

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 17, 2019

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 E. Bowsza, Selectman
Andy Hoffman, Selectman
Charles J. Szymanski, Selectman

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

ABSENT: All Selectmen were present this evening.

SPEAKERS/GUESTS: **Public:** Jessica Bottomley, Chairman, Broad Brook Mill Site Remediation Committee; Jeffery Ostrout.

Press: Joe Chaisson, Journal Inquirer.

TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETING:

First Selectman Maynard called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:02 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

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Selectman Hoffman requested an addition to discuss Certified Local Government.

MOTION: To ADD to the AGENDA under NEW BUSINESS, 10C, Discussion of Certified Local Government.

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: Selectman Bowsza questioned if documentation regarding this item has been provided; First Selectman Maynard replied negatively.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski)
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

MOTION: MOVE to APPROVE the Agenda as amended.

Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski)
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

ATTENDANCE: See page 1.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/Regular Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2019:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting dated October 3, 2019 as presented.

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Jessica Bottomley, (Main Street, Broad Brook)/Chairman, Broad Brook Mill Site

Remediation Committee: Ms. Bottomley reported she wanted to give the Board an update of the status of the Broad Brook Mill Site Remediation Committee. Ms. Bottomley thanked this Board for creating the Committee and giving them the ability to work on this, as it's something near and dear to her heart.

Ms. Bottomley reported the Committee continues to have open discussions with Collins Aerospace, which was previously Hamilton Standard. Although the discussions have slowed down they continue to focus on two issues: 1) that the Town doesn't want the pile of contaminated material in the center of town. She felt most folks agree we don't want the contaminated material to remain on site, even if they propose to have a barrier over it. The main goal is to get that removed. And 2) that the structure be retained and efforts made to preserve it,

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and remediated, and reused for the town. She indicated Collins is looking for an investor for this structure, or find someone to buy the property, to move forward with what they envision will be a great area of economic development in town. Ms. Bottomley reported the Committee continues to have working level meetings with Collins, and continues to have open communications with DEEP, the State Economic Development Commission, the State Historic Preservation Commission because this is a National Register site, and other groups that come to their meetings and offer input.

Ms. Bottomley reported she hopes this continues to be a priority, and we continue to talk about it and continue working towards it because it could be beneficial to Broad Brook, meaning it will be beneficial to the town.

Selectman Szymanski questioned the next steps in regard to follow up with Collins, and what that will entail? Ms. Bottomley suggested the Committee is waiting for Collins to respond; they know Collins has a real estate group; we're waiting for these working level meetings. The Committee is waiting for Collins to meet with them to advise them of their progress.

Jeffrey Ostrout, 2 Rye Street: Mr. Ostrout reported that at the last meeting First Selectman Maynard had said he wrote the explanation of the Charter revision changes that will be on the election ballot in November, if that was so why was the responsibility of distribution handed off to a community member who isn't a current Board or commission member of the town? First Selectman Maynard indicated he was down at the Allied Community Center just this past week and they were producing those flyers that are going out. First Selectman Maynard sent him the flyer in an e-mail.

Mr. Ostrout then referenced an e-mail sent by John Matthews to a print shop on September 30th with files attached related to the Charter Revision question explanations, and a suggested mailing date of October 4th. Last week the Board of Selectmen approved changes to Charter Revision explanations; Mr. Ostrout asked at that time were the taxpayers obligated to pay for two printings. He suggested First Selectman Maynard had responded no. Mr. Ostrout indicated he received a subsequent e-mail saying the first draft would be printed that day. Mr. Ostrout questioned the discrepancy in the information. First Selectman Maynard indicated he didn't know how to respond to Mr. Ostrout as his information was unclear.

No further requests were made for Public Participation; First Selectman Maynard moved on to Board resignations, reappointments, and appointments.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/A.
Resignations: None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/B
Reappointments:

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1. Albert Floyd (D), American Heritage River Commission, regular member for a term expiring November 1, 2023.
2. Susan Gaffney Sullivan (R), American Heritage River Commission, regular member for a term expiring November 1, 2023.
3. Deborah Talamini (U), American Heritage River Commission, regular member for a term expiring November 1, 2023.
4. Thomas Talamini (U), American Heritage River Commission, regular member for a term expiring November 1, 2023.
5. Rebecca Talamini (U), Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agency, regular member for a term expiring November 1, 2023.

MOTION: MOVE to REAPPOINT Albert Floyd (D), Susan Gaffney Sullivan (R), Deborah Talamini (U), and Thomas Talamini (U), as regular members of the American Heritage River Commission for terms expiring November 1, 2023.

Bowsza moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)**

MOTION: MOVE to reappoint Rebecca Talamini (U), Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agency, regular member for a term expiring November 1, 2023.

Bowsza moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)**

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/C. New Appointments: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/*A. Broad Brook Mill Discussion:

See discussion under Public Participation by Jessica Bottomley, (Main Street, Broad Brook)/Chairman, Broad Brook Mill Site Remediation Committee.

NEW BUSINESS/A. Beautification Committee:

First Selectman Maynard noted Jillian Hubbard, Chairman of the Beautification Committee, was not present this evening; no discussion occurred.

