

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AMENDED REGULAR MEETING (See Amendment, Page 5, Reappointments)

Thursday, March 1, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting Room
11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT. 06016

Meeting Minutes

*** *These Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting* ***

Board of Selectmen:

Robert Maynard, First Selectman
Steve Dearborn., Deputy First Selectman
Jason Bowsza, Selectman
Andy Hoffman, Selectman
Charles J. Szymanski, Selectman

ATTENDANCE: Board of Selectmen: Robert Maynard, First Selectman; Steve Dearborn, Deputy First Selectman; Selectmen: Jason Bowsza; Andy Hoffman; Charles J. Szymanski.

GUESTS: Members of Boards, Committees, Commissions, or Town Entities:
Board of Finance: Kathy Pippin, Sarah Muska; Historic Preservation Commission: Kirk Monstream, Chairman, Jessica Bottomley, Broad Brook Mill Committee: Jessica Bottomley, Chairman; Kirk Monstream, Tom Talamini, Keith Yagaloff; Charter Revision Study Committee: John Matthews and Keith Yagaloff, Co-Chairman, Don Arcari; 250th Anniversary Committee: Rebecca Talamini; Warehouse Point Fire District: D. James Barton, Commissioner.

Public: D. James Barton, Marie DeSousa; Bob Lyke, Dale Nelson, Tom Talamini; Keith Yagaloff,

Press: Anthony Branciforte, Journal Inquirer.

TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETING:

First Seletman Maynard called the Meeting to Order at 7:10 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Everyone present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

MOTION: To REINSERT Public Participation after ATTENDANCE.

Bowsza moves/Hoffman seconded/

DISCUSSION: Board members generally felt it benefited the public to have public participation at the end of the meeting as they would be able to comment on discussions held by the Board, but agreed they could go with public participation in the beginning of the meeting if that was the public's choice. It was noted that other board and commissions offer only one opportunity for public participation; the Board should be consistent with the process of the other entities. First Selectman Maynard also advised the public that there are other ways to make their views known; he invited anyone to call or stop in to his office as well.

VOTE: **In Favor:** **Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski**
 Opposed: **Maynard/Dearborn**
 Abstained: **No one.**

ATTENDANCE: See page 1.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Don Arcari, 28 Harrington Road: Mr. Arcari noted that at the previous BOS Meeting the President of the Broad Brook Fire Department came in for a request for funding for \$8,000 for repair of a fire truck. The request was for emergency repairs. One of the Selectmen and two of the Board of Finance Members wanted three bids on the repairs. Mr. Arcari questioned if we got three bids on the Town Attorney?

Bob Lyke, 80 Rye Street: Mr. Lyke offered the following comments:

- Public participation shouldn't be dialogue back and forth between the Selectmen and the audience.
- Mr. Lyke is the newest member of the Economic Development Commission (EDC). He recently attended what he felt was a positive meeting. The EDC will assist with the casino as needed, and will be working on more than a one year plan.
- Mr. Lyke heard there were concerns the casino was behind schedule. As a photographer he submitted photos of demolition equipment on site, and photos of the signs that MMCT had erected at the corner of the property. Mr. Lyke also submitted a copy of the latest mailing circulating around town.

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Marie DeSousa, 10 Rice Road: Mrs. DeSousa reported she called the Selectmen's Office to advise of this mailing. Selectman Bowsza questioned why they were sending this mailer; there's no role that Town Government can play in this at this time. Selectman Hoffman cited the introduction of recent legislation which leads them to go forward with these mailings. He noted he's also seen the demolition equipment on site. Selectman Hoffman felt the Board needs to stay in touch with MMCT to assist in any way.

Tom Talamini, 23 Rice Road: Mr. Talamini noted that several months ago someone came in and discussed the round-about; he thought they were to return for another meeting before now. Mr. Talamini questioned if they have called Laurie Whitten? Mr. Talamini doesn't want to be on the back side of this.

Dale Nelson, 51 Omelia Road: Mrs. Nelson reported the concept of the two public participation opportunities came about because the Board of Education was doing that; they felt it was important.

Jessica Bottomley, Main Street: Ms. Bottomley reported she is present as a representative of the Broad Brook Mill Committee, which meets on the first and third Wednesday monthly. Ms. Bottomley reported they hope to put together a presentation by the first of April to advise the Board what they've done; they're also putting together a timeline. Ms. Bottomley reported this is a good committee made up of people with varying viewpoints. Ms. Bottomley requested people contact her, or Selectman Hoffman, regarding the mill. Selectman Hoffman suggested UTC is on the verge of taking action on the mill but they do want guidance.

Bob Lyke, 80 Rye Street: Mr. Lyke reported that DOT did the previous meeting regarding the round-about; he knows Laurie Whitten has an update.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/February 6, 2018 , AMENDED Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To APPROVE AMENDED Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes dated February 6, 2018.

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski
Opposed: No one
Abstained: Bowsza

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/February 15, 2018 , Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes:

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MOTION: To APPROVE Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes dated February 15, 2018.

Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/**DISCUSSION:** **None.**

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/February 17, 2018 , Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To APPROVE Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes dated February 17, 2018.

Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/

DISCUSSION: Selectman Hoffman noted during discussion of the presentation of the Broad Brook Library they had been asked to pursue grants; he would like that information added to the Minutes.

Selectman Maynard RESCINDED his motion, Selectman Szymanski RESCINDED his second.

MOTION: To APPROVE Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes dated February 17, 2018

AMENDED as follows:

Page 3, PRESENTATION/a. Broad Brook Library – 910100 – Activities, Fees and Associations, Paragraph 1, add the following sentence to paragraph 1 – “Selectman Hoffman questioned if Mr. Anderson applied for grants for the library? If that was not the current practice Selectman Hoffman suggested Mr. Anderson consider pursuing grants in the future.”

Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/**DISCUSSION:** **Nothing further.**

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/February 20, 2018 , Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To APPROVE Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes dated February 20, 2018

Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/**DISCUSSION:** **None.**

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski

Opposed: No one

Abstained: Bowsza

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/February 22 2018 , Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes:

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MOTION: To APPROVE Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes dated February 22, 2018

Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Flyer sponsored by MGM regarding the status of the East Windsor Casino.**

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/A.

Resignations: None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/B

Reappointments: .Nicholas Laskos, (U) Economic Development Commission, Regular Member, for a term expiring 1/1/2022:

MOTION: To APPOINT Nicholas Laskos (U) as a Regular Member of the Economic Development Commission for a term expiring 1/1/2022.

Bowsza moved/Hoffman seconded/

DISCUSSION: Selectman Bowsza questioned if all the appointments begin on January 1st? Information regarding the inception date of EDC appointments wasn't available. Selectman Bowsza indicated he knows Mr. Laskos, he's a young man starting a business, he'll be valuable to the Commission.

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/B

Reappointments: .Michael Kowalski, (R), Planning & Zoning Commission, Regular member for a term expiring 12/1/2021:

MOTION: To APPOINT Michael Kowalski, (R), as a Regular Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term expiring 12/1/2017-12/1/2021.

Bowsza moved/Hoffman seconded/

DISCUSSION: Selectman Bowsza questioned if all the appointments begin on January 1st? Selectman Bowsza answered his own question by reviewing information regarding the inception date of the Planning and Zoning appointments as being October 1st, November 1st, and December 1st.

MOTION: To AMEND the APPOINTMENT of Michael Kowalski, (R), as a Regular Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term expiring 10/1/2017 10/1/2021.

Bowsza moved/Hoffman seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/C. New

Appointments: (AMENDED TERM EXPIRATION) Glenn Reichle, (R), Agricultural Commission, Regular Member for a term expiring 8/1/2021:

MOTION: To AMEND the EXPIRATION DATE for the Appointment of Glenn Reichle to the Agricultural Commission to a term expiring 8/1/2021.

Szymanski moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/A. East Windsor's 250th Anniversary Committee Report:

Rebecca Talamini, Chairman of the 250th Anniversary Committee, joined us for a new update:

- The parade sign-up form is now available; no fee to participate.
- Kids WinterFest was held last Weekend; 100 or more people participated. The Lion's Club did 31 eye screenings for kids ages 6 to 8. Jim Stremper and his team offered free wagon rides during the entire (rainy) event.
- Next weekend (3/10 and 3/11) is the East Windsor Home Show; merchandise and the event calendar will be available.
- Yesterday was the last day for the Love Your Library Scavenger Hunt; the raffle will be held at the Book Club in South Windsor on 3/3.
- April – all during the month, Ms. Talamini will be collecting shoes – new or used – for a shoe drive. Drop-off boxes will be available at Town Hall, the Town Hall Annex, Broad Brook Library, and Warehouse Point Library, as well as other areas being determined.
- Vintage Baseball Game is coming up in May. The Rotary Club is doing the popcorn.
- Food truck festival and Re-enactment – 8 food trucks have signed on for the event.
- Heritage Day – looking for a sponsor.

Selectman Szymanski recalled that during the 200th Anniversary there was some type of red, white, and blue decorative material that everyone hung from their buildings for the week prior to the parade; he suggested it would be nice to see something similar done for this anniversary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/B. Casino:

First Selectman Maynard reported a demolition ceremony will be held by MMCT on Monday, March 5th at 2:30 p.m. at the cinema site. David Cappiello, representing MMCT, introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the ceremony. The ceremony will begin at 2:30; he urged everyone to arrive a bit earlier. Access will be via the Prospect Hill Road/Route 5 driveway. Discussion followed regarding the demolition and ensuing development process for the East Windsor site.

It was noted that the Legislature will begin hearing a new bill opening gaming to everyone in Connecticut; Mr. Cappiello welcomed anyone who would like to offer testimony as to why the

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new bill isn't good for East Windsor regarding jobs and new businesses to attend the Public Hearing at the Legislative Office Building on Thursday, March 8th, at 10:00 a.m.

Discussion continued regarding the process beginning Monday at the cinema site through construction and opening. Mr. Cappiello noted a naming ceremony will be held soon.

NEW BUSINESS/A. Appoint Helen Totz – Town Assessor per Town Charter Section 6-6F:

First Selectman Maynard reported he, Human Resources Generalist Schroll, and the Manchester Assessor, interviewed Ms. Totz and another candidate. At the conclusion of the interview the visiting Assessor suggested Ms. Totz is a wealth of knowledge and experience, she's certified as a CCMA I & II (Certified Connecticut Municipal Assessors), and has taught those classes as well.

Selectman Bowsza questioned if the Board could meet her? First Selectman Maynard cited discussions with retiring Assessor Madore regarding her input on Ms. Totz, and the comments made by the Manchester Assessor; he felt the Board could act based on those recommendations. First Selectman Maynard noted a number of assessment appeals have already come in; he hoped to have the new employee in place quickly.

MOTION: To APPOINT Helen Totz as Town Assessor.

Szymanski moved/Dearborn seconded/

DISCUSSION: Selectman Szymanski reported he spoke with retired Assessor Madore regarding Ms. Totz; Mrs. Madore felt Ms. Totz will be perfect for the position and will do a great job. Selectman Hoffman indicated he spoke with retired Assessor Madore as well; she said there was a person in the Assessor's Office who is studying to become an Assessor and because Ms. Totz has taught the Assessor certification classes she would be a mentor to the other employee. Selectman Bowsza indicated he understands retired Assessor Madore's comments but he won't vote for anyone he hasn't met, especially because this position is part of a bargaining unit. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn indicated he heard all the people say this person was good; he's for this person.

VOTE: **In Favor:** **Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski**
 Opposed: **Bowsza**
 Abstained: **No one**

NEW BUSINESS/Approval of Tax Refunds:

MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$231.53 as identified under Tax Refund Report dated February 27, 2018.

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Dearborn moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Based on the motion made early in this Meeting there was no second opportunity for public participation.

MOTION: To DEVELOP A SCHEDULE for the Broad Brook Mill Committee and the Charter Revision Study Committee Chairmen come to a Board of Selectmen Meeting to make a presentation of their progress once a month at their convenience.

Hoffman moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/A. Steve Dearborn:

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn noted that everyone got one of the mailings; it really means nothing to the people who are really for the casino. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn can't wait for March 5th.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/B. Andy Hoffman:

Selectman Hoffman reported he attended the recent Economic Development Commission Meeting. He agreed it was a good meeting; everyone seems to be working well together. They spoke of writing Commission bylaws, and are developing a job description for the Economic Development Director based on an example of the position in Windsor. The EDC is also interested in developing a website; First Selectman Maynard suggested he and Human Resources Generalist Schroll can assist with the website and act as a contact for information. Selectman Hoffman noted that the EDC discussed the casino and what they can do to help MMCT. Selectman Hoffman noted Town Planner Whitten is a valuable resource for the EDC, and for the casino. He hoped with Mr. Cappiello coming in to the Board this process will proceed and the EDC will become an important partner with them; they're a good outfit.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/C. Jason Bowsza:

- Selectman Bowsza reported that on April 19th he attended the UCONN Womens basketball game. Presenting colors that day were Brownie, Daisy, and Girl Scout Troops from East Windsor.
- He also attended the 250th Anniversary's Kid WinterFest on February 24th; Ms. Talamini did a good job on the event.

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- Budget workshops continue; he understands March 8th is when the Board will begin making recommendations. First Selectman Maynard concurred, but noted the Board could have made changes throughout the budget workshop process.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/D. Charlie Szymanski:

Selectman Szymanski reported his time has been spent attending the Budget Workshops and doing research on other towns for comparative purposes.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/E. Robert Maynard:

First Selectman Maynard attended the Board of Education School Marketing Advisory Committee Meeting regarding marketing the school. At that meeting they discussed the various stakeholders – the Seniors, the businesses, the parents; the purpose is to encourage more involvement between the schools and the community. First Selectman Maynard suggested if anyone has an idea to contact him. Discussion followed regarding the goal of the workshop. First Selectman Maynard gave examples of interaction between the school population and residents; he suggested the intent is to blend the schools into the community.

Selectman Bowsza wanted to share that he had a communication with someone about the Parkland shooting, and the attention that the students have raised, and their intention for a National Day of Walkout. The motion was raised, rightly so he felt, that having some sort of coordinated activity that day might in fact be a very bad idea. There might be an opportunity to have a conversation with the Superintendent about that and the potential for unintended consequences.

SIGNATURES FOR APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTERS:

The Selectmen reviewed the registers presented and took appropriate action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/Pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 1-210 (b-1) (b-4)Litigation & Negotiations:

MOTION: To GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION after taking a five minute break. The Board RECESSED at 8:23 p.m. for their break. Immediately following the break they ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION; attending the Executive Session was First Selectman Maynard, Deputy First Selectman Dearborn, Selectman Bowsza, Selectman Hoffman, and Selectman Szymanski.

Szymanski moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski

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LET THE RECORD SHOW the recording secretary and members of the audience exited the room.

Executive Session ended at 9:34 p.m.

MOTION: To AUTHORIZE the First Selectman to initiate a search for a Town Counsel.

Dearborn moved/Hoffman seconded/

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski
Opposed: Bowsza
Abstained: No one**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Dearborn moved/Hoffman seconded/

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted

Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen