

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
11 RYE STREET
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Robert Maynard, Richard P. Pippin, Jr., Dale Nelson and Jason E. Bowsza

Members Absent: Steven Dearborn

1. Call to Order

First Selectman Robert Maynard called the meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m., in the East Windsor Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, East Windsor, Connecticut.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone who was in attendance, stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Attendance

Robert Maynard, First Selectman
Richard P. Pippin, Jr., Deputy First Selectman
Jason E. Bowsza, Selectman
Dale Nelson, Selectwoman

Mr. Bowsza asked for items to be put on the agenda for this meeting.

- a. Discussion of East Cannan's newly adopted ordinance for tax abatements for farm structures.
- b. Broad Brook Brewing Company
- c. Update on zoning enforcement and light ordinance complaints and actions for the last year.
- d. Update on Barber Hill School
- e. Ethics enforcement ordinance
- f. Update on Kalamar
- g. Town properties for sale
- h. Farm leases

MOTION made by (Bowsza) and SECONDED by (Nelson) to put Broad Brook Brewery on the Agenda for tonight's meeting as 9G.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

MOTION made by (Bowsza) and SECONDED by (Nelson) to put Barber Hill School Update on the Agenda for tonight's meeting as 9H.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

All of the other items will be put on the Agenda of the November 1, 2016 Regular Meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made by (Nelson) and SECONDED by (Pippin) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2016 with the following changes. On Page 8 of the minutes under subsection d. Discussion of *Journal Inquirer* article entitled "East Windsor Board of Finance Election Complaint Dismissed" change "Board of Finance appointment" to "Board of Selectman appointment".

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

5. COMMUNICATION

Mr. Bowsza passed out an article from the *Journal Inquirer* called "Enfield Proposes Waiving Permit Fees for Residents with Crumbling Foundations" Mr. Bowsza feels the town should be doing more to help residents that have crumbling foundations. He states that this article is a good outline of things the town can do for residents.

See attached article.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bob Lyke, 80 Rye Street, East Windsor, addressed the Board. He asked for a clarification on public participation. He wanted to know how the process went. First Selectman, Robert Maynard explained that if anyone wants to speak they need to raise their hand and wait to be called on. Once acknowledged they may address the Board, if any member of the Board wants to address concerns or questions they can. There should be no back and forth between the Board and public. If the person has another question or concern they can raise their hand again. Mr. Lyke thanked Mr. Maynard for the clarification. Mr. Lyke says there should be a new buzz word and it should be "communication, communication, communication". He stated he has been around legal gambling all of his life and he does not want it "in his backyard". He wants a proactive approach to the pending casino through "communication, communication, communication". Mr. Lyke also wanted to make everyone that there were vacancies on a couple of Boards in town, Veterans and Economic Development. He thinks that the Economic Development should do is to preserve and support local businesses and entice new businesses to come into town. He thinks the town should get involved with the "Knowledge Corridor" which runs from New York to Boston, or like he likes to say runs from "New Haven to Springfield". He attended a few meetings for the "Knowledge Corridor" and he thinks it is a great opportunity for economic development.

Mr. Maynard addressed Mr. Lyke's casino concerns, he stated that letters were received on Friday that the land owners would sell property. The deadline was Saturday for them to agree. Mr. Maynard agreed that communication was key and they will try harder to keep the public informed of town happenings. Mr. Maynard asked how they could improve communications and then answered his own question by saying through the town Facebook page and new website.

Kristen Formanek, Director of Social Services, addressed the Board about a gleening event that took place in town. About forty (40) volunteers showed up and picked about 20,000 pounds of squash that will be distributed to people in need through various programs. Selectwoman Nelson stated she stopped by the event and it was great.

7. BOARD AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. Resignations: None

B. Reappointments: None

C. New Appointments: None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Parliamentary Procedures:

Mr. Maynard reminded everyone not to interrupt people when they have the floor and only to speak when recognized.

B. East Windsor Fire Protection Committee Report:

John Burnham from the East Windsor Fire Protection Committee presented his report to the Board. He stated that the nine (9) member committee voted 8-1 to enlarge the fire district to encompass the whole town. He states this will make the taxes fair for everyone. If that doesn't pass then the next thing would be to put the line item back into the budget. Mr. Bowsza thinks that this discussion should wait for Selectman Dearborn to be present. This would become the East Windsor Fire District. The entire process should be an educational process to the whole town. A brief discussion was held and Mr. Pippin agreed that this topic should wait for Mr. Dearborn to be present. Mr. Bowsza asked if looking at the flow chart handed out if anything had started yet and Mr. Burnham stated it had not and that it takes time. During the discussion Mr. Bowsza said Warehouse Point Fire Department and a person in the audience called for a Point of Order to correct it to state Warehouse Point Fire District. Mr. Bowsza said he stood corrected. Mr. Bowsza asked how many commissioners they had and was told there are six (6) now but would increase to nine (9). A lengthy discussion was held. Mr. Burnham handed out some packets at the beginning of the report and they are attached to the minutes.

C. East Windsor's 250th Anniversary Commission Report

The logo has been set and was on display for everyone to see in the room. Ms. Rebecca Talamini stated that not much else was discussed at their last meeting other than getting the logo all set. She stated that she brought a representative of the Veteran's Commission to talk since they were trying to help them any way they could. He stated they were raising funds for the enhancements of monuments and landscaping. The cost for all this is about \$60,000 and they have raised about \$17,000 so far. He stated there were a few events coming up that would bring in some more money within the next few months. He said they were not above accepting a lifeline at the end of fundraising if they needed it but wanted to do as much on their own right now. They are selling engraved pavers and had sold 113 so far. Mr. Bowsza asked if one could be put on display at the Town Hall for everyone to see. He was told yes that was possible.

D. Discussion of South Road

Nothing to report

E. Broad Brook Mill Site Remediation

Nothing to report

9. New Business

A. Hunger Action Team Weekend Backpacks

Kristen Formanek, Director of Social Services and Melissa Maltese, Director of Parks and Recreation made a presentation of the Power Pack Program. This program brings food to low income families and children on the weekends. It is a bag that would be sent home on Friday afternoons with enough food for two (2) meals. Monthly some other thing would go home, such as, jelly, toothbrushes and other things that would last longer. Each bag would weigh up to five (5) pounds, this is the most a kindergartener is allowed to carry. It was recommended that this get out to the *Journal Inquirer*. For more information see attached packet.

B. Discussion of Casino

Mr. Maynard stated that a proposal was submitted and accepted by the Tribal Nation. It is for land where the Wal-Mart and Showcase Cinemas are located. The town has not spoken to the Tribal Nation yet, but, if the town makes the “final list” they will come speak to the town in great detail. It will be at least a \$200,000,000 investment. It should give the town about \$4,000,000 in tax revenue. Mr. Maynard said it will be a process and there is a long way to go. A brief discussion was held. Mr. Maynard allowed public participation at this time. Jim Richards, 27 Pleasant Street, asked if Windsor Locks got the contract what would happen with the increased traffic in East Windsor and what do the surrounding towns get for fire and police? Denise Menard, 73 Miller Road, stated that East Longmeadow is in that position right now and they are negotiating for fire and police some other things for the town. Bob Lyke, 80 Rye Street, stated that South Windsor has also thrown their hat into the ring. He states the town needs to negotiate, negotiate, negotiate. Cindy Hern Said an article about the casino said there was no extra money for fire and police.

C. Warehouse Point Fire District Permit Fees

Should the town charge fees for permits for town properties? A brief discussion was held. Mr. Maynard will tell the building inspector not to charge for permits. The Treasurer will be asked to come up with a policy for this.

D. Discussion of Kogut Lease

After a lengthy discussion with Mr. Reichle and his daughter about the lease a motion was made.

MOTION made by (Bowsza) and SECONDED by (Pippin) to make changes to and approve (with changes) the Kogut Farms Lease Agreement as requested by the Reichle Family. The changes will be Section 2 “for up to sixteen (16) years” will be added to the lease term. Section 4.1 “Corn and Squash” will be eliminated and CGS 1-1 (q) will be added. Section 4.3 will be changed to “The tenant agrees to abide by reasonable requirements suggested by the Wetlands Commission to address erosion issues.”. Section 8 “Tenant’s Option to Renew” will be reinstated. Section 8.1 “Sixty (60) days will be changed to one (1) year and “for town use” will be added with the definition of “town use” as “appropriate public uses include, but are not limited to, a public building or for the public good”. Section 10.1 “The only permitted crops are produce, hay or tobacco” will be removed. Signature page both Parties (Landlord and Tenant) need two (2) witness’ signature lines added.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

E. Discussion of Interlocal Town Meeting

This needs to go to a town meeting and when a town meeting date is chosen this will go on the agenda.

After a heated conversation about e-mails (see attached packet) pertaining to this subject a Point of Order was asked for and the meeting moved on.

F. Approval of Tax Refunds

MOTION made by (Nelson) and SECONDED by (Bowsza) to approve all of the Tax Refunds in the amount of \$10,233.63

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

G. Broad Brook Brewing Company

Mr. Bowsza wanted to discuss maybe having a town ordinance for incentives to keep them here in town. It was then stated in an article in the *Journal Inquirer* that Suffield approved them so it is no longer an issue.

H. Barber Hill School

After a short discussion it was stated that it is with the lawyers and the transfer of title can happen at any time.

10. SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Richard Pippin, Jr.

Mr. Pippin briefly discussed the various meetings he attended, such as, East Windsor Historic Preservation and the Wetlands commission.

B. Steve Dearborn

Not present at meeting, no report

C. Jason E. Bowsza

See Attached Report

D. Dale A. Nelson

See Attached Report

E. Robert L. Maynard

Town sold \$5.7 million in bonds at a 2.03% interest rate. The video taping of “Welcome to East Windsor” started on this past Friday.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Another opportunity for the public to make comments)

Tom Talamini, 23 Brice Rd. addressed the Board and asked about the tax abatement that Mr. Bowsza was discussing. He wanted to know if it was on paper anywhere and Mr. Maynard told him yes that it was an ordinance now. It is based on an individual basis.

Steve Smith, 7 Cobblestone Drive, addressed the Board he wanted to know if the presentation given tonight by John Burnham for the East Windsor Fire Protection Committee constituted a written formal report. He was told no by the Board. He also wanted to address the issue of the legal fees being too high and he said they weren't too high.

Bob Lyke, 11 Rye Street, appealing to the public to stop being counterproductive (he said, she said). He said three (3) words are so important communication, trust and respect.

Denise Menard, 73 Miller Road, addressed the Board about the status of the Broad Brook Mill Site Remediation Plan and Mr. Maynard stated that there is a report and it is being gone over and when given to the town it will be available for the public to see. Possibly ready by the first of the year.

Bill Loos, Meadow Road, addressed the Board and updated them on a couple of projects around town.

12. SIGNATURES FOR THE APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTERS

Completed

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made by (Pippin) and SECONDED by (Nelson) that the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session at 10:04 p.m. pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200 (6) (e) 1-210 subsection (b) 1-contract negotiations to include Town Planner Laurie Whitten and Parks and Recreations Director Melissa Maltese

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by (Pippin) and SECONDED by (Nelson) to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca D'Amicol, Recording Secretary

