

All in favor.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2015

MOTION was made (Nelson) and SECONDED (Bowsza) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting as presented.

In Favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, Nelson and Pippin. Abstained: Maynard

6. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paul Anderson, 59 Main Street welcomed and thanked the new Board of Selectmen. He suggested that if there are any concerns and differences, that they be put away and to move forward.

Steve Smith, 7 Cobblestone Drive followed up on the discussion at the Baymont Inn regarding education. He asked First Selectman Maynard when he planned on starting the tutoring on Millbrook Pond. First Selectman Maynard replied that he was going to work with the Board of Education and Superintendent Theresa Kane before he says or does anything. He also mentioned that he wanted to get volunteers involved in aspects of education. He indicated that they would go to places such as the Broad Brook Library and Millpond Village to tutor. First Selectman Maynard said he is soliciting input on how to do what is best for East Windsor and he is hoping that we all could come together to do that. He suggested having open discussion meetings without making motions or solutions.

Bob Lyke, 80 Rye Street welcomed the new beginning. He indicated that it would be a great idea for this Board to go back to the public videography of all public meetings. First Selectman Maynard said that it is part of his campaign and he supports that very much. Selectman Bowsza added that there was no prohibition on recording public meetings at any point in time, the volunteers that recorded the meetings just simply faded away.

Marie DeSousa, 10 Rice Road informed the Board that there is a group of people that have been tutoring children at Millpond Village for years. She suggested that First Selectman Maynard get in touch with them.

Steve Smith, 7 Cobblestone Drive asked the Board what their position on the casino was.

First Selectman Maynard said that the Board would not participate in this question because talking about this would take a long time and Mr. Maynard would like to research this and find out more information before he form an opinion on this matter.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**Resignations:**

1. **MOTION** made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Pippin) to accept the resignation of Robert Maynard from the Board of Finance with regret.
All in favor.
2. **MOTION** made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Nelson) to accept the resignation of Richard P. Pippin, Jr. from the Inland/Wetlands Watercourse Agency with regret.

All in favor.

3. **MOTION** made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Nelson) to accept the resignation of Bob Slate from the Planning and Zoning Commission with regret.

All in favor.

4. **MOTION** made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Nelson) to accept the resignation of Bob Slate from the Conservation Commission with regret.

All in favor.

5. **MOTION** made (Pippin) and **SECONDED** (Nelson) to accept the resignation of Bob Slate from the Inland/Wetlands Watercourse Agency with regret.

All in favor.

Reappointments:

MOTION made (Nelson) and **SECONDED** (Bowsza) to reappoint Alan Baker as a regular member to the American Heritage River Commission for a term expiring 11/1/2019.

All in favor.

New Appointments:

1. **MOTION** made (Nelson) and **SECONDED** (Pippin) to appoint Christine Rogers-Lemeris as a regular member to the Ad Hoc Committee for Opposition to the CT State Police Training Facility for a term expiring 2/1/2017.

All in favor.

2. **MOTION** made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Pippin) to appoint Rebecca Talamini as a regular member to the Inland/Wetlands Watercourses Agency for a term expiring 11/1/2019.

Discussion: Selectman Bowsza said that he has had the opportunity to work with Rebecca and he is excited to have someone with her energy and commitment to join this commission. She will do a great job.

All in favor.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. General Discussion of the Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Maynard started this discussion by saying that the Board of Selectmen is responsible for the well-being of each person in the Town of

East Windsor. He feels that what the Board does and does not do will affect the lives everyone residing in this town. He strongly believes that each selectman wants to do what is best for East Windsor and in order to do that, we have to collaborate, work together, be patient with each other, and not interrupt each other.

Selectman Dearborn feels that we have a good board and he believes that they will be able to agree on many things. However, he would like the Board to be able to answer questions from the public during Public Participation. He believes that the Town will move forward, that it will be peaceful here and that the Democratic and Republican parties do not exist in his eyes. He added that he is looking forward to working with this new board.

Selectman Pippin suggested having an open meeting type of gathering to answer any questions the public may have instead of doing it during Public Participation because of the amount of time it may take.

Selectman Nelson said that one of the best ways the Board of Selectmen found to communicate with the public is through "chats" they would hold all over Town at different locations. She thinks that these were very informative and helpful to both the Board and the public. Selectman Nelson added, "It is a new board, a new beginning, and we are all going to 'play well in the sandbox'."

Selectman Bowsza said that it is an honor to be on the Board of Selectmen. He mentioned that he is third generation in East Windsor, he cares about the community and he looks forward to serving it as long as he is able to. He is uncertain what to expect but he is looking forward to seeing how we can advance in the best interest of the community.

B. Authorizing Resolution of the Board of Selectmen.

First Selectman Maynard read the Resolution hereto attached as Attachment A.

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Nelson) to authorize the resolution. **All in favor.**

C. Appointment of Deputy First Selectman

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Dearborn) to nominate Dick P. Pippin, Jr. as Deputy First Selectman. **All in favor.**

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Nelson) that nominations be closed. **All in favor.**

D. Set Board of Selectmen Meeting Dates

MOTION made (Pippin) and **SECONDED** (Nelson) to accept the Board of Selectmen 2016 meeting dates as presented. **All in favor.**

E. Board of Selectmen Liaison Assignments

The Board of Selectmen Liaison Assignments as decided are hereto attached as Attachment B.

F. Approval of Tax Refunds

MOTION made (Nelson) and **SECONDED** (Pippin) to approve the tax refunds dated November 12, 2015 in the amount of \$1,591.27. **All in favor.**

G. Establishing Salary for First Selectman

Selectman Bowsza stated that the Board of Selectmen is tasked with establishing the salary for the First Selectmen.

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Nelson) that the Board considers establishing the salary exactly what it was under the previous occupant, \$72,826.57 annually and \$150.00 monthly as a travel stipend. **All in favor.**

11. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

A. Robert Maynard

First Selectman Maynard said that last week he asked Chris Davis for the status of the Study of Route 5. Mr. Davis replied that the earliest the study would be started is May of 2016.

B. Jason Bowsza

Selectman Bowsza read his report hereto attached as Attachment C.

C. Steve Dearborn

- 10/5 – he attended the ZBA meeting. They approved a bigger gas station sign for the Noble gas station being put in by the Trolley Museum.
- 10/2 – He informed the Board that an application came in for 84a South Main Street for another car dealership license
- He attended a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting as a citizen of the Town. He went there to show his disapproval for the La Renaissance property becoming a church because of the tax revenue that the Town would lose.
- 11/16 – Board of Selectmen approved transfer of 7 acres to Park Hill. He believes it is a good thing to do because there are many elderly in town.
- The owner of the Noble Gas Station Company gave the Rabida Family the steel building that they originally planned to be part of their corporate offices.

D. Dale Nelson

- 11/7 – Veteran's Day Road Race had 316 runners.

- 11/10 – Housing Authority – the Board of Selectmen approved transfer of 7 acres from the Town to Park Hill.
- 11/11 – Police Commission budget is on target and she thanked Ray Mancuso and Darren Long.
- Fundraiser for Abby’s Helping Hand is this Saturday at The Nutmeg from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- On Saturday, September 19, 2015 there is a sponsored event from Broad Brook Fire Department and Parks and Recreation. She added that there will be hayrides, visit from Santa Claus, and Christmas Caroling.

E. Richard P. Pippin, Jr.

- In the Journal Inquirer, Joe Courtney came out against the proposed firing range site in East Windsor.
- Also in the Journal Inquirer was an article referencing the Town transfer of 7 acres to the Housing Authority.
- Building Commission - the roof on the middle school is done, under budget and the nurses station is done except for a punch list
- CIP – waiting to finish up, a meeting is being put together to collate everything and send to the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Bowsza stated that the Noble gas station that is currently being constructed here is their corporate headquarters. He feels it is a big difference and a big deal to see the corporate headquarters located in East Windsor. He indicated that this is a good thing for the Town and he is happy to see it.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Schroll
Recording Secretary

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE

Town of East Windsor - - Board of Selectmen

CERTIFICATION:

I, Record Keeper Name, the Record Keeper Title of Name of Governing Body, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by Name of Governing Body at its duly called and held meeting on Month, Day, Year, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, Robert Maynard, as First Selectman of East Windsor, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Robert Maynard now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since November 17, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this ____ day of Month Year.

Asst. Town Clerk/Town Clerk



**Board of Selectmen
Board/Commission
Liaison Assignments**

Attachment B

Selectmen 11/17/2015-11/21/2017	Board/Commission	Chairman	Day of Meeting	Time	Where Meeting Held
Jason E. Bowsza	Agricultural Commission	Albert Grant	4th Wednesday	6:30 PM	Town Hall
	Building Committee	Cliff Nelson	2nd Monday	7:30 PM	EWHS
	Conservation Commission	Albert Grant	4th Wednesday	7:00 PM	Town Hall
	Elderly Commission	Claire Badstubner	4th Monday	5:30 PM	Town Hall
	PZC	Joseph Oullette	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Steve Dearborn	EDC	Eric Moffett	3rd Monday	7:00 PM	Office
	Veterans Commission	D. James Barton	1st Thursday	7:00 PM	Town Hall
	Pension Board	Cathy Cabral, Admin.	Quarterly meetings	5:30 PM	Town Hall
	ZBA	Jose Giner	1st Monday	7:30 PM	Town Hall
Richard P. Pippin, Jr.	American Heritage River	Richard Sherman	3rd Thursday	7:00 PM	WHP Library
	Historical Commission	Barbara Smigiel	2nd Thursday	6:30 PM	Town Hall
	Board of Finance	Joseph Pelligrini	3rd Wednesday	7:30 PM	Town Hall
	Park & Recreation	Ted Szymanski	2nd Monday	6:00 PM	Town Hall
	Inland/Wetlands Watercourse Agency	Ronald Savaria	1st Wednesday	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Dale Nelson	Volunteer Incentive	Ron Masters	Varies	7:00 PM	BBFH
	WPCA	Paul Anderson	Last Wednesday	7:00 PM	WPCA Bldg
	Warehouse Point Fire District	Jim Barton, Chief			
	Police Commission	Thomas Stremper	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM	Town Hall
	CIP		Varies	Varies	Varies
	Broad Brook Fire Dept	Tom Arcari, Chief			
	Board of Education	Christopher Mickey	1st & 3rd Thursday	7:30 PM	EWHS
	Housing Authority	John Burnham	3rd Monday	7:00 PM	Park Hill

Amanda Schroll

Attachment C

From: Jason Bowsza <jason.bowsza@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 11:16 AM
To: Amanda Schroll
Cc: Jason Bowsza
Subject: Selectmen's Report - November 17, 2015

On October 23rd, I met with Town staff to finalize the suggested language to the Senior Property Tax Relief Ordinance that I've been working on for the last several months. The intention of the ordinance is to provide property tax relief for low income senior citizens and permanently disabled residents. Denise Menard and the previous Board of Selectmen have been very supportive of this, and I hope that this new board will be as well. I'd ask the first selectman to include this as an agenda item at our next board meeting on December 3rd.

Also on the 23rd, I attended a round table discussion at the East Windsor Senior Center. The discussion focused on public works issues, and Public Works Director Len Norton joined as well. We talked about road improvement schedules, plowing, and so on.

On October 26th, Denise Menard, Gary Mazzone and I met with Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman and key staff to discuss the Town's strong opposition to the State Police Training Facility. The meeting was productive, but the Lieutenant Governor did note that it is a long process, and no determinations have been made. She did offer me assurances that comments in opposition to the range that have been submitted by our constituents would be considered as the process moves forward.

On October 27th, the Planning and Zoning Commission met and had several interesting things on their agenda. They began by discussing the Plan of Conservation and Development, which is the town's ten year plan. The commission also heard additional information pertaining to the mega church projects at the old La Renaissance Banquet Facility. They spent a considerable amount of time reviewing the traffic impact report submitted, which determines as many as six hundred more cars on Route 5 during peak usage. Ultimately, approvals for the projects were granted on November 10th. The PZC also continued their discussions of POCD regarding the Warehouse Point Village District.

On Friday, November 13, I attended an Open House at Elegant Clinical on North Road. They will be providing services - and job placement opportunities - for people with developmental disabilities. This is a great example of a business with an already-proven track record of success expanding into East Windsor.

I would also like to congratulate the East Windsor Girls Soccer team on the record making season. Never before have we had a girls soccer team make the state tournament. This year, not only did they make the tournament, but they won their first game handily before losing in the second round. These young ladies, and Coach Bill Artz, should be VERY proud of the hard work that they put in to make this season such a success!

Respectfully submitted,

Jason E. Bowsza
Selectman