

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 20, 2020

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:

Jason E. Bowsza, First Selectman
Marie DeSousa, Deputy First Selectman
Alan Baker, Selectman
Sarah Muska, Selectman
Charlie Nordell, Selectman

ATTENDANCE: Board of Selectmen: Jason E. Bowsza, First Selectman; Marie DeSousa, Deputy First Selectman; Alan Baker, Selectman; Sarah Muska, Selectman; Charlie Nordell, Selectman

ABSENT: All Selectmen were present this evening.

GUESTS/SPEAKERS: Warehouse Point Fire District: James P. Barton, Chief; D. James Barton, Treasurer; Lou Flynn, Chairman, Rich Austin, District Fire Marshal.

Public: Paul Anderson.

Press: No one from the Press was present.

TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETING:

First Selectman Bowsza called the February 20, 2020 Regular Meeting of the East Windsor Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

First Selectman Bowsza called for a motion to RECESS the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting to complete the Budget Workshop presentations.

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MOTION: To RECESS the February 20, 2020 Regular Meeting of the East Windsor Board of Selectmen at 7:01 p.m.

Muska moved/Baker seconded/

VOTE: In Favor: DeSousa/Baker/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

First Selectman Bowsza RECONVENED the February 20, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Bowsza noted the Board has established a quorum with five members present.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

First Selectman Bowsza requested that Agenda item 9B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS/*B. Warehouse Point Fire District, be unstarred.

MOTION: To unstar (*) UNFINISHED BUSINESS/*B. Warehouse Point Fire District.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

First Selectman Bowsza requested that Agenda item 10B - NEW BUSINESS/B. DESPP MOU – Connecticut Land Mobil Radio Network (CLMRN) be starred as negotiations are continuing.

MOTION: To star (*) 10B - NEW BUSINESS/B. DESPP MOU – Connecticut Land Mobil Radio Network (CLMRN).

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

MOTION: To APPROVE the Agenda as amended.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

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**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/A. February 4, 2020 Board of Selectmen
Informational Forum Minutes:**

MOTION: To ACCEPT the February 4, 2020 Board of Selectmen Informational Forum Minutes.

DeSousa moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: Selectman Nordell suggested the following transcription revisions: Page 2, last paragraph, "Attorney Andreana reported that option 1 and 2 (listed above) require a 2/3 approval vote of the voters residing within the district present at that meeting, AND, Page 3, paragraph 1, fifth line, "Approval of the new district must be made by a 2/3 majority of the voters present at that meeting." Selectman Muska suggested, for consistency, on page 6, final paragraph – James Barton, Jr., Chief, Warehouse Point Fire Department, made the remarks rather than "Jim".

MOTION: To AMEND language in the February 4, 2020 Board of Selectmen Information Forum Minutes, as follows: Page 2, last paragraph, "Attorney Andreana reported that option 1 and 2 (listed above) require a 2/3 approval vote of the voters residing within the district present at that meeting. AND, Page 3, paragraph 1, fifth line, "Approval of the new district must be made by a 2/3 majority of the voters present at that meeting."

Nordell moved/Muska seconded/

VOTE: In Favor: DeSousa/Baker/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

MOTION: To AMEND language in the February 4, 2020 Board of Selectmen Information Forum Minutes, as follows: Page 6, final paragraph – James Barton, Jr., Chief, Warehouse Point Fire Department, made the remarks rather than "Jim".

Nordell moved/Muska seconded/

VOTE: In Favor: DeSousa/Baker/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

MOTION: To ACCEPT the February 4, 2020 Board of Selectmen Informational Forum Minutes, as amended above.

DeSousa moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: See amendments approved above.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/B. February 4, 2020 Board of Selectmen Budget
Public Hearing Minutes:**

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MOTION: To APPROVE the February 4, 2020 Board of Selectmen Budget Public Hearing Minutes as presented.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Paul Anderson, 89 Main Street: Mr. Anderson indicated he would like to plant a seed for a long term solution to the Fire Departments/District issue. No matter what you do the budget can be turned down, take those line items out of the budget and make them contracted services. The Town would negotiate with both departments, and sign a contract for those services; the funding would be outside the budget process.

COMMUNICATION: None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/A.

Resignations:

1. Kurt Kebschull (D), Charter Revision Committee:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the resignation of Kurt Kebschull (D), from the Charter Revision Committee with regrets.

DeSousa moved/Baker seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

2. David Tyler (R), Water Pollution Control Authority:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the resignation of David Tyler (R), from the Water Pollution Control Authority with regrets.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/B

Reappointments:

1. Leonard Norton (R), North Central Health District, regular member for a term expiring February 20, 2023:

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MOTION: MOVE to reappoint Leonard Norton (R), North Central Health District, regular member for a term expiring February 20, 2023.

Muska moved/DeSousa seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

2. D. James Barton, Jr. (U), Veterans Commission, regular member for a term expiring February 20, 2024:

MOTION: MOVE to reappoint D. James Barton, Jr. (U), Veterans Commission, regular member for a term expiring February 20, 2024.

Muska moved/DeSousa seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

3. Robert Slate, Zoning Citation Hearing Officer, with a term expiring February 20, 2022:

MOTION: MOVE to reappoint Robert Slate, Zoning Citation Hearing Officer, with a term expiring February 20, 2022.

Muska moved/DeSousa seconded/**DISCUSSION:** Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned that this position is currently there? Selectman Muska referenced Ordinance #07-01 passed in 2007. First Selectman Bowsza suggested the position is like a constable; questioned the practicality of the position, and felt it may be honorary. Selectman Nordell questioned the lack of action; First Selectman Bowsza suggested inactivity wasn't the fault of the hearing officer, action occurs when violations are challenged. Selectman Nordell felt the citation policy, and the ordinance, needs to be fixed.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/*A. Broad Brook Mill Update:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/*B. Warehouse Point Fire District:

See Agenda item **10/A Warehouse Point Fire District – Capital Request** for discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/C. Budget:

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Selectmen – 410100:

Selectman Muska questioned if there is a fee schedule for inspections performed by the Town Fire Marshal? She questioned the number of inspections being done, and are they being done on a regular basis? First Selectman Bowsza indicated the Town Fire Marshal is paid a stipend; he has met with the Town Fire Marshal and requested reports to justify the stipend. Selectman Muska felt there needs to be accountability. She also questioned what was funded by the marshal supplies line? First Selectman Bowsza felt it was educational material to keep the marshal updated on code issues. Discussion continued regarding this position.

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned if the Town is keeping up with the salaries of non-union positions as they relate to the salaries of other towns? First Selectman Bowsza suggested the compensation is behind other towns but that's a discussion for another night.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Selectmen's budget – line 410100 – in the amount requested of \$300,866.

Baker moved/DeSousa seconded/DISCUSSION: Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned that community outreach funds the newsletter; First Selectman Bowsza concurred, noting it also includes the reallocation of professional services for something for the Economic Development Commission? First Selectman Bowsza concurred.

**VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)**

Town Clerk – 410300:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Town Clerk's budget – line 410300 – in the amount requested of \$146,360.

Baker moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)**

Treasurer – 410500:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Treasurer's budget – line 410500 – in the amount requested of \$254,755.

Baker moved/DeSousa seconded/DISCUSSION: Deputy First Selectman DeSousa requested clarification of the issue with the part-time employee not being equally shared. Treasurer O'Toole reported the Tax Collector wants to double the part-time hours in her office; Treasurer O'Toole is showing the number of hours she should have had in the Treasurer's Office. Selectman Muska indicated she's not in favor of encouraging overtime, especially if we fund a

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part-time salary. Selectman Baker felt the Town and Board would pay the overtime as comp time instead; he felt it was better to budget for the part-time hours and accept that it's needed.

VOTE: **In Favor:** **Baker/DeSousa**
 Opposed: **Muska/Nordell**
 Abstained: **No one**
 First Selectman Bowsza voted in favor to break the tie.

Assessor – 410700:

MOTION: **To APPROVE the Assessor's budget – line 410700 – in the amount of \$213,390 as recommended.**

Nordell moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: Selectman Baker questioned that First Selectman Bowsza had cut the amount budgeted for the software change? First Selectman Bowsza replied affirmatively.

VOTE: **In Favor:** **Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell**
 (No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Tax Collector – 410900:

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned if the request for \$2,000 for the second camera is included in the recommended budget? The Board discussed funding options. First Selectman Bowsza suggested the current camera has full view of all the public spaces; it also isn't that old. Mr. Sauerhoefer reported the current camera is the same as those posted in the hallway and is perhaps 5 years old. They're inexpensive but serve the purpose. With the placement of the current camera you can see the money transactions occurring but can't see the other employees desks; he felt the concern was she's not able to see counting errors. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned clarification for the additional part-time hours. First Selectman Bowsza indicated the Treasurer's Office and the Tax Collector's Office have been cost sharing a part-time employee but the Tax Collector has been getting the benefit of all the hours. She is trying to raise the part-time hours to all be for her office, rather the alleged split. He reported the position has been vacant for over a year; he's removed it from the budget request. The status quo is in the budget.

MOTION: **To APPROVE the Tax Collector's budget – line 410900 – in the recommended amount of \$147,302.**

Muska moved/DeSousa seconded/DISCUSSION: See above.

VOTE: **In Favor:** **Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell**
 (No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Town Planner – 411100:

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MOTION: To APPROVE the Town Planner's budget – line 411100 – at the First Selectmen's proposed amount of \$238,932.

Baker moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Building - 411300:

MOTION: To APPROVE Building - 411300, Registrars - 411500, and Social Services – 411700, at the Selectmen's proposed amounts.

Baker moved/no second – the motion failed.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Building Department budget – line 411300 – at the First Selectmen's recommended amount of \$184,902.

Nordell moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Registrar – 411500:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Registrar budget – line 411500 – at \$67,383 as presented.

Muska moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Social Services – 411700:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Social Services budget – line 411700 – at the First Selectmen's proposed amount of \$159,734.

Baker moved/DeSousa seconded/DISCUSSION: Deputy First Selectman DeSousa noted this is a reduced budget.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Police – 510200:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Police Department budget – line 510200 – at the First Selectmen's proposed amount of \$3,468,536.

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DeSousa moved/Baker moved/DISCUSSION: Selectman Muska noted under the First Selectmen's recommendation you take out the data analyst/IT position. Selectman Muska indicated she's in favor of restoring that position to the budget; she feels the sworn staff should be focusing on protecting and serving the community and enforcing law enforcement; they shouldn't be doing the tasks that this IT position entails. First Selectman Bowsza indicated he was told one of the long term goals was to shift the IT dept to the Police Department, and since the IT department is a part of the jurisdiction of the Town and the Police Department isn't reportable to the First Selectman he was not inclined to agreeing with that as a foundation for hiring a new employee there. First Selectman Bowsza suggested that IT services, especially at this point in time, are becoming a greater part of what government services provides, and to have that department potentially not accountable to the First Selectmen's Office doesn't lend to a good way to manage Town government.

First Selectman Bowsza also noted the percentage increase isn't entirely accurate as we're 2 years out of labor agreements. In trying to maintain the 2% budget increase First Selectman Bowsza felt he should be diligent in keeping the budget low. Selectman Nordell agreed with Selectman Muska; he felt the Police Department did a great job keeping their budget to a minimum; it was only going to a 1.99% increase. Selectman Nordell felt this IT position is an important position; he suggested the Town will always be faced with negotiations. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa also felt the position should be left in the budget, and negotiate it when the IT goes into the Police Department. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa felt that especially with the activity that we're seeing, and we're going to be increasing our economic development, and we'll be finishing up that new housing development project, she felt it's better to have the Police on the road rather than working in the office on things that someone else can do. She felt it would save the Police Department in the long run as it's more expensive to fund a police officer than an IT person. Selectman Baker echoed the Police Department is an extremely well managed department, and one of the only departments that gives money back, but since it's a difficult year and there are other options Selectman Baker didn't feel this position should be funded at this point. Selectman Baker agreed, the Town doesn't know what's coming with contract negotiations.

First Selectman Bowsza suggested the Board review the Police Department budget line by line. Discussion began regarding the status of the completion of contract negotiations. Treasurer O'Toole reported the Police Department budget would increase to 3.37% if the potential two salaries currently under contract negotiations was completed, which does not include the new position under discussion. Treasurer O'Toole reported the budget would increase to 5.6% with the new position and the wage changes; the additional cost would be \$192,000 taking into consideration those issues.

Selectman Baker indicated he wasn't comfortable changing the Police Department budget lines. First Selectman Bowsza called for a vote on the motion as presented.

VOTE: **In Favor:** **Baker**
 Opposed: **DeSousa/Nordell/Muska**

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The motion to accept the Police Department budget as proposed failed.

First Selectman Bowsza called for a motion to restore the position if that was the Board's preference.

MOTION: To CHANGE the clerical salary full time to the department head's requested amount of \$265,533, and accept the budget with that amendment.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE: In Favor: DeSousa/Nordell/Muska
Opposed: Baker**

Treasurer O'Toole indicated the Police Department budget approved amount is \$3,545,083.

Emergency Management – 510300:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Emergency Management Services budget – line 510300 – at the First Selectmen's recommended amount of \$17,545.

Baker moved/DeSousa seconded/DISCUSSION: Selectman Muska questioned if the Town pays half of this cost? Treasurer O'Toole reported the amount requested is the full amount, the State returns \$5,000 of the \$17,000 which goes into the General Fund as a grant. Selectman Muska questioned that this is a stipend? Treasurer O'Toole this is a stipend which is shared by 3 people; the cost has gone up 12%; the First Selectman cut the increase back to 2% as he did with all other positions. First Selectman Bowsza noted that any non-contracted position historically is a 2% increase; that's what he held the EM Director to as well.

**VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa
Opposed: Muska/Nordell
Abstained: No one
First Selectman Bowsza voted in favor to break the tie.**

Communications – 510400:

Treasurer O'Toole reported this requested budget can be reduced \$5,000 to last year's budget.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Communications budget – line 510400 – at \$49,168.

Muska moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: Selectman Nordell questioned how that happened? James Barton noted he's on the Board of Directors for the Tolland County, he reported they picked up another department, which brought them down to stay at the 3.10 rate for this population.

**VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
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Fire Services/Broad Brook Fire Department – 511000:

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned if anyone had looked into the volunteer incentive line; First Selectman Bowsza replied negatively. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa summarized her understanding that the paid part-time fire fighters receive \$18 for up to 1,000 hours, but can also volunteer and get paid the same rate under the volunteer incentive line. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned if there had been any updates since the incentive program was initiated. First Selectman Bowsza cited the procedure is covered by an ordinance. Selectman Baker suggested State law sets the requirements for pay; State law supersedes an ordinance.

MOTION: To ACCEPT the budget for Broad Brook Fire Department Services – line 511000 – at the First Selectman’s recommendation of \$502,000.

DeSousa moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: Selectman Muska cited a request for \$627,000 for the Warehouse Point Fire District is in this category but they were given zero; she questioned why the Town was funding one department and not the other? Selectman Muska questioned how we’re proposing to resolve the unequal taxation if you’re not going to fund them? First Selectman Bowsza reported Attorney Mike Andreana is investigating a possibility. Currently, under State law, the Board of Finance can put out several budget questions. Typically, those questions would be should the Town budget pass, or should the BOE budget pass? Attorney Andreana is investigating if that same provision allows for a budget question of should the Town government and the BOE budget pass, and should the Fire District Budget pass as part of the General Fund. If the answer is yes that would enable the voters townwide to vote on that budget issue. First Selectman Bowsza cited there’s really no one solution but that does restore General Fund funding to them through a popular vote, without the Town having to put out a budget that’s double digits. Treasurer O’Toole reported that \$627,000 was the operating budget for Warehouse Point Fire District last year; First Selectman Bowsza and she had considered funding the District at \$500,000 but that resulted in a 14% increase which they knew wouldn’t pass. First Selectman Bowsza suggested this gives the voters the opportunity to weigh in on General Fund voting without putting the whole budget process to a 2% level which devastates pretty much everything.

First Selectman Bowsza suggested the Board put this decision on hold until Attorney Andreana can get back to him.

Selectman Baker withdrew his second/Deputy First Selectman DeSousa withdrew her vote.

Public Works – 610100:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Public Works budget – line 610100 – in the amount of \$993,667 as presented.

DeSousa moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: Selectman Muska cited she has problems approving a new position at \$47,000 without seeing a job description. First Selectman Bowsza

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cited the job description is specified by the bargaining unit. Selectman Muska indicated she hadn't been provided a job description in writing. Selectman Baker indicated he opposed to adding a new position; it's too much at this time; he felt the Board can look at it in another year.

VOTE: **In Favor:** **No one**
 Opposed: **Baker/Nordell/ DeSousa/Muska**
 Abstained: **No one**

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa cited we've been talking about moving forward with the Town; she felt that Public Works does a good job scrutinizing their spending and often does the work themselves rather than contracting it out. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa cited the improvements made to the Annex which enabled Parks and Recreation to move out of the school system and into the Annex along with Social Services. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa felt now that people are retiring we should start funding our staff rather than depending on the good guys to do everything themselves. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa would like to see the position remain in the budget.

MOTION: **To APPROVE the Public Works salary full-time line at \$832,667.**

Muska moved/motion not seconded/Discussion followed regarding the percentage of the salary line increase. First Selectman Bowsza suggested the Board could approve the motion on contractual approval, or postpone the vote.

The consensus of the Board was to postpone approval of the Public Works budget until the next BOS Meeting.

Town Property – 610200:

MOTION: **To ACCEPT the Town Property budget – line 610200 – as proposed in the amount of \$1,080,748.**

Baker moved/Desousa seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: **In Favor:** **Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell**
 (No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Road Improvements – 610300:

MOTION: **To ACCEPT the Road Improvements budget – line 610300 – at the requested amount of \$450,000.**

Baker moved/Muska second/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: **In Favor:** **Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell**
 (No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Senior Center – 710100:

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MOTION: To APPROVE the Senior Center budget – line 710100 – in the requested amount of \$254,324.

Muska moved/Baker seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Parks and Recreation – 710200:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Parks and Recreation budget – line 710200 – in the requested amount of \$300,278.

Baker moved/DeSousa seconded/DISCUSSION: Selectman Muska reported she's not in favor of adding a position to monitor alcohol at the park; she felt the employee really didn't have the authority to deal with the issue and would still have to call the police. First Selectman Bowsza noted the position is really a per diem employee for weekends for a limited number of weekends in the Summer. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa indicated she sees it as a safety feature for the people under 18 working at the park having someone a little older working with them that may be able to take care of it without calling the Police. Selectman Baker felt it goes a long way to heading off a larger problem for not a lot of money. And if someone is belligerent a teenager can't handle that. Selectman Nordell agrees with Selectman Muska; he sees a huge intimidation factor, but he sees it as a waste of money. Selectman Baker felt an older person could head off problems better. First Selectman Bowsza suggested the intention is to hire an adult who can speak to another adult peer to peer. Selectman Muska felt the kids can still call the Police; she can see this as a liability issue; she felt this is a hazard. Selectman Baker cited the situation exists; this is a cushion for the kids that are there.

VOTE: In Favor: DeSousa/Baker/Nordell
Opposed: Muska
Abstained: No one

Libraries – 710300:

Broad Brook Library:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Broad Brook Library budget – line item 710300 – at \$25,000 as presented.

DeSousa moved/Baker seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
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Warehouse Point Library:

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MOTION: To ACCEPT the Warehouse Point Library budget – also line item 710300 – at \$290,107 as requested.

Baker moved/DeSousa seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Board of Finance – 810100:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Board of Finance budget – line 810100 – in the requested amount of \$50,125.

Baker moved/Muska seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

PZC – 810200; ZBA – 810300; BAA – 810400; EDC – 810500; IWWA – 810600; and Police Commission – 810700:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the PZC – line 810200; ZBA – line 810300; BAA – line 810400; EDC – line 810500; IWWA – line 810600; and Police Commission – line 810700 – in the amounts proposed by the First Selectman.

Baker moved/Muska seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Building Commission – 810800; Elderly Commission – 810900; Charter Revision – 811100; Ethics Commission – 811200; Historical Commission – 811300; Capital Improvement Committee – 811500; Veterans Commission – 811600; Agricultural Commission – 811700; Conservation Commission – 811800:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Building Commission – line 810800; Elderly Commission – line 810900; Charter Revision – line 811100; Ethics Commission – line 811200; Historical Commission – line 811300; Capital Improvement Committee – line 811500; Veterans Commission – line 811600; Agricultural Commission – line 811700; Conservation Commission – line 811800 – in the amounts by the First Selectman.

Baker moved/Muska seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
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Activities, Fees, and Associations – 910100:

First Selectman Bowsza noted this budget covers many agencies. This budget includes the Cemetery Association, which has requested a 2020 – 2021 budget of \$45,000 - an increase of \$25,000 over last year. First Selectman Bowsza reported he has recommended a budget of \$25,000, which is \$5,000 more last year's approved budget for the Cemetery Association. Selectman Baker and Selectman Muska had no problems with the recommendations.

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa noted this budget includes funding for Connecticut Main Street Center. After reading the material provided at the previous BOS Meeting she has no problem with including them in the budget.

MOTION: To ACCEPT the budget for Activities, Fees, and Associations – line 910100 – in the amount of \$148,095 as recommended by the First Selectman.

Nordell moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None

**VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)**

Legal Expense – 910200:

First Selectman Bowsza reported the increases requested in the budget are driven by existing contracts, four of which will be out in the next fiscal year. He reported he has brought most of the legal contracts under one umbrella, with the exception of outside counsel used for FOIA, and also tax appeals. Selectman Baker suggested if the Board made changes in the current contracts that would incur an additional expense for the Town.

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Budget for Legal Expenses – 910200 – at the amount of \$280,000 as recommended by the First Selectman.

Baker moved/DeSousa seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)**

Insurance and Pension – 910300:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Insurance and Pension budget – 910300 – in the amount of \$3,935,990 as recommended by the First Selectman.

Baker moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: First Selectman Bowsza reported they are working to get the egregious numbers to be less egregious.

**VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)**

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Information Technology – 910400:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Information Technology budget request – line 910400 – at the amount of \$226,746 as recommended by the First Selectman.

Baker moved/Muska seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Sanitation – 910500:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Sanitation budget – line 910500 – at the amount of \$977,460 as recommended by the First Selectman.

Baker moved/Nordell seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Contingency – 910600:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Contingency budget – line 910600 – in the amount of \$200,000 as presented by the First Selectman.

Baker moved/Nordell seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

Capital Improvement – 910700:

First Selectman Bowsza noted the CIP Committee requested \$1,485,310 for capital expenditures, which he reduced to \$920,000. The reduction brings the budget request under the 2%. The historical trend is that the Town typically spends twice what is being proposed but it's done in capital spend down.

Action on the Capital Improvement budget was postponed this evening.

Debt Service – 910800:

No discussion this evening.

The Board discussed pending budget discussions, and reviewed the availability of Board members for another Meeting. The Board is tentatively considering noticing a Special Meeting for Monday, March 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

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MOTION: To TAKE A FIVE MINUTE BREAK at 9:08 p.m.

Muska moved/Nordell/

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/Desousa/Muska/Nordell

First Selectman Bowsza called the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting back to order at 9:13 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS/A. Warehouse Point Fire District – Capital Request:

James P. Barton, Chief of the Warehouse Point Fire District, joined the Board. Chief Barton gave a PowerPoint presentation (See Attachment A). The attachment includes a presentation on a fiscal year 2020/2021 annual budget for the District, AND the capital request for a new fire truck for the Warehouse Point Fire District.

Chief Barton began his presentation with the capital request for the purchase of a new fire truck. (Please refer to section 3 of Attachment A).

Chief Barton reported that currently the District operates Engine 638 out of Station 2/Stoughton Road. The truck is 30 years old. Chief Barton reported the District is proposing to replace Engine 638 with a Pierce 107 foot Quint Ascendant; Chief Barton explained the specifics of the Quint and its ability to provide improved fire protection. The vehicle is larger, and can extend its ladders over buildings. Chief Barton reported the District is requesting a \$1.2 million appropriation from the Town to purchase the truck.

Selectman Baker questioned if the purchase could be considered a capital expense; First Selectman Bowsza replied affirmatively. Selectman Baker questioned if the District would own the truck? Chief Barton reported that all of the District trucks are in the District's name. Selectman Baker suggested this situation would be similar to the situation which occurred regarding the parking lot at Station 1/Bridge Street. D. James Barton, District Treasurer, suggested the parking lot and the building wasn't a capital improvement. He suggested maybe the Town could purchase and own the truck and lease it to the District for a nominal fee. Selectman Baker questioned that the only place the new Quint, or the 638, will fit is at Station 1/Bridge Street? Chief Barton reported the District is proposing to construct an addition to Station 1/Bridge to accommodate the larger truck. First Selectman Bowsza indicated they would be bonding for the station addition. Discussion continued regarding funding options. First Selectman Bowsza questioned if the District is asking for cost sharing, or a 100% appropriation. Chief Barton indicated the District is asking for the Town to fund the purchase in totality; he suggested the taxpayers have been cost sharing for the past 4 years.

Lou Flynn, District Chairman, suggested the new truck is a \$1.2 million vehicle which could be financed over 10 years or so on a lease/purchase agreement; the Town could then turn the vehicle over to the District for \$1. Discussion continued regarding the District's premise that the

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District's taxpayers are taxed inequitably/unfairly relative to fire services provided by the District and the Broad Brook Fire Department. Selectman Baker cited concern that this appropriation request hasn't taken into consideration the Capital Improvement Planning Committee's process for long-term purchases. D. James Barton, Treasurer, suggested the District isn't included in the CIP process, or the budget, although they would like to be. First Selectman Bowsza felt a mistake that the Town, as a community, has done in the past is we look at the Undesignated Fund Balance and looks for ways to spend it. As Selectman Baker has said, First Selectman Bowsza suggested the community should look for ways to spend the Undesignated Fund Balance in ways that grows the tax base so that it pays us back. Would we be better served to do a gas line on Route 140, or do a public/private partnership with a company that wants to come here, rather than do an annual spend down of projects. Discussion followed regarding the current budget process for the District vs. the Broad Brook Fire Department, the ownership of the assets of each entity, and the ongoing taxation differential. Discussion continued regarding the ongoing fire services options being discussed. Rich Austin, District Fire Marshal, questioned if the budget referendum questions could be split 3 ways to include a question about the District budget? First Selectman Bowsza reported he is investigating options, but that would be a decision of the BOF.

NEW BUSINESS/B. DESPP MOU – Connecticut Land Mobil Radio Network (CLMRN):

First Selectman Bowsza indicated discussions are continuing between the State and others on this item of business; he suggested the Board hold off on discussion this evening.

NEW BUSINESS/*C. Municipal Tax Relief to Retired Volunteer Firefighters, Fire Police Officers and Emergency Medical Technicians:

Any starred (*) items will not be discussed but will remain on the agenda pending receipt of additional information.

First Selectman Bowsza noted this is a tool that isn't available in East Windsor yet. The proposal was brought to him by Nick MacSata, who is a volunteer for the Broad Brook Fire Department, and a Lieutenant Colonel in the National Guard. This is an item for future consideration of a possible ordinance. Treasurer O'Toole reported that when a community provides this tax relief that it shifts the tax burden from the people you're recognizing to other taxpayers. First Selectman Bowsza suggested is recognition of service; he didn't feel there were a lot of people that would be eligible for this tax relief. No noted the Board will not take any action this evening; it will be an agenda item at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS/D. Tax Refunds:

MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$3,485.63.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell

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SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/A. Jason Bowsza:

(See Attachment B)

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/B. Marie DeSousa:

(See Attachment C)

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/C. Alan Baker:

Selectman Baker indicated he didn't plan to make a report this evening as the public has heard much of the information during the meeting. However, Selectman Baker wanted everyone to know that the Fire Department issue is on the top of his mind. Selectman Baker wanted to thank both Fire Departments, and most of the people that are commenting out in the public, for keeping it constructive. He suggested the Board would continue to keep working on this. He understands it's hard, and it will be hard to come to some final agreement to do something. Selectman Baker indicated we just need to work at it.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/D. Charlie Nordell:

(See Attachment D)

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/E. Sarah Muska:

(See Attachment E)

EXECUTIVE SESSION/Pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 1-200 (6)(E), discussion of any matter which would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein described in subsection (6) of Section 1-210 – Action is possible:

MOTION: To GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 10:13 p.m. Attending the Executive Session were First Selectman Bowsza, Deputy First Selectman DeSousa, Selectman Baker, Selectman Muska, and Selectman Nordell.

Nordell moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None

**VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)**

The recording secretary left the room.

The Board of Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 10:41 p.m. The recording secretary was called back to the meeting.

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MOTION: To APPROVE a tax stabilization agreement between the Town of East Windsor and D. E. Shaw Renewable Energies, LLC/North Light Energy.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell

(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

MOTION: To AUTHORIZE the First Selectman to enter into a service contract with Permit Link.

Baker moved/DeSousa seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell

(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

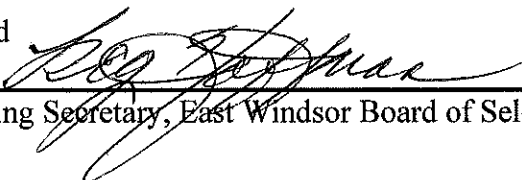
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 10:43 p.m.

Nordell moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted



Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen

ATTACHMENTS:

- A: Warehouse Point Fire District Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Annual Budget and Fire Apparatus Appropriation for the Warehouse Point Fire District
 - B: Selectman's Report – First Selectman Bowsza
 - C: Selectman's Report – Deputy First Selectman DeSousa
 - D: Selectman's Report - Selectman Nordell
 - E: Selectman's Report - Selectman Muska
- (No attachment for Selectman Baker's Report; see discussion during meeting)


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Fire Apparatus Appropriation for the Warehouse Point Fire District

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The Warehouse Point Fire District is currently seeking funding to replace a thirty year old fire apparatus in service as a front line responding unit

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Engine - 638



Engine 6 is a 1990 Pierce Class A Pumper. Carrying 1000 gallons of water and 1800 feet of Large Diameter Hose. This apparatus can carry a maximum crew of 6 firefighters. Engine-638 is the first due pumper responding from Station 238 the Stoughton Road Fire Station.

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Fire Engine

A fire engine (also known in some territories as a fire truck) is a vehicle designed primarily for firefighting operations. The terms "fire engine" and "fire truck" are often used interchangeably. The primary purposes of a fire engine include:

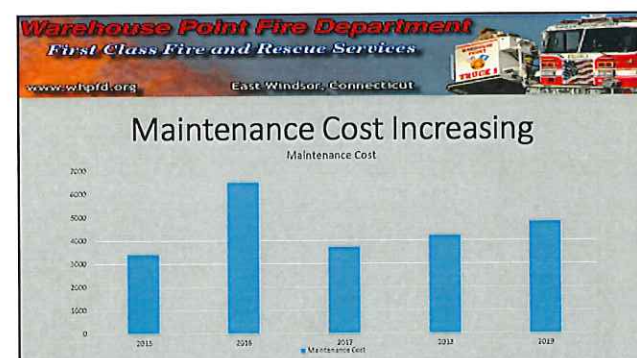
- transporting firefighters to an incident scene
- providing water with which to fight a fire
- carrying other equipment needed by firefighters. A typical modern fire engine will carry tools for a wide range of firefighting tasks, with common equipment including a pump, a water tank, hoses, ground ladders, hand tools, self-contained breathing apparatuses and medical supplies.

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NFPA 1901 Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus

NFPA Recommends a fire pumper with light use has a life expectancy of 20 years



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The Warehouse Point Fire District is exploring the idea of replacing Engine-638 with a Pierce 107 foot Quint Ascendant

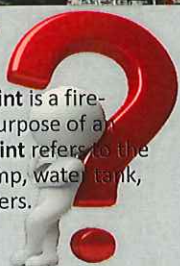


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What is a QUINT?

Quint by definition

- A quintuple combination pumper or quint is a fire-service apparatus that serves the dual purpose of an engine and a ladder truck. The name **Quint** refers to the five functions that a quint provides - pump, water tank, fire hose, aerial device, and ground ladders.




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Why a Quint?

A quint has the ability to provide multiple functions on a fire scene with 1 apparatus. This Unit will also be equipped with vehicle rescue equipment.

With the limited volunteers and part time staff, one truck that can perform several functions is valuable in emergency situations.

The cost of a quint is less than the combined cost of an engine and aerial truck. A quint has the tactical capabilities of both apparatus available, but through the purchase of one vehicle.



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The Quint Equipment

- Fire pump with a minimum capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute
- Water tank with a minimum capacity of 300 gallons
- Aerial ladder or elevating platform with a permanently installed waterway
- Hose storage capable of accommodating 2.5 inch or larger fire hose; two hose storage areas, each with a minimum of 3.5 cubic feet or 1.5 inch or pre-connected hose lines.
- Enclosed compartments with a minimum of 40 cubic feet for equipment storage
- Complement of ground ladders containing a minimum of 85 feet of ground ladders, including at least: two extension ladders, one roof ladder and one attic ladder
- Suction hose of a minimum of 15 feet of soft suction hose or 20 feet of hard suction hose for drafting water.



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Why is this needed when there aren't any tall buildings?

The horizontal reach of the aerial is important



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Process for replacing fire apparatus

- The Chief of Department notifies the Board of Fire Commissioners on the condition of the apparatus to be replaced and submits a replacement plan and justification.
- A Committee is formed to explore the needs of the replacement apparatus
- The Committee plans and produces a set of specifications for the new apparatus. This process takes several meetings and requires input from the fire apparatus manufacturer.
- The committee submits its final proposal to the Fire Apparatus Manufacturer for the quote on the vehicle.
- The Commission secures funding and the order is placed with the manufacturer.



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When is the New Truck in Service?

- It takes approximately 10-12 months to build a fire apparatus.
- Once the truck is delivered the equipment must be mounted in each compartment.
- Several hours of training is provided to the volunteers and part time staff before the truck is ready to respond to fire emergencies.
- From the day the purchase is made it is approximately 15 to 19 months before this fire apparatus is in service and responding to emergencies.

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Why Are We Here?

As we all are aware there has been an unequal tax burden placed on the taxpayers of the Warehouse Point Fire District

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The Warehouse Point Fire District Board of Commissioners are here today, to ask the Town of East Windsor to consider rendering financial assistants for the purchase of the replacement fire apparatus

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Past 4 Year Analysis

Since the WHPFD was removed from the Town of East Windsor's general budget, the taxpayers of the fire District contributed **2.5 million dollars** for fire protection for the Town of East Windsor though the District Fire Tax. They also contributed to the Broad Brook FD service though their town taxes. Broad Brook Residents did not contribute to the WHPFD Services but in fact did receive services for the past 4 years.

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WHPFD Taxpayer VS Broad Brook Taxpayer

- Warehouse Point Taxpayer
- Pays 100% of Warehouse Point Fire Services
- Pays 50 % of Broad Brook Fire Services
- Broad Brook Taxpayer
- Pays 50% of Broad Brook Fire Services
- Pays 0% of Warehouse Point Fire Service

Solutions are being explored to rectify this issue as soon as possible

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Fiscal Year	ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET	ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET INCLUDING WHPFD	WHPFD ANNUAL BUDGET	BRFD ANNUAL BUDGET	DISPATCH Total minus 6,000 for ambulance dispatch	Building Expenses	Admin Fees	Workers Comp	Payroll Expenses	CIP	Totals
Y 16-17	\$37,017,091.00	\$37,592,715.12	\$575,624.12	\$182,404.00	\$18,837.00	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$900.00	\$4,080.00	\$106,000.00	\$641,241.00
Y 17-18	\$37,704,912.00	\$38,340,593.27	\$635,681.27	\$400,371.00	\$20,658.00	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,890.00	\$16,805.00	\$0.00	\$471,224.00
Y 18-19	\$39,395,958.00	\$40,046,976.78	\$670,018.78	\$449,867.00	\$20,555.00	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,400.00	\$19,800.00	\$60,000.00	\$604,672.00
Y 19-20	\$40,184,897.00	\$40,842,455.63	\$667,558.63	\$476,729.00	\$21,087.00	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,400.00	\$19,800.00	\$0.00	\$552,016.00

Total contributions to fire services for the town of East Windsor by Fire District residents **\$2,518,887.00**

Total contributions of fire services for the town of East Windsor by Broad Brook and Warehouse Point Fire District residents **\$2,269,103.00**

Totals do not reflect all capital improvement funding received for Broad Brook Fire Department

In 2016 BRFD received improvement upgrade of \$175,000 Generator/parking lot and 30,000 server upgrade
In 2018 BRFD received funding for a new service vehicle \$9,000
BRFD received funding for refurbishment of E7-338 Unknown amount
BRFD Currently asking for replacement of Engine Tank 138 and 45,000 of a projected replacement cost of 135,000 for bumper gear replacement

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Summary

The WHPFD Taxpayers have contributed approximately 3.5 million dollars to EW fire services in the past 4 years.

Broad Brook taxpayers have contributed approximately 1 million dollars to EW for fire services in the past 4 years


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Summary (cont.)

The two fire departments currently work hand and hand to provide fire services to the entire Town of East Windsor. The total cost of fire protection services should be shared between all taxpayers of East Windsor


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Fire District Request

The Board of Fire Commissioners ask that the EW Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance consider an Appropriation of 1.2 million dollars for the purchase of the replacement fire apparatus.

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Taxpayer Relief

If the Town of East Windsor purchased this apparatus it would relieve the burden of only the WHPFD taxpayers from financing this capital expense and could be considered reimbursement for the additional fire service that the WHPFD taxpayers have funded for the past 4 years.

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Any Questions???



BN 2/20/2020 Attachment B

Selectman's Report – February 20, 2020

On February 10, I helped Town staff prepare lunch at the Senior Center. Typically, this would be covered by CRT, but due to budget cuts on their end, they've eliminated a number of days of service to the Senior Center throughout the remainder of the fiscal year. Because the service interruptions will be on Mondays, the determination was made that we shouldn't allow three days (including the weekend) lapse without offering a meal to seniors. Moving forward, Melissa Maltese will be working to gather private donations to defray the costs of the meals.

Later that day, I met with Rodney Butler, Chairman of the Mashantucket Pequots. It was really a meet-and-greet opportunity, but Chairman Butler did reaffirm the commitment of the tribal alliance to the East Windsor casino project. No timeframe on that was shared.

On February 11, I held my monthly coffee session at the Senior Center, and then joined the Chamber of Commerce for their monthly Board of Directors meeting. In addition to talking with them about the opportunity to support the community newsletter that we will be distributing starting in May, we also discussed efforts on behalf of the Town to market commercial properties that may be available for lease or sale. We are working to compile an inventory of these properties to share with commercial realtors and area developers.

That same day, Melissa Maltese and I had a conversation with DOT about the feasibility of state grant funding to extend bus service into the Broad Brook section of town.

That evening, representatives from town governments in Enfield, Ellington and East Windsor met with directors of the Four Town Fair from each of those towns to discuss ways in which the each town can be supportive of the fair, which has not experienced much support from Somers in recent years.

After that, I attended the first meeting of the Charter Revision Commission, which is tasked with reviewing the charter and making recommendations for consideration by the voters in the November 2020 election. The commission elected Rebecca Talamini and Tanya Unsworth as co-chairs. I came away from the meeting very encouraged. The group is made up of (currently) 6 people, from their twenties to their seventies; three people from each side of town; three unaffiliated voters, two democrats and a republican. It's a very representative group.

On the 13th, the Hunger Action Team held a community transportation forum at Mill Pond to discuss access to public transportation options. About 25 people attended, stressing the need to extend transportation into Broad Brook, which is, among other things, a food desert. People living in Mill Pond may not have a means of getting to a job, and in some cases may not have means of getting to a grocery story.

Town Hall was closed on Monday, but the Board of Selectmen still held a budget workshop on Monday evening, Tuesday evening, and this evening.

Coming up on March 12, the Board of Selectmen will be sponsoring with Lieutenant Governor Bysewicz a commemoration ceremony for East Windsor residents who fought in either the Korean War or Vietnam War. The ceremony will be at 5pm at the High School. If you or a loved one did not get an invitation and should have, please reach out to my office at 860-623-8122.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason E. Bowsza
First Selectman

BA- 2/20/2020 Attachment C

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Deputy First Selectman Liaisons Report

These past two weeks have been difficult with the flu season for many in the Community. Hope nothing but the best moving forward this winter season. Spring can't come fast enough for me ;29 days and counting.

February 10, 2020 – First Budget Workshop

February 13, 2020 – I attended the presentation given by the Hunger Action Team regarding transportation needs at Millpond Village Community Room. Well attended and many suggestions and exchange of input was given.

February 17, 2020 – Second Budget Workshop

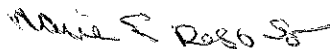
February 18, 2020 – Third Budget Workshop

February 19, 2020 – Broad Brook Mill site Remediation Committee was cancelled. Attended the BOF meeting; I will defer to the Liaison for report.

February 20, 2020 – Attended the Affordable Housing Alliance of Connecticut 2020 Legislative Breakfast with Linda Collins, Executive Director of the East Windsor Housing Authority and Assistant Director Marisa Prior. State Senator Saud Anwar, Housing Committee Co-Chair, spoke on the need to address homelessness and affordable housing. The need to create public-private partnership opportunities in municipal housing. The Alliance spoke on a pending Bill to reorganize and streamline CGS Section 8-2, the Zoning Enabling Act. (see the attached flyer)

February 20, 2020 – Fourth Budget Workshop

Respectfully Submitted,



Marie E DeSousa

Deputy 1st Selectman



Leading Connecticut's housing industry in growing affordable and equitable housing.

Affordable Housing Alliance of Connecticut 2020 Legislative Agenda

Critical Strategic Capital Investments in Affordable Housing

Authorize a minimum of \$100 million in funding for the Affordable Housing Flex Fund and \$50 million in funding for the state's Housing Trust Fund in each year of the biennial budget.

Reorganize and streamline CGS Section 8-2, the Zoning Enabling Act

The purpose to make the statute which has been amended numerous times easier to read and understand for everyone - those of us in the industry, land use boards and the general public. The proposed legislation also requires that municipalities fulfill the existing affordable housing planning requirement by January 2022. In addition it would require the Commissioner of Housing to convene a working group to study municipal zoning and affordable housing planning requirements and make recommendations for guidelines on compliance, including how it should be determined as well as the possibility of incentives for such compliance.

Expansion of Housing Authority Jurisdiction

The purpose would be to allow housing authorities to operate outside of their municipal borders within a 30 mile radius limitation in higher opportunity areas. The housing authorities would be subject to the same land use requirements as any other developer.

BN 2/20/2020 Attachment D

Selectman Nordell's Report 2/20/20

On February 11th I attended the Broadbrook Fire meeting. Their members are currently working towards getting their physicals completed. They discussed the details of their final budget and they are currently looking into a different insurance company due to a rate increase for next year with the current provider.

On February 12th I attended the Police Commissioners meeting in which they took a request from the Historical Society to have signs put up on rt 5 north and south to direct people to the historical society. The chief of police will present this to state DOT for approval.

After that meeting I arrived late to the Board of Education meeting where I covered for Sarah Muska who could not attend. BOE is addressing the issue in getting Hartford to pay their share for the choice students enrolled at our schools. The cafeteria is doing better than past years, however they are still struggling due to the costs of staff and cost of goods in comparison to participation and it's revenue. Budget workshops are underway and the budget will soon be finalized for presentation to the public. 4 new courses for high school students have been approved. 1 Literature course. 2 Math courses and a Music Appreciation course. These courses will have little to no financial impact on the budget.

On February 13th I took my two daughters to the PTO family glow dance at the elementary school. It was well attended and the kids had a great time. The PTO raised over \$1000.00 at this event which will go towards things like the One School One book program that got underway on the same day.

On February 15th I took my wife on our anniversary to Abby's Helping Hands Winter Gala. Another well attended event and fun times.

On February 19th I attended a very brief Board of Finance meeting at which the BOE gave them a financial update on the current school year and they set their budget workshop dates.

On February 20th I attended a tour of the East Windsor High school and Middle School. Which I will let Sarah Muska elaborate on since she is the BOE liaison. I will say I was very impressed by the accomodations the school has made to deal with all types of students within our district. This saves the town lots of money that would otherwise go to outplacement and transportation for those children to specialized facilities.

Upcoming events include;

On February 21st the school system will host a wear a hat to school fundraiser. Students and staff are asked to bring \$1 to wear their favorite hat, that \$1 will be given to ST Judes medical.

East Windsor Parks and Rec are now taking applications for Summer staffing positions.

On March 5th starting at 5:30pm Parks and Rec will be holding their annual Hot Shots contest at the East Windsor High School. This is for ages 9-15 and in lieu of a registration fee they ask you bring a non-perishable food item for the towns Power Packs Program.

Warehouse Point Library has many programs and events going on over the next two weeks. You can check facebook or their website for those details.

Again, I apologize for not being able to attend the our first March BOS meeting.

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Selectmen's Report – February 20th, 2020

With last week being one of my busiest weeks of the year at work, I'd like to thank Selectman Nordell for providing you with an update on the Board of Education meeting on February 12th, 2020 that I was unable to attend.

On Saturday, February 15th, 2020 I was happy to support and attend the Abby's Helping Hand Winter Gala at Maneeley's Banquet Facility. It was well attended and great conversation, laughter and fun were shared by all for a great cause. The proceeds raised from the raffle on that evening will benefit a boundless playground that will benefit children with disabilities. This project is being worked on in conjunction with the East Windsor Rotary Club.

Last night, the Board of Finance held their regular meeting and Dr. Christine DeBarge, Superintendent of Schools had some good news to share in her update in regards to the Board of Education. The Board of Education is in a better financial situation this year over last with their unallocated funds currently at \$93,000.00. The cafeteria deficit continues to improve, currently being \$15,000.00 lower than last year at this time. The Food Service Consultant that was hired was back in district last week and is still actively working with staff to continue to improve our Food Service Program.

A round of laptop refresh is not necessary this year, as Dell has extended their warranty for an additional year on this phase. However, there are nine smart boards that will need replacement in the near future. The school district has applied for a competitive grant to fulfill this task, but has decided to bring it to the Board of Finance's attention just in case the grant is not received.

The Board of Finance appointed Barbara Petano as their liaison to the Board of Education to communicate information back to fellow board members.

This afternoon, Selectman Nordell, Board of Education Chairman Cathy Simonelli and myself toured East Windsor High School and East Windsor Middle School with Superintendent Dr. Christine DeBarge as our guide, accompanied by Assistant Principal Barbara Kaminski at the High School and Principal Timothy Field at the Middle School. It was great to see how things had changed, yet still had that same feeling since I was a student at both of those schools many years ago. I was thoroughly impressed with the interaction and compassion that our school staff exhibited to teach and individually connect with our students and ensure each and every one of them a quality education. It was nice to see first hand the students use the laptops and some of the other items passed as supplemental appropriations by this community and how they really impact our students learning. We also had a very informative conversation with Nancy Mulnite in the Middle School cafeteria and how she is currently utilizing the Farm to School Program and other Federal Programs to ensure our students eat nutritiously, yet being mindful of fiscally responsible options for our school district. She also discussed how she has been catering to bring in additional income to the district.

I'd like to thank Dr. DeBarge and the school staff for taking the time to educate me on what our students and staff face on a daily basis. I look forward to touring the Elementary School at a later date.

As a former Lady Panther, I am excited to say that the East Windsor High School Girl's Basketball Team has made it to the NCCC quarter finals and will be playing tomorrow night, February 21st, 2020 at 6:00PM at Suffield High School. Best of luck!

Submitted With Sincerity,

Sarah A. Muska, Selectman