

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 7, 2021

7:00 p.m.

East Windsor, Connecticut

Meeting held via ZOOM Teleconference

Meeting ID: 332 683 3563

Town Hall closed to the Public by
Executive Order of First Selectman Jason E. Bowsza
Due to Coronavirus pandemic

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 signing in to teleconference: Attorney Lee Hoffman, Pullman & Comley; James Barton, Chief, Warehouse Point Fire District.

Public (as identified in the Meeting participation list): Clark, Tom Lansner, Robert Leach.

1. TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETING:

First Selectman Bowsza called the January 7, 2021 Regular Meeting of the East Windsor Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m. The Meeting is being held via teleconference due to closure of the Town Hall to the Public as the result of the coronavirus epidemic.

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

First Selectman Bowsza requested Selectman Nordell lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ATTENDANCE:

First Selectman Bowsza noted the Board has established a quorum with five members present via video conference.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Selectman Nordell suggested there appeared to be confusion in the transcription of his Selectman's Report regarding the promotion of Lieutenant Carl. First Selectman Bowsza suggested striking the first "they" in the final phrase of the last sentence.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting dated December 17, 2020 as amended: Page 24, SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/E. Charlie Nordell, final paragraph, "Selectman Nordell indicated he agreed with First Selectman Bowsza, and did know about it, but they as they did that under Executive Session he didn't report on it."

DeSousa moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: Nothing additional
VOTE by rollcall: In Favor: Baker/Nordell/DeSousa/Muska
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

First Selectman Bowsza advised the public this was their first opportunity to offer comments; no one requested to speak.

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Letter to Department of Transportation Commissioner regarding Stiles Bridge:

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First Selectman Bowsza reported there has been a long-standing situation with the DOT prohibiting the use of Stiles Bridge, the prohibition extends to the use by emergency vehicles. He noted the DOT has been aware of the condition of Stiles Bridge for ten years. First Selectman Bowsza noted he, Senator Anwar, and Representative Foster have written letters to the Commissioner of the DOT advising them of the number of emergency calls which experienced undue delay responding – including two near fatalities - because of the prohibition of use.
(See Attachment A).

7. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

A. Resignations:

First Selectman Bowsza reported Albert Grant is resigning as an Alternate Member of the American Heritage River Commission as there is a vacancy for a Regular Member. Mr. Grant's appointment as a Regular Member follows this resignation.

1. Albert Grant (U), American Heritage River Commission Alternate Member.

MOTION: **To ACCEPT the resignation of Albert Grant as an Alternate Member of the American Heritage River Commission.**

Baker moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

B. Reappointments:

1. Mary Hevner (U), Ethics Commission, Regular Member for a term expiring January 24, 2025.

MOTION: **MOVE to REAPPOINT Mary Hevner (U), to the Ethics Commission as a Regular member for a term expiring January 24, 2025.**

Nordell moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

C. New Appointments:

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1. Albert Grant (U), American Heritage River Commission, Regular Member for a term expiring November 1, 2022.

MOTION: To APPOINT Albert Grant (U), American Heritage River Commission, Regular Member for a term expiring November 1, 2022.

Baker moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Broad Brook Mill Update:

MOTION: To POSTPONE item 8.A until after the Board holds the Executive Session.

Nordell moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: Deputy First Selectman DeSousa noted the publication of a letter to the editor.

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

B. South Road Ownership Option Update:

First Selectman Bowsza reported the Town has received permission to take ownership of the South Road property from the Department of Housing, Office of Policy and Management, the Governor's Office, and the Bond Commission. The Town must now hire a surveying firm to do a land survey and prepare a subdivision plan to determine what the Town can convey to the owners of the homes. The estimated cost for the survey work is \$15,000; First Selectman Bowsza indicated that cost could be covered by funding available through the CNR Fund.

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned if the homeowners have been advised of the potential conveyance?

First Selectman Bowsza indicated discussion have been ongoing with the homeowners. The Town is not forcing anyone to purchase the underlying land; this situation provides an opportunity for the Town to convey the land on which the homes sit to homeowners who prefer that option. Absent the purchase of the land the underlying Land Use Agreement continues with the homeowner.

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First Selectman Bowsza reported there is also considerable work for the Land Use Staff to do to accomplish this project.

***C. ACI Auto Group LLC – Tax Incentive Program:**

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

***D. Polling Location Change:**

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

9. NEW BUSINESS:

***A. Terri Hahn – LADA PC Land Planners Presentation:**

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

B. Adopted Ordinance Allow Additional Exemption Benefits to Qualified Veterans:

First Selectman Bowsza noted the Town currently has an Ordinance under which qualified veterans can apply for an additional exemption on the assessed value of their property based on income criteria. Under Executive Order the timing of filing the reapplication was extended for the elderly, but not for the Veterans. First Selectman Bowsza indicated the Assessor has requested the Board of Selectmen consider options to extend the Executive Order to the veterans as well.

First Selectman Bowsza suggested he believes there are approximately 13 past applicants that are still living to whom this extension would apply.

First Selectman Bowsza suggested there may also be an Executive Order allowing the Board to amend, or reissue, the Ordinance without going through the Town Meeting process, noting the addition of one sentence to Section II. He suggested at the very end he would insert one sentence which would take into consideration the 2020 Grand List year, which is the year we're talking about in terms of new exemptions. The new sentence would read something like ----"No reapplications shall be required for Grant List 2020 due to the COVID pandemic."

First Selectman Bowsza opened discussion to the Board.

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Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned when the application was to have been filed? First Selectman Bowsza replied November 1st. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned if anyone had stepped forward? First Selectman Bowsza indicated he didn't have that information available. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned that the line in the ordinance would have to be revised again after this change? First Selectman Bowsza replied negatively, noting the language was applicable to the 2020 Grant List only.

The consensus of the Board was to explore options for extending the exemption to veterans. First Selectman Bowsza will continue research on the options and report back to the Board.

(See Attachment B for current ordinance)

C. Police Officer Tentative Agreement on Pension Plan Issues:

MOTION: To POSTPONE item 9.B until after the Board holds the Executive Session.

Baker moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

D. Discussion of the Appointment of BOS Liaisons to the Diversity Council and to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving "Greater Together" Fund, pursuant to Town Charter Section 4-2A:

First Selectman Bowsza turned discussion over to Selectman Nordell, who has brought this issue to the Board's attention.

Selectman Nordell reported the Diversity Council currently lacks a Board of Selectman liaison. He noted that Bob Leach and Rick LeBoriosis are both members of the Diversity Council but sometimes the group needs assistance with Robert's Rules of Order. Selectman Nordell reported he understands the liaison isn't there to participate but is rather there to listen to the business being discussed and report their progress back to the Board of Selectmen, however he felt a liaison would be helpful for the Diversity Council.

With regard to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Greater Together Committee, Selectman Nordell reported he has received some complaints from people serving on that board who say there isn't a lot of progress being made, and

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there is instability within the group. Selectman Nordell suggested he felt it would be helpful for this group to have a Board of Selectmen liaison as well to assist with Robert's Rules.

First Selectman Bowsza opened discussion to the Board.

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa indicated she agreed with Selectman Nordell with regard to the Diversity Council, but her understanding was the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Greater Together isn't a Town board.

Selectman Baker agreed with Deputy First Selectman DeSousa. His understanding was that the Town was specifically excluded from participation in the Hartford Foundation Greater Together Committee.

Selectman Muska agreed, noting the Hartford Foundation Greater Together Committee isn't listed on the Town's website. She, also, recalled that Town officials were not to be on that board.

First Selectman Bowsza also recalled that Town officials were to be excluded from that board. He suggested Selectman Nordell request someone from the Hartford Foundation Greater Together Committee come in and give the Town an update on their progress; Selectman Nordell suggested an appearance before the Board was in the works.

With regard to the Diversity Council, First Selectman Bowsza asked if Selectman Nordell would like to serve as their liaison; Selectman Nordell agreed.

E. Discussion and Approval of East Windsor Police Dispatchers Local 1303-460 AFSCME COUNCIL 4, AFL-CIO Contract:

MOTION: To POSTPONE item 9.E until after the Board holds the Executive Session.

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

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

F. Discussion of Tax Sale/Tax Auction Suspension:

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Nordell moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

G. Tax Refunds:

MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds as identified under Tax Refund Report dated January 5, 2021 in the amount of \$486.81.

DeSousa moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

10. SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

A. Jason Bowsza:

(See Attachment C)

B. Marie DeSousa:

(See Attachment D)

In addition, Deputy First Selectman DeSousa wanted to note that yesterday was the swearing in ceremony for our local Legislators. She wanted to publicly thank Jamie Foster, Dr. Saud Anwar, and Carol Hall accepting the challenge moving forward; she's looking forward to those three individuals working very closely together.

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa also wanted to thank Chris Davis for his ten years of service for the residents of East Windsor, and thank him for the help he has given her personally a couple of times over the years for things that she needed to check on at the Legislative Office. She wanted to publicly thank Chris for that and to wish him luck in the future in whatever endeavors he decides to take.

Citing that Facebook has run rampant regarding the events that occurred yesterday at our Capitol. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa indicated she doesn't condone, anybody, anytime, to do violent acts. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa suggested she was a little set back by a resident in town that questioned the integrity of the Board of Selectmen. She doesn't have any negativity, regardless of party affiliation, that anyone on our Board of Selectmen would do anything other than what's right for the Town of East Windsor. She wanted to put that out there; our Board is a good Board.

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We may not always agree on things but we work in one cohesive unit for the Town of East Windsor. She wanted to thank everybody for all their hard work that they've done while sitting on this committee, and all the other committees and things that you do.

C. Alan Baker:

Not to be repetitive Selectman Baker indicated he would like to touch on yesterday's disgusting display put on in Washington. That kind of stuff is probably pretty much the worse we've seen so far, and Selectman Baker is looking forward to a changing of the guard, so to speak, coming up. He won't repeat anything else that's been said, it is what is at this point in time.

Getting back to local stuff, Selectman Baker reported the Wetlands Board met last night. They had a very light schedule, but they did have one application of a business that is building new in town and taking down a house on Route 5 and replacing it with a commercial building. We approved that permit.

The only other thing on the agenda was three violations that have been ongoing. Selectman Baker indicated he'd like to give a shoutout to Ruth Calabrese, (Wetlands Agent) who has been working through those. She does a really good job of navigating what is always a tough situation. We were able to pretty much resolve one of the violations last night with the person that was involved.

Selectman Baker suggested what he wanted to point out is we have another violation that is a very significant filling of the flood plain along Route 5, and the person that owns the property has completely blown off any letters from the Town, and is not concerned. Selectman Baker wanted to point out that if this happened in a Planning and Zoning Meeting they have a fee schedule where they can start charging fees – fines – to try to get people back into compliance. The Wetlands Board, at this point in time, does not have a fines ordinance, so the only option for the Wetlands Board is to now spend taxpayer money to take the person to court, hire a lawyer – so that process has started. Hopefully, at some point in time, the Wetlands Board has been working on a fines ordinance and has it ready to go. We're just really waiting for the opportunity to have a true public meeting to pass that. But, keep in mind, until we have that capability, we lack the ability to enforce if somebody is not willing to comply; our only option is to spend taxpayer money to go to court. Keep that in mind when that comes up.

First Selectman Bowsza suggested as unfortunate as that is, we are well represented by legal counsel, and he would match our attorneys against the offenders anytime. Selectman Baker suggested we always win, so far, but he thinks it's unfortunate for the

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subject of the violation, and it's unfortunate for the taxpayers of the town. You win, but you've still spent the money, unless it gets really serious then the violator ends up paying for it. It's not a good situation. It's nice to have that in-between where you can try to not force compliance but to try to get them to think about it before you have to go to court. Nobody should have to do it. Selectman Baker suggested hopefully we can get this accomplished once this COVID gets straightened out. First Selectman Bowsza thanked Selectman Baker in particular, and the Commission, in general, for their leadership on that issue. It's been long standing, and your work is appreciated.

D. Charlie Nordell:

(See Attachment E)

E. Sarah Muska:

(See Attachment F)

- 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION/Pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 1-200 (6)(a), appointment of a public employee, (6)(b), pending claim/litigation, (6)(d) discussion of the selection or lease, sales or purchase of real estate, (6)(e) discussion of any matter which would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein described in subsection (b) of section 1-210 – Action possible:**

MOTION: To GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:43 p.m. Pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 1-200 (6)(a), appointment of a public employee, (6)(b), pending claim/litigation, (6)(d) discussion of the selection or lease, sales or purchase of real estate, (6)(e) discussion of any matter which would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein described in subsection (b) of section 1-210. Attending the Executive Session are First Selectman Bowsza, Deputy First Selectman DeSousa, Selectman Baker, Selectman Nordell, Selectman Muska, Attorney Lee Hoffman, David King, and Clark Chapin.

Baker moved/DeSousa seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE by rollcall: In Favor: Baker/Nordell/DeSousa/Muska
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LET THE RECORD SHOW the Recording Secretary signed out of the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:41 p.m. First Selectman Bowsza indicated the Board would return to the Call of the Agenda and take Agenda Item **8.A. – The Broad Brook Mill update.**

First Selectman Bowsza indicated there was a draft letter provided for the Board; he is seeking a motion to incorporate the recommendations from the Board of Selectmen and transmit that letter.

MOTION: To INCORPORATE THE RECOMMENDATIONS of the Board of Selectmen into the letter that has been drafted for the Broad Brook Mill to be sent to the property owner.

Baker moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

First Selectman Bowsza then suggested taking up Agenda item **9C – Police Officer tentative agreement on Pension Plan issues:**

MOTION: To ACCEPT the tentative agreement between the Town of East Windsor and AFCSME Council 4 Local 35, 83 sworn Police Officers, tentative agreement on Pension Plan Economic Issues, November 23, 2020.

Baker moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

First Selectman Bowsza suggested the next appropriate Agenda item was **9.B. Discussion and Approval of East Windsor's Police Dispatchers' Labor Contract.** The motion should include authorization for the First Selectman to sign the contract.

MOTION: To AUTHORIZE the First Selectman to sign the agreement between the Town of East Windsor and the East Windsor Police Dispatchers Local 1301-460 AFSCME COUNCIL 4, AFL-CIO Contract, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, Dispatcher

Baker moved/ Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE: In Favor: Baker/Nordell/Muska/DeSousa
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First Selectman Bowsza questioned if the Board intended to take further action on Agenda item **9.F Discussion of Tax Sale/Tax Auction Suspension?** Selectman Nordell indicated he felt further action should be taken.

MOTION: To SUSPEND the Tax Sale and Tax Auctions until April 1, 2021.

Nordell moved/Muska seconded/ DISCUSSION: None.

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

First Selectman Bowsza suggested the final piece of business is a personnel matter.

**MOTION: To APPROVE THE AGREEMENT AND RELEASE between the
East Windsor Police Department and Maria-Diana Root.**

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/ DISCUSSION: None.

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

First Selectman Bowsza indicated there was an appointment to be made.

**MOTION: To OFFER the appointment Clark Chapin for the position of Director
of Planning and Community Development.**

Muska moved/Baker seconded/ DISCUSSION: First Selectman Bowsza noted the Resolution is adopted and he looks forward to welcoming Clark to our team. Commissioner Nordell agreed.

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

First Selectman Bowsza called for additional items of business to come before the Board? Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

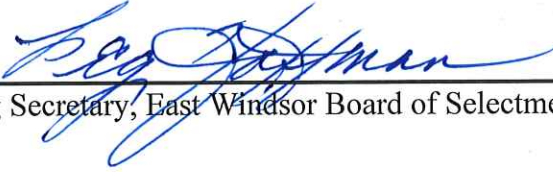
MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 10:47 p.m.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/ DISCUSSION: None

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

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Respectfully submitted



Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen

ATTACHMENTS:

- A – Letter to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation regarding condition of Stiles Bridge
 - B – Ordinance regarding veterans' exemption on assessed property value
 - C - Selectman's Report – First Selectman Bowsza
 - D - Selectman's Report – Deputy First Selectman DeSousa
 - E- Selectman's Report - Selectman Nordell
 - F - Selectman's Report - Selectman Muska
- (Selectman Baker's Report is included in the Meeting transcription)

BW 1/7/2021 Attachment A



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FIRST SELECTMAN JASON E. BOWSZA

January 4, 2021

Commissioner Joseph J. Giulietti
Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
P.O. Box 317546
Newington, CT 06131-7546

RE: Stiles Bridge (Bridge Number 01524), State Route 191, East Windsor, CT

Commissioner Giulietti,

I am writing to you to follow up on a letter recently sent to your office by Senator Anwar and Representative-Elect Foster concerning the above referenced bridge.

The Senator, Representative-Elect and I met with local first responders and the Town Engineer earlier this month, and I would like to share the concerns expressed to your office about the continued state of disrepair of Bridge No. 01524. This has created a clear and present public safety risk to constituents in my community by adding response time critical to emergency management.

I echo the legislators' request for an exemption for emergency vehicles traveling to a scene. Alternate routes could be used returning from emergency calls. The Broad Brook Fire Department has provided an accounting of emergency calls (attached) over a two-month period of time that necessitated detours around the bridge. The Department was forced to detour in at least six potentially dangerous circumstances. They further note two instances earlier this year where the life of a victim was risked by slowed, detoured responses. In one case, dispatch to arrival was just over fifteen minutes where it should have taken only three to four minutes. In the other case, the response time was double what it should have been because of the need to detour.

My office has correspondence from the Connecticut Department of Transportation dating by to 2011, in a memorandum (attached) from Sandra Dumas (Supervising Engineer) to Robert Mongillo (Transportation Maintenance Administrator) noting that "Bridge Safety and Evaluation believes that these repairs are structurally important and should be addressed).

My office also has correspondence from the Bureau of Engineering and Construction dated June 2019 in which that bridge replacement may commence in the Spring of 2022, eleven years after DOT recommended that the necessary repairs should be addressed. Spring of 2022 for replacement to begin is still potentially fifteen months away, and in the meantime emergency response times are likely to remain significantly adversely impacted.

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The elapsed time between confirmation of bridge conditions and proposed replacement plans has clearly already unduly impacted emergency response times and potentially put lives at risk. I echo the requests of my local legislators in asking DOT to grant waivers for emergency response vehicles responding to scenes. A mechanism for such a provision clearly exists, because DOT plow trucks traverse the bridge with regularity, although local plow trucks remain prohibited. In the absence of any such waiver, immediate action to reinforce the bridge and expedite its replacement is necessary.

I appreciate your attention to this very concerning public safety issue.

Sincerely,


Jason E. Bowsza
First Selectman

Cc: Senator Saud Anwar – 3rd District
Representative-Elect Jaime Foster – 57th District
Chief Thomas Arcari
Assistant Chief Gerald Bancroft
Deputy Chief James Bancroft
Town Engineer Lenard Norton
Police Chief Edward J. DeMarco, Jr.

From: Gerald Bancroft <bbsdchiefs@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 5:55 PM
To: Jason Bowsza
Subject: Re: FW: District 1 - East Windsor - Route 191 at Bridge No. 01524 - Weight Limit Signs
Attachments: ET-139.jpg; ET-239.jpg; ET-339.jpg; SWFD.pdf

Rep. Foster, Sen. Anwar, Selectman Bowza,

As per our discussion today about the 191 bridge at the intersection of Scantic Rd, Mahoney Rd, and Old Ellington Rd, we have compiled a list of calls from the last 2 months where we would have used the bridge but had to choose a different route to take because of the weight limit. Listed below is the date of the call, the physical address, and the type of call we responded to, we did not include medical calls because the primary vehicle used for those calls does not exceed the weight limit of the bridge.

12/10/2020- 11 Rose Court - Structure Fire
12/05/2020- 235 Main St - Fire Alarm
11/30/2020- 75 Newberry Rd - MVA
11/26/2020- 19 Phelps Rd - Smoke in the Building
11/20/2020- 257 So. Water St - MVA
11/15/2020- Tromley Rd @ Scantic Rd - MVA
11/11/2020- 228 So. Water St - Structure Fire
10/29/2020- 248 Scantic Rd - Fire Alarm
10/28/2020- 11 So. Main St - MVA
10/19/2020- 25 Winton Rd - Fire Alarm
10/18/2020- 5 Second St - Outside Fire
10/10/2020- 235 Main St - Fire Alarm

All of the above listed calls were in the last 2 months which we would normally use the 191 bridge, below are 2 calls of significance that could have had a very unfortunate outcome.

On the 16th of May 2020 at 1314 hrs we responded to a reported motorcycle accident, upon my arrival on scene 1 motorcycle driver was found approximately 15-20 ft down and embankment with serious injuries. The Pt had a 90% amputation of his right upper arm with severe bleeding, the patient's arm was also entangled in brush due to being 90% amputated when he flipped up over the guardrail. We required our first due Engine Company to arrive in a timely fashion because we required saws to cut the brush away from the injured arm, and the stokes basket we needed to carry him up the embankment. The ambulance arrived at 1321 hrs and started working on stabilizing the patient while we waited for the first engine to arrive and finish the work required to extricate the individual from the situation and get him to the hospital. Normally from the firehouse on Main St to the location of the incident it would take approximately 3-4 mins for the apparatus to arrive on scene, it took the first engine 10 mins from going enroute to arriving on scene there arrival time was 1332hrs. From the time of the dispatch to arrival of the engine was just over 15 mins, and the time from arrival of the engine to cut the brush away, load up the patient on the stokes basket, and for the ambulance to begin transport to the hospital was just under 20 mins. Whereas if the engine was able to use the bridge it would have shaved probably 10-15 mins of the time the ambulance began to transport the patient.

The other incident was on the 14th of March 2020 at 28 Mahoney Rd and it was a MVA Truck vs. tree with major damage to the vehicle and the tree fell down onto the truck. The victim was trapped in the vehicle with serious injuries and unresponsive, from time of dispatch to the arrival of the first engine was 10 mins, normally it would have been 4-6

mins from time of dispatch. The extrication time was 14 mins from arrival on scene, the patient was transported by ambulance unresponsive to the hospital for further care.

So it is imperative that we try to reach a solution with the State DOT to be exempt from using the bridge during a significant incident, it is only a matter of time before we have a serious fire which will require us to use an alternate route of travel.

We have also attached copies of our fire apparatus weights, which are in picture form because when we scanned them you couldn't read them. Also attached are the weights of South Windsor's fire apparatus that respond to our town for mutual aid, Warehouse Point FD's engines are similar in weight to SWFD's and Warehouse Point's Tower is roughly similar in weight to SWFD's. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Chief Thomas Arcari at 860-250-0920, Assistant Chief Gerlad Bancroft at 860-250-1163, or Deputy Chief James Bancroft at 860-982-3119.

Respectfully,

James Bancroft
Deputy Chief
Broad Brook Fire Dept.

On Thu, Dec 10, 2020 at 1:23 PM Jason Bowsza <jbowsza@eastwindsorct.com> wrote:

sharing

~ Jay

Jason E. Bowsza

First Selectman

Town of East Windsor

11 Rye Street

Broad Brook, CT 06016

From: Town Planner <TownPlanner@eastwindsorct.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 9:45 AM

To: Leonard Norton <lnorton@eastwindsorct.com>; Jason Bowsza <jbowsza@eastwindsorct.com>

Subject: RE: District 1 - East Windsor - Route 191 at Bridge No. 01524 - Weight Limit Signs

Gents

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MEMORANDUM

Attachment "8"
subject: BMM No. 11-172
Bridge No. 01524
Route 191 over Scantic River
East Windsor

date: 3/22/11

to: Robert P. Mongillo
Transportation Maintenance Administrator
Bureau of Highway Operations

Sandra A. Dumas
from: Sandra A. Dumas
Transportation Supervising Engineer
Bridge Safety and Evaluation
Bureau of Engineering and Construction

Attached are two copies of our most recent inspection report for the subject structure. The following deficiency was found:

1. There is local scour and vertical exposure of footing at the west abutment.

Please direct persons under your jurisdiction to:

1. Place riprap along the west abutment stem to prevent scour around the step footing (+/- 10 CY).

The above items should be considered Priority D. There may be other deficiencies which are considered routine maintenance and should be corrected. Note: Some rivets are being replaced under Project No. 170-3046 which is scheduled for advertising this Spring.

The attached inspection report also notes that the following items were issued under a previous BMM and have not been addressed.

<u>BMM No.</u>	<u>Item</u>
09-145	1. The compression seals are torn and bulging at both abutments. (Priority D). See photos 1 and 2.
	2. The concrete headers have longitudinal cracks and spall at both abutments. (Priority D). See photos 1 and 2.
	4. There is a spall undermining the north truss bearing at the west abutment and a spall undermining the south truss bearing at the east abutment. There are other large areas of scale, cracking and spalling throughout both abutments and wingwalls. (Priority D). See photos 7 and 8.

Bridge Safety and Evaluation believes that these repairs are structurally important and should be addressed.

All repairs shall be performed utilizing appropriate approved materials and tried and proven methods unless otherwise specified.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Sandra A. Dumas at (860) 594-2072. Please contact me when this work has been completed.

Attachments

Muhammad Asif Iqbal/mai/rr

cc: Joseph J. Obara
Robert P. Zaffetti – Sandra A. Dumas – Rosmery Rodriguez
AI Engineers, Inc.
Team 3

BO 11/1/2021 Attachment B

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The following ordinance was adopted at a Special Town Meeting duly warned and held on November 1, 2018.

ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS OR SPOUSES ELIGIBLE FOR
EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 12-81 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL
STATUTES

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes §12-81f authorizes municipalities to provide additional property tax relief to veterans who are residents of East Windsor based on specific criteria set forth in the Statute;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the legislative body of the Town of East Windsor in a meeting duly assembled that, pursuant to the Charter of the Town of East Windsor, the following ordinance be enacted.

Section 1: Subject to the requirements set forth in this ordinance, any person entitled to the veterans' exemption from property tax applicable to the assessed value of property as provided under Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-81(19),(20),(22) shall be entitled to an additional exemption from such tax in an amount up to \$6,000 dollars of such assessed value, provided such person's qualifying income does not exceed the applicable maximum amount as provided under section 12-81l.

Section 2: Any such veteran or spouse of such veteran submitting a claim for such additional exemption shall be required to file an application on a form prepared for such purpose by the Assessor, not later than the assessment date with respect to which such additional exemption is claimed. When an applicant has filed for such exemption and received approval for the first time, such applicant shall be required to file for such exemption biennially thereafter, subject to the provisions of the following paragraph.

Section 3: Each such application shall include a copy of such veteran's or spouse's federal income tax return, or in the event such a return is not filed such evidence related to income as may be required by the Assessor, for the tax year of such veteran or spouse ending immediately prior to the assessment date with respect to which such additional exemption is claimed. The Assessor may accept the application required by General Statutes §12-81g(d) for the exemption provided for in General Statutes §12-81g(a) as an application for the exemption provided for in Section 1 of this ordinance if it is for the same assessment date.

BOS - 1/7/2021 Attachment C

First Selectman's Report – January 7, 2021

Like tens of millions of other Americans, I was shocked and appalled to see the insurrection that took place yesterday in the United States Capitol. Violence and vandalism intended to disrupt the normal course of democracy is never acceptable. At least four people lost their lives. This was not a peaceful demonstration. It was not done lawfully. It was sedition, and everyone should condemn that behavior. To remain silent is to condone it. Sedition anywhere is a threat to democracy everywhere, and it must be called out.

As disgusting as the events during the day were, I was heartened to see Congress reconvene to continue the work they had started. It is not every day that you can say that Congress met the challenges of the day, but yesterday I felt they did.

On December 23rd, I joined Senator Anwar and members of our Emergency Management team to receive a donation of 1,000 N-95 masks for East Windsor first responders. Thanks to Biotech in South Windsor for this generous donation, keeping our front-line responders safe.

Finance Director Amy O'Toole and I have begun the process of meeting with department heads and town agencies to formulate my budget recommendation for submission to the Board of Selectmen next month. Once I submit the budget to the Board, they will review it and make changes as they deem appropriate, then refer the Town-side budget to the Board of Finance.

The Board of Finance reviews the Town proposal and the Board of Education proposal, modifies them as they see fit, and forwards a final recommendation to the voters at referendum. The process is extremely time consuming.

The East Windsor Senior Center has launched their "Snuggle-a-Senior" campaign. They are collecting new blankets for seniors in our community and beginning a pen pal program to help spread some warmth and joy to our seniors this winter. Anyone interested can drop off blankets at the Senior Center from 9-2 until January 15th or call 860-292-8262 for more information.

Our Planning Department has been working on some outstanding initiatives and will be presenting those to the Board of Selectmen at our next meeting. Zoning Enforcement Officer Ruthanne Calabrese is auditing auto dealers in the community to ensure compliance with town codes and regulations, which are particularly important in the event that emergency vehicles are needed onsite. She also will be providing the Board with a presentation outlining our compliance to date with the Plan of Conservation and Development. Also at our next meeting, we will be debuting a new

commercial real estate marketing tool that has been completely developed in-house by Interim Town Planner Mike D'Amato. This user-friendly tool will help realtors interested in marketing commercial properties in East Windsor attain a clearer picture of the many opportunities available in East Windsor. I want to thank area realtors Jay Madigan, Bill Artz, Chris Davis, Josh and Becky Koladis for their feedback as we developed this tool. Great job to both Ruth and Mike!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason E. Bowsza

First Selectman

381- 1/7/2021 - Attachment D

January 7, 2021

Deputy First Selectman Liaison Report

I want to start off by wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Since, our last meeting I was honored to attend the Wreath Across America Ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery in Windsorville on December 19, 2020.

I would like to thank the Broad Brook Fire Department for making the Holiday Season a fun one. The fire truck parade put a smile on my face as I watched the excitement in the grandchildren faces when Santa waved to them. (December 20, 2020)

I participated in the Zoom Annual Town Meeting held on December 30, 2020.

I attended the Zoom meeting of the Economic Development Committee held on January 5, 2021. I have nothing to report regarding this meeting other than volunteers are needed to serve on this Committee.

Respectfully Submitted



Marie E. DeSousa, Deputy First Selectman

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Selectman Nordell's report 1/7/2021

On December 30th I attended the Annual Town Meeting. I had to agree with some of the comments made by the public that information including a link to the zoom meeting was not easy to access or find on the Towns website. We should try as a board to be as transparent and forthcoming with information as we possibly can.

On Jan 6 I attended the Connecticut Water Company meeting. They reported that no customers have been shut off during the pandemic for non-payment. They have many payment plans, deferments and reductions offered to qualifying customers. They encourage anyone facing difficulty making payments to call them.

They are still waiting on a decision from PURA and the A.G. to whether they will be granted rate increases. If it happens rates would not be increased until after July. The last rate increase was in 2010. Also if approved the average customer will see a rate increase of about \$12/month. Fire services will see about a 5% increase.

Not originally in my report but considering the rest of the board mentioned it I figured I better post my view as well. I do not approve of what took place in the Capital. Peaceful protest and exercising your freedom of speech is one thing but when you cross the line and start destroying property and endangering other people's lives it is just not right. Yes I carry a "R" next to my name as do many others in this town and country. However just because we are Republicans doesn't mean we share the same views and beliefs. Just because Trump was aligned with the Republican Party doesn't mean we all believe and follow everything he says. So please stop labeling your fellow neighbors just because of their affiliation.

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Happy New Year! Hope that you all were able to enjoy a little quiet time for yourselves to recharge and celebrate the spirit of the season.

I was sickened by the events that took place at our Nation's Capitol yesterday. The disrespect for the democratic process and the vandalism of the people's house was heartbreaking. It is okay to disagree with one another, to have different opinions, to see things differently and have constructive debate, but violence of any kind is unacceptable and should never be tolerated in any situation and I will never condone that type of behavior.

On December 28th, 2020 I attended the Diversity Council Meeting. I suggested that the Council work on putting forth an Equality Act Resolution for the Board of Selectmen to consider adopting at an upcoming meeting. The Council seemed eager to play a role in this project and will continue discussion at their next meeting.

On December 29th, 2020 I listened in on the Planning and Zoning Commission's meeting to hear the results of the Warehouse Point Planning Study survey that was mailed to property owners within that section of town. This study is part of a Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development Grant from the State of Connecticut. I was curious to see what residents' feelings were on possible zoning and infrastructure changes. Two hundred and fifty surveys were mailed and there were only fifty total responses returned. Of those, 51% are homeowners. 58% of people would like to see new development in Warehouse Point, while 23% do not. 80% of responses have experienced or have seen the Connecticut River flood. Videos and additional information on this study can be found on the town's website.

On Monday, January 4th, 2021 the Warehouse Point Fire Commissioners met. The Clerk of The Works, Chief James Barton discussed the progress of their two ongoing projects. The building addition to Station One will be on the January 12th, 2021 Planning and Zoning Commission's meeting agenda. If final approval is given, they can proceed with applying for a building permit. Chief Barton is still waiting to receive drawings of the new truck for the Commissioners to review.

Fire Marshal Richard Austin said that there are one hundred and one inspections that need to be conducted in the Warehouse Point section of town in 2021. There were six hundred eighty three fire calls conducted last year; seventy one being in December.

As the pandemic continues to affect many of our friends and neighbors, Pauline's Stock Pot continues to provide free food to anyone in need. If you are in need, please call 860-490-7926 to make an appointment to arrange for pick up.

Submitted With Sincerity,

Sarah A. Muska, Selectman