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NEW BUSINESS/B. Tax Refunds:

MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$1,150.69 as identified under Tax Refund Report dated 10/15/2019.

Bowsza moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

NEW BUSINESS/C. Discussion of a Certified Local Government:

Selectman Hoffman reported he received a call from the people at the Trolley Museum who said there was a State program that might benefit others in Town as well as the Trolley Museum. It's called the Certified Local Government Program; it's run out of the Historic Preservation office of the Department of Economic Development. They are looking to preserve historic sites, structures, objects, buildings, and historic districts. The people at the Trolley Museum believe there is a possibility of getting money, but it requires Town participation; an organization like the Trolley Museum can't do it on their own. The Trolley Museum sees this as an avenue to obtain grants, not only for the Trolley Museum, but for other historic preservation entities in the town.

Selectman Hoffman indicated the people from the Trolley Museum would like to get together with the Board of Selectmen for discussion on this item; he suggested they wait until after the new Board takes office. Selectman Hoffman indicated they have several pages of information regarding this - what to do, what it covers, how the Town participates, and how to go about the process.

Selectman Hoffman felt it would be a good thing for the Town to get involved in. There is no financial commitment on the part of the Town; it's really an issue of committing resources, people who would be willing to work on the project. Selectman Hoffman indicated there are several people in Town who are interested in this area. He noted the Trolley Museum has hired a grant writer, who has been successful already. The former Director of the Air Museum is presently working with the Trolley Museum; he's a great solicitor of money and has a lot of connections. Selectman Hoffman felt the combination of their resources and what the Town may be able to put together would be good for everybody. Selectman Hoffman felt it would be good for the Town to be involved.

Selectman Hoffman indicated he would provide a copy of the material he has accumulated to the Selectmen's Office for future discussion.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/A. Jason Bowsza:

Selectman Bowsza reported on the following:

October 4th, he and the other candidates for First Selectman held their first debate at the Senior Center. There will be another debate tomorrow night (October 18th) at the East Windsor High

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School at 6:30 p.m. which will involve all candidates for First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen.

On October 5th the annual Barkoberfest was held at the East Windsor Reservoir, the event is a fundraiser for the East Windsor Dog Park. They had a glorious day for it with lots of raffle prizes, seasonal vendors, and very happy dogs at play.

Yesterday, October 16th the Pension Board met. They discussed an updated policy to diversify our investment strategy according to asset class allocations. This calendar year the Town Defined Benefit Pension Plan has seen a return of 13.29%, and the Town's other Post Retirement Benefit Funds are returning 14.36% over that same period of time. The Pension Board continues to review the RFPs for Actuarial Services associated with the plan. It's been a number of years since this has been done and we wanted to make sure we weren't paying more than we needed to be. The results of the submittals shows that we aren't in fact paying more than what the market rate is and, because we have a long-standing relationship with Milliman, and they do a good job for the Town, it was decided not to make a change there.

Later on yesterday evening the Board of Finance held their Regular Meeting. At that meeting the Superintendent provided a detailed report about the efforts underway to address the shortfall associated with the cafeteria fund. This has been a long persistent area in need of correction, and it's clear from the Superintendent's presentation that they're looking at all reasonable alternatives to address that.

This coming Saturday I'll be participating in the guest bagger event hosted by Geissler's Supermarket with other candidates for office in November. We will be accepting tips, which will be donated to the Town's Powerpack Program, which benefits students in East Windsor schools.

Respectfully submitted, Selectman Jason Bowsza.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/B. Charles J. Szymanski:

Selectman Szymanski noted he's spoken before about the guardrails in Windsorville, and other places, people were complaining that the old pole ones were knocked down and this past week or so they have put up all new guardrails there. He noted people have called him to say that they're glad that that's finally been done. Selectman Szymanski suggested Town Engineer Norton gets a good grade for that; they look good.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/C. Steve Dearborn:

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn indicated Jimmy Stremper is holding a shindig at his farm this Saturday; they'll have horses running around and doing jumps. It's kind of a Halloween oriented

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sort of thing. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn noted as you all know, Jim was in the hospital, I guess he had a stent put in. He wasn't feeling well, and he's out and about now, getting around. Some of the things that he would do, like the hayride with the horses he can't do because it's too strenuous for him to do that right now. It should be a pretty good time over there. First Selectman Maynard asked if there was a specific time, or should people just show up? Deputy First Selectman Dearborn cited he wasn't sure of the timing as he's been trying to catch up with Mr. Stremper for the past couple of days. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn suggested he might do the hayride with the tractor and the trailer for him.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/D. Andy Hoffman:

Selectman Hoffman indicated the next Economic Development Commission Meeting is next Monday (October 21st); there was no information to report since the Selectmen's last meeting.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/E. Robert Maynard:

First Selectman Maynard indicated he had nothing to report this evening.

SIGNATURES FOR APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTERS:

The Selectmen reviewed the registers presented and took appropriate action.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/Pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 1-200 (6-a), Sec. 1-210 (b-1) (b-4)
Employment, Litigation and Negotiations – Action is possible:**

No Executive Session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Bowsza moved/Maynard seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Maynard/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski)

Respectfully submitted

Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen