

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

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 present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION made by (Nelson) and SECONDED by (Dearborn) to put New Business 11D and 11H before 10 Unfinished Business on the Agenda.

In Favor: S. Dearborn, D. Nelson and R. Pippin Opposed: J. Bowsza Motion: PASSED

4. ATTENDANCE

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

5. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

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

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made by (Pippin) and SECONDED by (Nelson) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2016 with the following changes. Change the word light to blight under additions to the agenda c. Include attachments and add page numbers. Under 9E add "First Selectman, Robert Maynard does not have the authority to direct staff not to respond to Board of Selectmen Members." Under 11 Public Participation change Bill Loos address to Melrose Rd from Meadow Road.

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

7. COMMUNICATIONS

First Selectman, Robert Maynard read a letter from UTC AE Com Services giving a bi-monthly progress report on a Broad Brook Mill Site. The letter states that monthly site inspections were good and no problems were found.

Selectwoman Nelson requested that all communications, like the above letter, are copied and distributed to the Board members so they can have a copy to read. Mr. Maynard agreed and said he would have copies for now on.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paul Anderson has some concerns about the new permit software. He feels there was not enough training on the program and that it appears to be slowing things down. He feels the town put a lot of money into this program and it is not able to do what it was supposed to do at this point. He would like this problem to be looked into. Mr. Maynard agrees and will look into it.

Tom wanted to thank the town and public works for all the work they have done weed whacking around Melrose. He said it looks really nice and thanked them again.

Dave Menard, 73 Miller Road, directed his question to Selectman Dearborn. Mr. Menard stated that Mr. Dearborn had said the town is unfriendly to business and that he had talked to Broad Brook Brewery and that the newspaper reported there were issues with Town Hall. Mr. Menard wanted to know what affirmative action was taken. Mr. Maynard spoke up and said that Public Participation was not the place to individualize and single out and question Board members. Mr. Menard then asked the entire Board the same question. Mr. Maynard said there were previous issues with Town Hall prior to his taking office but there weren't any now. He also stated the Broad Brook Brewery moved because they wanted to expand.

Steve Smith asked the Board of Selectmen to vote down the Fire District Commission Report when it comes before them. Mr. Maynard said thank you.

Dave Menard asked if anyone had spoken to anyone from the Broad Brook Brewery and Mr. Maynard said no they had not. Selectwoman Nelson stated that different reasons were given as to why Broad Brook Brewery left but were bound by the rules of the Executive Session.

9. BOARD AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. Resignations:

MOTION made by (Nelson), with regrets, and SECONDED by (Pippin) to accept the resignation of Janet Goode from the East Windsor Youth Center Committee.

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

MOTION made by (Pippin), with deep regrets, and SECONDED by (Bowsza) to accept the resignation of Raymond Jones from the American Heritage River Commission.

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

B. Reappointments: None

C. New Appointments: None

11D. Update on Sale of Town Property:

Patricia Kratochvil, Tax Collector, quickly addressed the list of potential properties for sale in the town. She also stated that after January 9, 2017 she knows of at least one more that will be up for sale. The town will have to choose a realtor for this property which is located on North Main Street. She stated that there is a gentleman interested in that property and keeps checking on it. Mr. Maynard said the town should pick a realtor soon and Ms. Kratochvil said she could have nothing to do with that process.

11H. Discussion of Tax Collection:

Patricia Kratochvil, Tax Collector, quickly reviewed the worksheets handed out (see attached) and a brief discussion was held. She stated that some of these on real estate are already paid and she is waiting for the money to come from the attorney. There is a portion of them that are with the attorney and there is greater power of collection since they are with the attorney. Selectman Bowsza asked how recent the numbers were and Ms. Kratochvil stated they were from the present day.

Mr. Bowsza asked what the stipend was and the Treasurer, Kimberly Lord said it was the amount that the Tax collector gets paid to collect the taxes for the Warehouse Point Fire District.

Mr. Pippin does not feel that the town should be collecting these taxes and that the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance are being blamed over this when they had nothing to do with it.

Mr. Maynard said they should give six months' notice to renegotiate the contract with the Warehouse Point Fire District for collecting taxes. It will be put on the agenda for the next meeting and a copy of the contract will be brought to look over.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

A. Discussion of Casino:

Mr. Maynard went to Tribal Headquarters in Uncasville, and spoke with people there about the proposed casino. Mr. Maynard stated he thought they were "good people" and that they would work with the town. He made some contacts there so he knows who their Attorney General of the Tribal Nation is. Mr. Maynard and Mr. Bowsza met with Pullman and Comley and have a Lawyer by the name of Michael Andriana that will be the point person if there is any interaction with the casino. Mr. Maynard says everything is ready to move but there hasn't been any action. There should be at least \$4 million in revenue which the casino felt was a little low and it should generate about 2,000 jobs.. Mr. Maynard states that they are still pursuing a casino in the area and that a letter was received from a James Robertson with a FOI request for any communications pertaining to the casino. See attached letter.

B. East Windsor Fire Protection Committee Report:

Mr. John Burnham, Chair of the East Windsor Fire Protection Committee could not make the meeting this evening but submitted a letter with their recommendation to the Board pertaining to tax issues between Warehouse Point and Broad Brook. After a lengthy discussion about the recommendation from the East Windsor Fire Protection Committee a motion was made to dissolve the committee and accept the final report.

MOTION made by (Pippin) and SECONDED by (Dearborn) to accept the final report of the East Windsor Fire Protection Committee dated October 25, 2016 and dissolve the committee as of this date, November 1, 2016, with thanks.

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

The Fire District has to come to the Town to be put on the agenda. Mr. Bowsza wants to put this discussion on the agenda for the next meeting.

C. East Windsor's 250th Anniversary Commission Report:

Rebecca Talimini reported that everything was moving forward and there was nothing new to report. Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays at 7:00p.m. inside the Osbourne House. Mr. Maynard was wondering if anyone with knowledge of Word Press could help out. Jim Richards said the CGI Communications does web design and Mr. Maynard said he would like local but will contact them.

D. Barber Hill School House:

Mr. Maynard reports that there is good progress and a purchase agreement has been drawn up and Mr. Maynard has that and it just needs his signature and the Historical Society's signature also.

MOTION made by (Nelson) SECONDED by (Bowsza) to have First Selectman, Robert Maynard, sign the agreement for the purchase and sale of the Barber Hill School between the Town of East Windsor and the Historical Society.

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

E. Discussion of South Road

Mr. Maynard passed out a letter he had written and signed but had not sent out to Linda Collins about Termination of Management Agreement for the South and Phelps Roads Development. See attached letter. Selectwoman Nelson asked for the date to be changed to November 1, 2016 and then a motion could be made to sign the letter and Mr. Maynard agreed. After a short discussion Mr. Bowsza stated that members of the Housing Authority were not in favor of this termination and Mr. Maynard said the Chairman was a motion was made to postpone this until the November 15th meeting.

MOTION made by (Bowsza) and SECONDED by (Nelson) to postpone sending of the letter to the November 15, 2016 meeting and to invite the members of the Housing Authority to discuss the termination of the Management Agreement for the South and Phelps Roads Development.

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

F. Broad Brook Mill Site Remediation

Nothing to report

11. New Business

A. Discussion of CIP

A representative came and presented their budget request for FY18 from CIP. A lengthy discussion ensued and Joe said he would come back and discuss it if needed. See attached worksheet. They ranked projects by priority.

B. Discussion of Kogut Lease

Selectwoman Nelson received all of the farm leases she requested at the last meeting. After a lengthy discussion to clarify the changes to the Kogut Lease for the First Selectman a motion was made.

MOTION made by (Nelson) and SECONDED by (Bowsza) to have First Selectman, Robert Maynard and Glenn Reichle sign the amended lease for the Kogut Farm Property.

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

The Kogut Farm Lease was signed by both parties here at the meeting.

The same changes need to be made to the Tschummi Farm Lease and will be ready for the next meeting on November 15, 2016.

C. Discussion of the Ethics Commission:

No one from the Ethics Commission was present at the meeting. They have not met in over a year. Board members would like the Ethics Commission to have a meeting and report to them what is happening with the commission. They are requesting an update by January 1, 2017. Mr. Maynard will make that request of them.

E. Update on Zoning Enforcement Complaints:

Mr. Bowsza had requested information regarding the number of Zoning complaints in the last year. He had no issues with the packets that were compiled except that most of them were addressed after the last Board of Selectmen Meeting. There were thirteen complaints and seven of them were after the request.

F. Update on Blight Enforcement Complaints:

Jim Richards has been working with the Town Planner on the sign ordinance. Mr. Pippin feels the sign ordinance needs to be looked at and redone. Mr. Bowsza wanted to see the complaints because an employee's raise was contingent on this and he wanted to see if it was being done. There has been one blight complaint. See attached letter.

G. Discussion of Farm Building Tax Exemptions:

Mr Bowsza handed out an ordinance form North Cannan as "food for thought" to preserve the rural character of the town. See attached. After a discussion Mr. Maynard's office will ask the Ag Commission to review and comment on the ordinance.

I. Discussion of Crumbling Foundations:

The same article about what Enfield was doing for home owners with crumbling foundations was addressed from the last meeting. Mr. Bowsza feels the town needs to take steps to assist any way they can with the crumbling foundations. They can't solve the problem but they can make it a little easier on the home owner. Mr. Maynard said he would get a copy of the ordinance Enfield has adopted so the Board can look at it.

J. Approval of Tax Refunds

MOTION made by (Nelson) and SECONDED by (Pippin) to approve all of the Tax Refunds in the amount of \$942.95

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

12. SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Richard Pippin, Jr.

Mr. Pippin went to the American Heritage River Commission and there was nothing new to report except Ray Jones wanted to step down so someone more active could take his place. The tree review says there were three trees down below Amelia Road and the river and they were cut up into small pieces. Water testing samples signs are to be picked up because the study is over and the students would like to come in and explain what they did and how they did it. Public works did a great job mowing in Melrose. Social Media, they put it on the web about public works cleaning up the weeds. There was a discussion on the Dam in Hazardville that they are taking down and putting in a fish way. He went to the CIP Meetings but Joe updated on that already so nothing to report.

B. Steve Dearborn

Nothing to report except that Arizona was great.

C. Jason E. Bowsza

See Attached Report

D. Dale A. Nelson

See Attached Report

E. Robert L. Maynard

Mr. Maynard said the only thing he had to report was that a new employee had started with the Parks and Recreation Department and would be in charge of the aquatics program.

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

Paul Anderson stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the plan of conservation and development and only three people attended. A plan was adopted which is a very good thing. The plan includes the town's commitment of supporting the library for ten years.

Denise Menard, 73 Miller Road, stated that there have been two meetings now about the casino and is wondering at what point the public is going to be allowed to weigh in on the casino? She asked if it could be discussed at the next Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Maynard said yes and Mr.

Pippin said she and the public could do it just like she is now during Public Participation at the meeting. Mr. Maynard said it would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Bill Loos, Melrose Road, the next meeting for the Warehouse Point Fire District is November 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Warehouse Point Fire House. Anyone wishing to have a discussion about the Fire Protection Agenda should attend the meetings, no one attends the meetings. Also down at the Broad Brook Fire Department he would like to congratulate Joe for the good job they are doing there. The parking lot is finished except for the lining of it and the seniors moved back in last week, the heat is on and the water is good and everything inside the building is just about all done. The front parking lot will wait until next spring so everything is moving right along.

James P. Barton, 108 Main Street, stated that it was inaccurate when it was stated that for the last thirty years the town had supported the Fire District. Many years there was no support given to the Fire District. The Fire District had received a letter from the town stating that they would pay all the bills for the Fire District but that is not how they operate. They have their own Treasurer they have their own Board of Commissioners. The fire District had to get an attorney and meet with the town attorney and the First Selectman to iron out this issue. The town gets a percentage of the taxes collected in the Fire District. He also is not in favor of leasing the buildings to the town. He says the town does not take care of their buildings why would they take care of the Fire Districts? The District submits an audit every year to the Town Clerk. In his opinion toe town did not look out for the tax payers of Warehouse Point.

Steve Smith, wants to know who is going to fund new fire apparatus if the two fire departments are combined. He feels that that question has not been answered.

James Barton, 158 South Water Street, it is common practice for Fire Districts and towns is 2% collection fees. He feels that everyone can agree that everyone is for one fire department and to eliminate duplication. He says that people should go ask the tax collector about the \$8,000 deficit and he said she would tell them that's about a 99% tax collection. Any tax collector would dream of that, in his opinion. The 75-80 people that are delinquent tax payers and those people are also delinquent on their property tax. So he feels this is not a Fire District problem it is a town problem.

Dale Nelson, Stated that there was an article in the paper about Tax Increment Financing and the town should stay aware of this since the paper showed the round-about in East Windsor. She also asked if the whole board could sign the notices that go out for meetings. Mr. Pippin agreed with her. Mr. Maynard was not aware that this had happened.

A brief discussion about the Fire District ensued again.

14. SIGNATURES FOR THE APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTERS

Completed

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made by (Pippin) and SECONDED by (Dearborn) that the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session at 10:06 p.m. pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(a) and Section 1-200(6)€ 1-210 subsection (b)1 negotiations.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca D'Amicol, Recording Secretary