

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 7, 2019

7:00 p.m.

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

Meeting Minutes

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

Board of Selectmen:

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

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

ABSENT: Andy Hoffman, Selectman.

SPEAKERS/GUESTS: Terri Hahn, LADA Consultants; Jay Ussery, J. R. Russo & Associates, LLC.

Town Staff: **Department of Public Works:** Len Norton, Director/Town Engineer; Joe Sauerhoefer, Operations Manager.

Members of Boards, Committees, Commissions, or Town Entities: **250th Anniversary Committee:** Rebecca Talamini, Chairman; Debbie Talamini, and Tom Talamini; **Warehouse Point Fire District:** James P. Barton.

Public: Paul Anderson, Marie DeSousa, Bill Loos; Cathy Simonelli, Debbie Talamini, Tom Talamini

Press: No one from the Press was present.

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TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETING:

First Selectman Maynard called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

MOTION: To GO OUT OF ORDER and move NEW BUSINESS, Item A. Improvement and Land Transfer of Intersection of Route 5 and South Water Street up in the Agenda order prior to discussion of PRESENTATIONS.

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

ATTENDANCE: See page 1.

NEW BUSINESS, Item A. Improvement and Land Transfer of Intersection of Route 5 and South Water Street:

Jay Ussery, of J. R. Russo and Associates, LLC joined the Board.

Mr. Ussery reported he is representing the Sardilli family for their project on South Main Street. They have appeared before the Land Use Boards, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Inland Wetlands Commission, and are currently working with the State Traffic Commission going through the traffic analysis. Mr. Ussery reported that some of the roads around the development require improvements; one of the areas is at the intersection of South Water Street and Route 5. The proposal is to widen South Water Street to provide a turning lane to go right onto Route 5. The area of the widening is currently only one lane. The land on which the widening would occur was originally part of the Wolcott Landing Condominium development, and was subsequently acquired by the Town of East Windsor. An easement is necessary to locate the turning lane, and to relocate the present utility box which contains the equipment for the traffic signal and traffic loop. Mr. Ussery reported that when they submit their plans to OSTA they will require something from the Board of Selectmen that they are willing to work with the developer to do improvements. Mr. Ussery noted the area is small, but it's a pinch point at the intersection. Mr. Ussery provided the Board with a sample letter to send to Mr. Sawicki of OSTA. Mr. Ussery reported they hope to get the approvals through OSTA in May or June for construction to begin this Summer.

Selectman Szymanski questioned how far the widening goes back? Mr. Ussery indicated 11 feet on the south side to provide the turning lane; Mr. Ussery referenced the Improvement Plan and

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noted the new curb line (shown in orange) which is actually the new property line. Mr. Ussery cited that the actual paved area is small but it's where the land sticks out into the intersection and prohibits the turn. It doesn't allow that radius to come through there in a way that we need to in order for a truck to make that turn and be able to stay in the proper lane without encroaching into the other northbound lane at the corner. First Selectman Maynard reported that during the Route 5 Study they found that traffic light is holding up traffic; they exit on Exit 44 and they come in and take a right at rush hour. The traffic light is on a timer so it doesn't take into consideration the actual traffic flow. First Selectman Maynard noted the reason it's timed is because the wires in the pavement are broken and the pavement isn't in good enough shape to have new trip wires installed so that would help the Route 5 flow very much if that was done. Mr. Ussery noted that part of this improvement would actually involve reestablishment of new traffic grooves at that intersection which Sardilli would be paying to have installed. Mr. Ussery indicated First Selectman Maynard is right; typically when you drive over a signalized intersection you go over the loops and the light would change. These don't work so what happens here is the light is on a timer and it just continues to change, and in many cases there is no one at the intersection at South Water Street, or at Pasco Drive on the other side, so it's holding up traffic on Route 5. Selectman Szymanski questioned that the improvements here are being borne by the developer? Mr. Ussery replied affirmatively.

Selectman Bowsza questioned if it was typical for the Board of Selectmen to grant the easement rather than the Planning and Zoning Commission? Mr. Ussery reported the Board of Selectmen would ultimately have the authority to grant this easement; the Planning and Zoning doesn't have that authority. Selectman Bowsza questioned if the Planning and Zoning Commission had seen this proposal? Mr. Ussery replied – yes. Selectman Bowsza questioned if they've given it their approval? Mr. Ussery – the Planning and Zoning has approved the application, yes. Selectman Bowsza – including to slice off that pie here? Mr. Ussery indicated they're aware of the intersection and the improvements; he wasn't sure about the actual easement zone. Selectman Bowsza suggested he personally would be comfortable if they had done that, particularly the Chairman because of his expertise on that. Mr. Ussery noted this plan will be reviewed by the State Traffic Commission at the DOT. Selectman Bowsza questioned what, if any, cost would the Town incur? Mr. Ussery suggested the only cost he might envision would be a review of the final easement document by the Town Attorney; the construction cost would be nothing. Selectman Bowsza questioned in the absence of the Sardilli development going in would there be a need for this? Mr. Ussery reiterated that right now I would say there is a need for this, the traffic loops do need to be replaced; the light doesn't function properly, turning movements at that intersection are compromised by the current pavement configuration. Today, if a large truck comes to that intersection and it were to turn right, or turn northbound, he is encroaching into the other lanes in order to do that. Selectman Bowsza questioned do you have a sense to what degree there is truck traffic on that road now? Mr. Ussery replied he did not. Selectman Bowsza indicated he's trying to figure out how frequently an 18 wheeler would be cutting down South Water Street from the Warehouse Point Bridge vs. going up the hill and down Route 5? Selectman Szymanski suggested if they put that round-about in at the end of the bridge that would accelerate it. Selectman Bowsza felt that would assume we were supportive of the round-about. Mr. Ussery indicated it's not just tractor trailers, also large box trucks, probably the

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ladder truck from the Warehouse Point Fire Department, couldn't make that turn at that intersection without encroaching on that line in its current configuration. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn questioned if this is something we need to do so the DOT will approve this project to move it forward? First Selectman Maynard agreed.

Motion: To GRANT TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT as described in the Roadway Improvement Plan prepared by J. R. Russo and Associates LLC to improve the intersection of South Main Street and South Water Street.

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

PRESENTATIONS/A. Presentation of WHP Stormwater Management and Village Center Development:

Ms. Terri Hahn, of LADA Consultants, joined the Board.

Ms. Hahn provided the Board with several documents associated with the Warehouse Point study. Ms. Hahn suggested through these discussions the Boards will be reviewing the existing conditions in the Warehouse Point area to understand the current stormwater flow of the Blue Ditch. We'll also be reviewing what the Town is doing regarding emergency preparedness related to the flood zone, and reviewing current regulations to determine how they address development, especially in the flood zone areas.

Ms. Hahn began with the Existing Conditions Plan Sheets. She noted she spoke with Art Enderle, Superintendent of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA). They are very aware of their position within the flood plain. The WPCA facility is at elevation 30'; during Hurricane Irene the Blue Ditch and the Connecticut River were also at elevation 30. The WPCA had 4' to 6' of water against the garage door. Since that event the WPCA has added metal doors that swing closed over the garage doors to keep the water out of the facility. They've also lifted the electronics associated with the facility up. Ms. Hahn suggested when you're looking at Warehouse Point the 100 year flood limit is 35'.

Ms. Hahn suggested this is important to understand as our current regulations allow repairs and construction to be at the base flood elevation plus 1'. Therefore, the first floor elevation must be above that number.

Selectman Szymanski recalled that during a previous flood most of the houses on South Water Street were underwater; how does the repair issue work? What forces the property owner to make those repairs? Ms. Hahn reported nothing forces them to reconstruct. If the structure has been damaged 25% then you need to comply with the current flood regulations (Section 8.10 of the Zoning Regulations) to rebuild. Ms. Hahn noted the local regulations are higher, at 25%,

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than the Federal regulations, which require 50%. Ms. Hahn also noted East Windsor's Flood Regulations prohibit variances. The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) has not had any applications for new construction under the current Flood Regulations. A rebuild occurred in 2004, which was done in compliance with the regulations in place at that time. The homeowners raised the first floor elevation up to 35.21' and was approved at the then base flood elevation of 34'. Selectman Bowsza questioned if there is any impact on the property owners based on our regulations? Ms. Hahn reported the East Windsor regulations are pretty much on target with the FEMA requirements. Discussion continued regarding impact on property owners regarding the insurance industry.

Ms. Hahn reported she'll put together a report which is related to the maps presented this evening to begin her discussions with DPW. Ms. Hahn reported she continues to meet with the PZC on a regular basis. Her final report will be submitted in November, 2019; she anticipates the project will be concluded before the first of the subsequent year, which is consistent with the grant deadlines.

PRESENTATIONS/B. Final Report of the East Windsor 250th Anniversary Committee:

Rebecca Talamini, the Chairman of the 250th Anniversary Committee, joined the Board.

Ms. Talamini offered her final report for the 250th Anniversary Committee. She noted the Committee had a little over \$8,000 left after completion of the activities and sale of merchandise. Check requests were signed at the previous Board of Selectmen Meeting. The following eight groups received a little over \$1000 each:

- East Windsor Historical Society
- East Windsor Veterans Commission
- Abby's Helping Hand
- East Windsor Safe Grad
- Pauline's Stockpot Kitchen
- 5 Corner Cupboard
- The Connecticut Trolley Museum
- The Network Against Domestic Abuse.

Remaining merchandise was distributed to:

- At the Dam Restaurant – mugs
- Park and Recreation Summer Camp Program – water bottles
- Broad Brook Nurses Office – kids tee shirts
- Human Services/Senior Center/Park & Recreation – adult tee sheets and adult sweatshirts
- Broad Brook Library and the East Windsor Historical Society – books, mugs, magnets & coins.

MOTION: To DISSOLVE the 250th Anniverary Planning Committee with regret, and gratitude.

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Bowsza moved/Maynard seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS/A.
Discussion of Old Senior Center Bus:**

Len Norton, Director of the Department of Public Works, joined the Board. Joe Sauerhoefer, Operations Manager, for DPW, offered comments from the audience during discussion .

Mr. Norton reported one of the Senior Center buses has been replaced; the DPW inherited the old bus. They considered taking the old bus to auction but then recalled a similar bus had been donated to the Broad Brook Fire Department in the past. The Warehouse Point Fire District expressed an interest in the bus; Mr. Norton provided the Board with a letter from Jim Barton, Fire Chief for the Warehouse Point Fire District, explaining the intended use. Mr. Norton suggested that after reading their letter this would be a great use for the bus; the District assumes the bus in its current condition.

MOTION: To DONATE the old Senior Center Bus to the Warehouse Point Fire District.

Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/

DISCUSSION: Selectman Bowsza questioned if this was the typical manner of dissolution of property? Mr. Norton suggested that selling the vehicle is sometimes difficult; they would rather trade it in, or run it through the auction. The vehicle comes off the Town records as an asset. We'll either give them a Title or Certificate of Origin; Mr. Sauerhoefer suggested this vehicle has a title to transfer. Selectman Bowsza questioned why the vehicle couldn't be sold? Mr. Norton offered an example of selling the vehicle to one person for an agreed amount, only to have another person annoyed because they would have offered more. To sell a vehicle they'd have to hold an auction within the DPW. Selectman Bowsza suggested then sale isn't prohibited; it's more of a logistics issue? Mr. Norton concurred. Selectman Bowsza questioned if Mr. Norton ever sells vehicles to the State Surplus; he questioned if town property could be disposed of in that manner? Mr. Norton reported he's only purchased vehicles or equipment; the State is usually interested in getting rid of their surplus rather than taking on more. Selectman Bowsza questioned if a sale of the vehicle would be taxable? Treasurer O'Toole replied not in this case, as the sale would be to a non-profit organization. She felt a sale to a private individual might be taxable. Mr. Sauerhoefer suggested the Town isn't responsible for the taxes; the Department of Motor Vehicles would collect the taxes. Selectman Bowsza suggested he was thinking more of on the back end. Treasurer O'Toole reiterated the Warehouse Point Fire District doesn't pay taxes; they're a non-profit. Paul Anderson, questioned if the vehicle was being donated to the Warehouse Point Fire Department or the Warehouse Point Fire District? First Selectman Maynard clarified the letter noted the request was made on behalf of the Warehouse Point Fire District.

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Hearing no other comments, First Selectman Maynard called for a vote.

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

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS/B.
Discussion of Bridge Repair and Maintenance:

Len Norton, Town Engineer and Director of the Public Works Department, joined the Board.

Town Engineer Norton reported that representatives from the State have been reviewing the condition of bridges, and now larger culverts, in the various towns. They have made a visit to East Windsor and provided Town Engineer Norton with reports of bridges, and some larger drainage structures, which they feel are not desirable. Town Engineer Norton noted the Town has already been considering fixing several of those structures ourselves. Town Engineer Norton reviewed several of the structures:

- A Semi-box which changes to a corrugated pipe on Highland Avenue in the area where water came out of Butternut Pond. Estimated cost of engineering work is \$500,000.
- Downstream of the area in Warehouse Point next to the overpass on the highway south of the Sewer Treatment Plant. The Blue Ditch goes behind the Sewer Treatment Plant and goes under I-91 and into the Connecticut River. That culvert is a metal structure which is in rough shape. Estimated cost to repair is \$500,000.
- East Road, a 60' x 38' culvert, which has a height restriction. Estimated cost to replace is \$45,000.
- A 6' culvert on Norton Road near the condominiums. Town Engineer Norton reported he will do the design work on this project. Estimated cost to replace is \$125,000.

Treasurer O'Toole indicated the total cost is \$1.2 million. Selectman Szymanski questioned if any grants would be available through the State; he noted Ellington had received a grant for a project on Lower Butcher Road. Town Engineer Norton reported they've used grant money previously but often the use of grants increases the cost of the projects, and the process is cumbersome. Selectman Bowsza indicated he wouldn't count on any grant money being available; he felt we're better off going alone, particularly if we have money on hand. First Selectman Maynard indicated they've been looking into what could be done if they bonded for multiple projects.

Selectman Szymanski questioned the status of the project involving the outlet at the Reservoir? Town Engineer Norton suggested it's being worked on; they've had problems locating the outlet. He anticipates the cost of repairing the structure and the spillway could be \$250,000. Selectman Szymanski questioned if the work would be done by DPW or others? Town Engineer Norton reported DPW doesn't have the equipment to do this project.

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Deputy First Selectman Dearborn asked the cost to pave a mile of road? Town Engineer Norton replied he doesn't have the per mile cost but can get that for Deputy First Selectman Dearborn. He indicated 30,690 square feet of paving for Wells Road carries an estimated cost of \$500,000.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS/C.
Discussion and Approval of Transfer of \$9,900 for Scout Hall Repairs:

First Selectman Maynard reported that Scout Hall had asked the Town to fund recent capital repairs at the facility. Town Engineer Norton reported the repairs were two projects, one for air conditioning and the second for heating. First Selectman Maynard reported the Town and Scout Hall agreed to split the cost of the repairs; each entity is paying \$9,900. Treasurer O'Toole reported that this can be handled as a transfer through the BOF. She also reported the line is currently over-spent. Discussion continued regarding funding sources. Town Engineer Norton indicated that currently it's difficult for the Town to know the status of building repairs at Scout Hall.

Treasurer O'Toole will request this transfer through the Board of Finance; no motion necessary on the part of the Board of Selectmen.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS/D.
Discussion and Approval of Transfer of \$10,150 for IT Professional Services for NexGen:

This transfer request is for the cost to fund the integration of the GIS mapping information with the NexGen software for the Police Department. This budget will also be over-spent.

Treasurer O'Toole will request this transfer through the Board of Finance; no motion necessary on the part of the Board of Selectmen.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS/E.
Discussion and Approval of Appropriation for BOE Computers:

Treasurer O'Toole reported that the Board of Education (BOE) recently came to the Board of Finance (BOF) for an additional appropriation for the *second wave* of the computers. The BOF approved the additional appropriation; it's back to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to send the additional appropriation to Town Meeting.

Treasurer O'Toole summarized the specifics of the computer lease package. The BOE originally came in with a request for an additional appropriation for the *first wave* for \$230,000, which would have replaced 240 student and 78 teacher computers. They revised the number of computers being allocated to 233 students and 68 teachers; the amount which went to Town Meeting in June of 2017-2018 was \$219,414.48. The amount before the BOS tonight is \$204,260.98 for the *second wave*; First Selectman Maynard indicated he understood that the allocation of replacement would be 367 student and 32 teacher computers. Treasurer O'Toole

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noted there will be a *third wave* of computer replacement next year; First Selectman Maynard indicated he understood the anticipated allocation at that time to be 158 students and 30 teachers. First Selectman Maynard cited this cycle will begin again in 5 years. Treasurer O'Toole cited he Town saves \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year by leasing rather than up-front purchase of the computers.

Treasurer O'Toole reiterated the request before the BOS is to send the *second* wave of computer replacement in the amount of \$204,260.98 to Town Meeting.

MOTION: To SEND the Appropriation of \$204,260.98 for the second wave of the Board of Education computer replacement to Town Meeting.

Maynard moved/Bowsza seconded/DISCUSSION: Selectman Szymanski questioned what happened to the old laptops? Treasurer O'Toole indicated they're beyond repair; they are no longer being serviced. Mrs. Simonelli reported they were able to keep the old computers, and the numbers that you read came from last February's presentation. We actually changed it a little bit. We were able to take some of the out of warranty laptops that had come out of warranty that were replaced with new ones last year. We are using those for the lower grades and as spares and so we were able to take some of last year and gave them to the 6th grade. So, in effect, what we did is even out the second two years. There was going to be a higher amount the second year and a lower amount the third year. What we did is we kind of evened that out so it would be more equal between those two years. But we utilize the old ones as spares, if something breaks, until they are just not repairable any more. We don't want to invest a lot of money in those repairs because they are just not worth it. Selectman Szymanski cited he understood what Mrs. Simonelli said but they don't all go bad on the day you get new ones. Mrs. Simonelli replied – no, and that's why we use them as spares and parts to use in the lower grades.

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

Treasurer O'Toole left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/Special Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2019:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting of February 4, 2019 as presented.

Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/Special Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2019:

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MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting of February 5, 2019 as presented.

Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/Special Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2019:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting of February 7, 2019 as presented.

Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/Regular Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2019:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting of February 21, 2019 as presented.

Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Paul Anderson, 89 Main Street: Mr. Anderson voiced his concern for the inclusion of funding for the Warehouse Point Fire District in the budget. Mr. Anderson suggested if that money is funding the District they could still tax the property owners at whatever level they choose. Mr. Anderson felt this is a mistake; he felt funding should be left until a resolution regarding the consolidation of the fire departments is completed. Since the District has a way to raise their own money this won't fix anything, but funding the District under the budget will affect other line items.

Cathy Simonelli, 171 Depot Street: Mrs. Simonelli recalled that she appeared at the last BOS Meeting to request a correction to the February 7th Meeting minutes as she felt she had been misrepresented in the transcription. Mrs. Simonelli reported she's had time to go over the video and has a transcript she's willing to share. First Selectman Maynard reported he's viewed the video as well. Discussion continued with Mrs. Simonelli refuting the transcription, and again requesting the correction as she didn't see it as an Agenda item tonight. Mrs. Simonelli offered First Selectman Maynard a copy of her transcription of the meeting. First Selectman Maynard will work on a correction with Mrs. Simonelli.

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Bill Loos, 44 Melrose Road: Mr. Loos thanked the BOS for requesting reimbursement of the fee for the Charter Revision Commission recording secretary. Mr. Loos noted that the results of the Charter Revision Commission's survey found people wanted to see what was being discussed. As Secretary of the Charter Revision Commission he could submit a schedule of the motions but he doesn't feel that's what the BOS, or the people, want. The recording secretary records what's going on and includes the discussion occurring; the minutes are filed in the Town Clerk's Office and that's what the majority of the Boards want.

Marie DeSousa, 10 Rice Road: Mrs. DeSousa felt the Selectmen were opening Pandora's Box because other commissions will be coming in looking for additional money.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/A.

Resignations: None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/B

Reappointments: None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/C. New

Appointments: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/A. Broad Brook Mill Discussion:

First Selectman Maynard reported he attended a meeting last week with representatives from DEEP, DECD, UTAS, Collins Aerospace, and people from the Broad Brook Mill Remediation Committee, including Town Engineer Norton, Andy Hoffman, and Keith Yagaloff. Also present was a lawyer from UTAS, and Martin D'Eramo and Bill Penn, and another lawyer for Collins Aerospace. First Selectman Maynard indicated that as the meeting progressed someone said what was the delta between moving the semi-volatile chemicals from the consolidation area and capping it and removing the material off site? First Selectman Maynard reported the delta was approximately \$175,000. First Selectman Maynard reported that the lawyer for UTAS said they don't want to own the property but they would be willing to remove the volatile chemicals and preserve Building 11, which is the old Mill building, and would get involved in reconfiguring the property for development. First Selectman Maynard indicated the Town doesn't want to own it either; if we can get a developer or land bank or an LLC or maybe get a grant – those are all considerations. First Selectmen Maynard reported things continue to move forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/B. Discussion of Charter Revision:

First Selectman Maynard reported funding for the recording secretary for the Charter Revision Commission has still not been approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/C. Casino:

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First Selectman Maynard reported he spoke with Representative Chris Davis at the legislature this past week; SB 11, which would remove the paragraph requiring publication in the register, came out of committee; Selectman Bowsza concurred, noting SB 11 was heard on February 26th and has been referred to committee today. First Selectman Maynard also reported the second bill, which requests open RFPs, also came out of committee; no action taken as of yet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/D. Discussion of BOS Budget Workshops:

First Selectman Maynard reported the next Board of Selectmen's Special Meeting/Budget Workshop will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

NEW BUSINESS/A. Improvement and Land Transfer of Intersection of Route 5 and South Water Street:

See previous discussion, Pages 2 through 4.

NEW BUSINESS/B. Approval of Renaming of Human Services:

First Selectman Maynard reported the Director of Community Services would like the Human Services Department's name changed to avoid confusion with Human Resources.

MOTION: To RENAME the Human Services Department to the Social Services Department.

Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

NEW BUSINESS/C. Approval of Mileage Reimbursement Policy Verbiage Change:

First Selectman Maynard noted that they've been working on revision of the Mileage Reimbursement Policy, and the unions have pushed back. The unions want the "General Services Administration rate" changed to the "Internal Revenue Services rate", which is what they've had in the past.

MOTION: To CHANGE the Mileage Reimbursement Policy to read: Expenses incurred at the per mile rate established by the ~~General Services Administration (GSA)~~ Internal Revenue Services (IRS)...

Maynard moved/

Selectman Szymanski questioned the difference. First Selectman Maynard suggested the language is returning to what the unions have agreed to in the past; the GSA rate is changed to the IRS rate. First Selectman Maynard noted they are virtually the same rate, but the unions are objecting to the identification of the rate; they want it returned to the IRS rate. Selectman

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Szymanski questioned why there was an issue of one over the other? Selectman Bowsza questioned if one agency reports to the other? First Selectman Maynard reiterated the unions have issues with it. He suggested if going back to something we had before will get this implemented it doesn't bother him. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn questioned if changing the wording changes the rate? Paul Anderson offered that by changing the rate to the IRS it would be changing the rate that applies to everyone in the country; the GSA rate applies to government employees. It's not the number because they each can have a different number. What they do today has nothing to do with it; it's what they can do. Selectman Szymanski would like to know what the objections are. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn wanted to know the objections as well. He questioned what the current rate was; will there be a difference? First Selectman Maynard felt it was a little over 54 cents per mile currently but it could change in the future. He felt the unions want to change to the IRS rate because that's what it used to be.

Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: Nothing further.

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

NEW BUSINESS/D. Discussion of Hartford Foundation's Greater Together Community Funds:

Selectman Bowsza reported this was raised by Debbie Talamini. The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has created funds for 29 towns for the purpose of providing money for community projects. Each town would be required to create an advisory committee to facilitate the process. Selectman Bowsza believes the town needs to indicate we're interested in their community support and the Hartford Foundation will take the lead.

Mrs. Talamini reported some towns could go together on projects. The Hartford Foundation is giving \$100,000 to each of the 29 communities; \$50,000 will be provided up front and the remaining \$50,000 would be given the following year. Mrs. Talamini reported she and Sharon Tripp have asked for information regarding this program. First Selectman Maynard reported he'll contact the individual whose information has been provided by Mrs. Talamini.

NEW BUSINESS/E. Discussion of Ordinance for Property Tax Assessment:

First Selectman Maynard reported the East Windsor Historical Society (EWHs) recently purchased a large parcel of property on Cemetery Road. The EWHs is a non-profit organization but was required to pay conveyance taxes on the property at the time of closing. First Selectman Maynard provided the Board with an excerpt from the C.G.S. regarding the ability for a town to create an ordinance to enable the town to reimburse non-profit organizations for taxes such as were recently paid by the EWHs. First Selectman Maynard indicated that the ordinance can be made for a specific transaction, or can be limited in other ways, or it can be made more general for other opportunities.

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Selectman Bowsza cited there are 11 exclusions regarding types of properties eligible for this exemption; he read several examples for the Board. Selectman Bowsza felt the ordinance should address specific issues. Selectman Szymanski requested First Selectman Maynard confer with the Town Assessor regarding creating this ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS/F. Approval of Tax Refunds:

MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$4,712.27 as identified under Tax Refund Report dated March 4, 2019.

Szymanski moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/A. Steve Dearborn:

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn reported he also attended the hearing on the casino. The same arguments continue; the people in Bridgeport want the casino down there and the people in East Windsor want it up here.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/B. Andy Hoffman:

Selectman Hoffman was absent this evening.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/C. Jason E. Bowsza:

Selectman Bowsza noted the Board is in the middle of budget deliberations, and are considering many requests for funding, such as the Broad Brook Library, the Warehouse Point Fire District, and the Warehouse Point Library. He did a Facebook poll asking “should the Town consider paying anything on facilities which it doesn’t own?” Selectman Bowsza reported he received 202 respondents, and spent no money. With a population of 11,000 that is a 7% response rate. Of the respondents 53% were opposed, while 47% were in favor.

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

Selectman Szymanski reported he also attended the recent hearing on the casino. He concurred that the people from Bridgeport continue to lobby for a casino in Bridgeport. Selectman Szymanski indicated there is support for a bill for competitive bidding for a new casino; if the State allows the competitive bidding process to move forward the tribes have said they will stop giving money to the State as they currently do. Selectman Szymanski suggested in the end it’s all about financial impact.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/E. Robert Maynard:

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First Selectman Maynard reported the Sardilli project has received approvals from the Wetlands Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission. First Selectman Maynard reported this project is a good thing for East Windsor; it's a \$20 million addition to the Grand List.

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn reported he understands the reason they want to widen South Water Street is to accommodate the traffic associated with the business. They'll be entering on South Main Street across from Mercury, and leaving the facility onto South Water Street, turning left, and going out onto Route 5. First Selectman Maynard noted they process and deliver produce to other facilities early in the morning, and the produce comes into the facility early in the day before the commuter traffic. First Selectman Maynard felt traffic from this facility won't compete with existing traffic.

SIGNATURES FOR APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTERS:

The Selectmen reviewed the registers presented and took appropriate action.

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

MOTION: To TAKE A BREAK at 8:55 p.m.. and GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION immediately following the break. Attending the Executive Session were: First Selectman Maynard, Deputy First Selectman Dearborn, Selectman Bowsza, and Selectman Szymanski. No other parties attended the Executive Session.

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

LET THE RECORD SHOW the Recording Secretary left the Meeting.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

Respectfully submitted

Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen