

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 5, 2021

7:00 p.m.

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

In-person meeting

AND

Meeting also available via remote ZOOM Teleconference
Meeting ID: 332 683 3563

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: First Selectmen Bowsza hosted the inperson meeting. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa, Selectman Baker, Selectman Muska, and Selectman Nordell were present in-person this evening.

ABSENT: All Selectmen were present this evening.

GUESTS/SPEAKERS in-person: **East Windsor Greater Together Community Fund:**

Lillian Bluestein, Carol Candrea, Joan Nordell, and Bob Maynard;

Solar Canopies presentation: Aric Duncan, and Steve Mosher;

American Heritage River Commission: Richard Sherman,
Barbara Sherman, Tom Talamini, Debbie Talamini; John Daly, Jr.;
Tom Lansner, Ruth Ann Lansner.

GUESTS/SPEAKERS signing in to teleconference remotely: **E.R.A.S.E (Emergency Relief and Stablization Effort):** George Krivda, consultant; Anne's ipad

1. **TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:**

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First Selectman Bowsza called the August 5, 2021 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 requested the addition of Discussion of the E.R.A.S.E. Grant Program under **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** as **Item 8D**.

MOTION: To ADD to the AGENDA under **UNFINISHED BUSINESS, Item 8D.**
Discussion of the E.R.A.S.E. Grant Program.

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

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

2. ATTENDANCE:

First Selectman Bowsza noted the Board has established a quorum with five members present in person.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

First Selectman Bowsza requested Deputy First Selectman DeSousa lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. July 15, 2021 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting dated July 15, 2021 as presented.

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

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

First Selectman Bowsza announced the first opportunity for the public to offer comments. No one attending the meeting in-person, and remotely, requested to speak.

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6. COMMUNICATIONS:

First Selectman Bowsza reported he would like to share the following communications which had arrived too late to make the meeting packet.

A. Invitation To Broad Brook Fire Department 125th Anniversary:

First Selectman Bowsza announced an invitation from the Broad Brook Fire Department to participate in their 125th Celebration to be held on August 21, 2021. The parade will step off at the old carnival grounds at 5:00 p.m. and proceed to the East Windsor Park on Reservoir Avenue. The evening will conclude with a fireworks display. First Selectman Bowsza noted the Selectmen have been invited to participate in the parade.

B. Communication from Warehouse Point Fire Department Chief Barton to Town of East Windsor Fire Marshal Austin regarding fire at Carousel Apartments August 2nd:

First Selectman Bowsza noted there was a significant fire which occurred in Town on August 2nd, there was a person trapped inside the Carousel Apartments who was able to be successfully extracted. First Selectman Bowsza read the following letter from (Warehouse Point) Fire Chief Barton which was sent to (Broad Brook) Fire Chief Arcari.

“On August 2nd at 14:00 hours (3:00 p.m.) the Warehouse Point Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire at 27 Pleasant Street, the Carousel Apartments. The fire was located in the “A” Building in Apartment A-13. As fire crews arrived on scene dispatch reported that there was a victim trapped in the apartment. Fire crews immediately reported to the apartment to attempt to rescue of the victim. As fire crews from Engine 12 arrived on scene they immediately reported to the Fire Department to begin an assist with the rescue of one victim, with the extinguishment of the apartment fire. Lieutenant Leo Szymanski, Jr. and Firefighter Sean Martin, from the Broad Brook Fire Department, located the victim in the rear of the building along with the fire. With the assistance of Matt Mucci from the Enfield Fire Department they effectively rescued the victim from the burning apartment. The victim was still breathing and was transferred to the East Windsor EMS, and the victim was then transported to Hartford Hospital and immediately flown to Bridgeport Hospital.

I would just like to take a moment to commend and recognize your staff on their heroic efforts during this incident. Lieutenant Leo Szymanski and Firefighter

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Sean Martin truly made a difference in the outcome of this incident. It's reassuring to know that your Department is always there to assist in times of need.

*Sincerely,
James P. Barton, Fire Chief."*

First Selectman Bowsza reported what the Fire Chief didn't say was that he (Lieutenant Szymanski) was the first one in the building, and the first one in the building without assistance, and he is the one who actually located the victim. First Selectman Bowsza indicated as it was reported to him the day of the fire, the smoke was so thick that he couldn't see any pathways in the apartment. He found the victim by following her oxygen tank, and the hose from her oxygen tank to her bed, where she was. First Selectman Bowsza indicated he shared that information to let everybody know how heroic and dedicated the people who serve this Town are. First Selectman Bowsza indicated he's had the unfortunate circumstance of responding to four of these incidents since he's been in office and they are awe-inspiring, and they are terrible, and it's important to recognize the people who serve our community.

First Selectman Bowsza indicated that at a later date he will be asking this Board to do a formal recognition of those firefighters who actually saved this person's life. That would include Chief Barton, Lieutenant Szymanski, Firefighter Martin, and Matt Mucci.

7. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

A. Resignations:

- 1. David King, Pension Board**
- 2. David King, Board of Finance**

MOTION: To ACCEPT the resignation of David King from the Pension Board and the Board of Finance with regret.

Muska moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned that she hadn't received a resignation letter from David King for the Pension Board in her packet; First Selectman Bowsza suggested that was an oversight. He noted Mr. King and his wife are moving out of town; he noted Mr. King has been quietly serving the Town of East Windsor for years and saving the town significant dollars

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during that service in matters of finance and investment. His quiet impact will be missed.

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

3. Joseph Ouellette, Planning and Zoning Commission

First Selectman Bowsza noted Mr. Ouellette has served the Town for at least 15 years as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He has accepted a significant position with the Offices of the State Traffic Board which may put him in conflict with some of the work of the Planning and Zoning Commission; First Selectman Bowsza wished Mr. Ouellette well.

MOTION: To ACCEPT the resignation of Joseph Ouellette from the Planning and Zoning Commission with regret.

DeSousa moved/Baker seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None,
**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

B. Reappointments: None.

C. New Appointments:

1. Joseph Sauerhoefer (D), Planning and Zoning Commission, Regular Member, for a term expiring October 1, 2023

First Selectman Bowsza noted the vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission created by Mr. Ouellette's resignation; he also noted the application submitted by Joe Sauerhoefer and requested a motion for appointment.

MOTION: To APPOINT Joseph Sauerhoefer (D), Planning and Zoning Commission, Regular Member, for a term expiring October 1, 2023.

DeSousa moved/Baker seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None,
VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

(No one opposed/No abstentions)

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- 2. Thomas Riordan (R), Police Commission, Regular member for a term expiring November 16, 2021.**

First Selectman Bowsza noted a vacancy on the East Windsor Police Commission; included in the Board's packets is an application from Thomas Riordan to fill the remainder of a term expiring this year. First Selectman Bowsza noted in reviewing his application he's a great fit for the position.

MOTION: To APPOINT Thomas Riordan (R), Police Commission, Regular member for a term expiring November 16, 2021.

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

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

***A. South Road Ownership Option Update:**

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

***B. Polling Location Change:**

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

***C. Broad Brook Fire Memorandum of Understanding:**

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

D. Discussion of the E.R.A.S.E. Grant Program:

Joining the Board remotely was Mr. George Krivda, Jr., the consultant for the E.R.A.S.E. Grant Program.

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Mr. Krivda reported the Town has received 53 applications for funding assistance, 25 of the applications were received in the last five days. Mr. Krivda suggested many of the applications require a second contact as very few applicants provided all of the information needed to assist with decisions on the initial applications. He cited the stories are remarkable – the things people did to keep operating. He has reviewed the applications received before he left on vacation; he's also begun an initial review of the additional 25 applications received in the past week and will begin contacting them when he returns Monday. Mr. Krivda suggested the Town may anticipate a deluge of applications at the end of the application submission time period.

Mr. Krivda indicated he would take questions from the Board.

First Selectman Bowsza advised the members of the in-person audience of the Town's receipt of significant funding from the American Rescue Plan Act; the Town can only spend those funds of the following:

- Revenue recapture for lost revenue
- Hazard pay for front line employees
- Tourism
- Water, sewer, and broadband projects
- Small business, non-profit, and household assistance

First Selectman Bowsza noted the Board of Selectmen voted to appropriate \$900,000 for small business and non-profit organizations that had an economic impact as a result of the pandemic. He noted applications would be accepted until the end of the day on Monday, August 9th. First Selectman Bowsza cited outreach by Senator Blumenthal and Congressman John Larson, two articles in the Journal Inquirer, an article in the North Central News, and a direct mailing to 316 eligible businesses and non-profits in town, and visits to more than 55 businesses door-to-door. First Selectman Bowsza suggested the goal is to pump nearly \$1 million dollars into the local economy to assist small businesses and non-profits; their success is our success.

First Selectman Bowsza queried the Board for comments.

Selectman Baker indicated he was pleased to see the level of response. First Selectman Bowsza noted it was slow initially, but the response has picked up.

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9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Solar Canopies Presentation to Include Aric Duncan and Mr. Mosher:

First Selectman Bowsza introduced Aric Duncan, noting that Mr. Duncan is a Junior at East Windsor High School; his teacher is Steve Mosher. First Selectman Bowsza indicated that Mr. Mosher sent him Mr. Duncan's presentation which he submitted for a science class in the Spring. Mr. Duncan's presentation is on municipal investments in solar infrastructure. First Selectman Bowsza suggested Mr. Duncan's presentation is on a par, if not better, than companies who come before the Board pitching projects, and is a testament to Mr. Duncan and his education. First Selectman Bowsza suggested Mr. Duncan's presentation also offers the Board an opportunity to think where the Town is going in terms of infrastructure investment now that we have added bonding capacity after the additional appropriation made in the Fall.

Mr. Duncan reported the project the students were tasked with was thinking of something or creating something that could help the community in terms of a scientific environmental way; he chose solar canopies which cover car parking lots with solar panels, and make great use of existing space.

Mr. Duncan reviewed his PowerPoint presentation. (See Attachment A).

First Selectman Bowsza commended Mr. Duncan on the professionalism of his presentation, and thanked him for sharing it with the Board. First Selectman Bowsza opened discussion to the Board.

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned when we first started getting requests for solar on the ground this is something we could have presented to them; great job.

Selectman Nordell questioned if Mr. Duncan has reached out to any schools or businesses that currently have this infrastructure? Mr. Duncan indicated he had not. Selectman Nordell noted the CREC Aerospace School in Windsor installed solar canopies over the parking lot when the school was built 3 years ago; he suggested it would be interesting to see what their comments would be regarding the installation; they're probably getting to the point of recouping their money now. Selectman Baker noted the Buckland Mall has the solar canopies; Mr. Duncan added that they have the EV chargers as well.

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First Selectman Bowsza asked how Mr. Duncan got interested in this as a topic? Mr. Duncan suggested he's always been interested in energy, and where it comes from; a lot of it is from fossil fuel. He then became interested in clean energy.

First Selectman Bowsza then introduced Mr. Mosher, Mr. Duncan's teacher, and asked him to share the context of the assignment with the Board. Mr. Mosher reported this is the big project for the students; the focus has shifted over the past couple of years to community impact on the environment. Mr. Mosher indicated their discussions came back to we are part of the eco-system; we're part of it. The task became what would you, the students, see for your future? Mr. Mosher gave examples of other projects, and explained his goal as an educator.

First Selectman Bowsza cited Mr. Duncan's project is not only a great environmental project but it's also an economic project which gives the Board an opportunity to consider its direction with regard to municipal infrastructure. He thanked Mr. Duncan for his presentation.

B. AHRC Recommendation for Renaming Parsk:

First Selectman Bowsza recalled that the American Heritage River Commission, which has provided passive recreation for the town for more than 20 years, had previously requested the Board to consider renaming several primary access points to the Scantic River. Their recommendations include:

- The area commonly referred to as the Filter Beds where the Cardboard Boat Race and Rubber Duck Race is launched on Mill Street; their recommendation is Trolley Crossing.

First Selectman Bowsza noted the renaming of Town Parks is a legislative function. The Board of Selectmen is the Executive body for the Town rather than the legislative body, therefore the Board must approve the AHRC's recommendations and send the recommendations to Town Meeting. He requested a motion to rename the Filter Beds as Trolley Crossing and send the recommendation to Town Meeting.

MOTION: To rename the filter beds as Trolley Crossing and send to Town Meeting.

DeSousa moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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VOTE: **In Favor: Unanimous**
 (No one opposed/No abstentions)

- To rename the property on Route 140 formerly owned by the Henzel family, which has access off of Harrington Road, to **Heritage Park**:

MOTION: **To rename the Henzel property as Heritage Park and
send to Town Meeting.**

Nordell moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: **In Favor: Unanimous**
 (No one opposed/No abstentions)

- Parking lot at the end of Cemetery Road to be renamed **Button Bridge**:

First Selectman Bowsza noted the third recommendation the AHRC made was for the parking lot at the end of Cemetery Road. He reported there is only one person who has served on the American Heritage River Commission since its inception, and that is Dick Sherman who has served for 22 years. First Selectman Bowsza thanked Mr. Sherman for all the work he has done on the Scantic River over that time. First Selectman Bowsza noted the AHRC recommended renaming that parking lot Button Bridge but he felt that was inappropriate. It should be named the Master Sargent Richard E. Sherman Town Park. First Selectman Bowsza called for a motion.

MOTION: **To rename the park at the end of Cemetery Road as the
Master Sergeant Richard U. Sherman Town Park and
send to Town Meeting.**

Nordell moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: Deputy First Selectman DeSousa felt that was a great honor to someone who has done so much service for so many years for the Town of East Windsor. She indicated that if anyone hasn't seen what those people have done you're missing out because what they've done for our waterways, from the water testing to picking up the trash. Deputy First Selectman told Mr. Sherman he deserved the honor; she hoped he accepted it. Selectman Muska concurred with Deputy First Selectman DeSousa; she thanked Mr. Sherman for his service. Selectman Baker pointed out that nearly all of the Town's passive recreation is provided by the AHRC; it's been a monumental task over the years. Selectman Nordell indicated Mr.

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Sherman has done a great job. First Selectman Bowsza thanked Mr. Sherman for his many years of service; the Town appreciates it.

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

C. Town Hall Meeting Room Renaming:

First Selectman Bowsza cited the recent investment made by the Board to renovate the Town Hall to make it more user-friendly for the constituents and to make it a Town Hall we can all be proud of which represents our community. He cited the dedication earlier tonight of the artwork created by Karen Stavolone commemorating our agricultural history.

First Selectman Bowsza noted as he looked back through Town history there has been one person who has done a lot of work on behalf of Town government. He noted that John Daly served as First Selectman from 1955 to 1975, a record unbeaten going back in the Town's history to 1847. First Selectman Bowsza noted that First Selectman Daly was known to empty the trash cans in Town Hall at night, and treat the Town's money as if it were his own. First Selectman Bowsza suggested he felt it would be appropriate to rename the Town Hall Meeting Room the John Daly Meeting Room.

First Selectman Bowsza introduced Skip Daly, John Daly's son, who offered these following comments:

"Mr. Selectman, Board members, and friends and people from the Town of East Windsor:

A huge thank you, for this honor, given to my Dad, John L. Daly, Jr. The top priority in Dad's life were family, God, and the Town of East Windsor. It might not all be in that order, and not necessarily in that order. Dad spent many hours in this building and often in this exact room.

I know Dad is smiling down on us right now, and holding his head high. Our family is so proud, and we appreciate that Dad is being remembered in this special way. And I want to thank you very much."

First Selectman Bowsza noted Mr. Daly's service is unparalleled to the community; he felt it was appropriate for the Board to consider. First Selectman Bowsza noted this action does not require a Town Meeting, as this is not a Town Park or a Town asset.

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MOTION: To rename the Town Hall Meeting Room the John L. Daly, Jr. Meeting Room.

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

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

D. East Windsor Greater Together Community Fund to Include Joanie Mirabelli:

First Selectman Bowsza welcomed representatives from the East Windsor Greater Together Community Fund; they have a presentation to update the Board on the Committee's progress.

Joan Nordell, Carol Candrea, and Lillian Bluestein joined the Board to review their presentation (***See Attachment B***); Committee member Bob Maynard offered comments from the audience. At the end of the presentation Mrs. Nordell asked for comments from the Board:

First Selectman Bowsza thanked them for their presentation, and the work they've done getting to this point with their grant program. Responding to their request to publish information regarding the Committee and the program in the Five Village Voices Newsletter, the next edition is going to press shortly and would be in residents' mailboxes in late October or early November. Mrs. Nordell suggested they could send an article to First Selectman Bowsza after leaving the meeting. Discussion followed regarding the timing of the publication and the grant program schedule.

Selectman Muska also thanked the group for their update. She noted their reference to launching the program in September; she questioned the timeframe for accepting applications? Mr. Maynard, speaking from the audience, indicating they would be launching the program in September. They will be announcing the program in the newspapers, Facebook, and have sent letters to every resident. They anticipate accepting applications in mid-September; people will have six (6) weeks to submit applications, which would bring the Committee to mid-November. The local group will make decisions regarding recommendations for awarding the grants; the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving will make the grants available. They hope to be able to announce the recipients by the end of December.

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First Selectman Bowsza questioned if the grants could be awarded for direct aid for renters who may be facing eviction? Ms. Candrea noted others had asked the same question; the Committee will discuss that option with the Hartford Foundation. First Selectman Bowsza suggested the group contact Melissa Maltese, Director of Community Services, who may have input on the community needs related to Seniors as well.

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned if the criteria was put together by the local group or the Hartford Foundation? Ms. Candrea indicated it was developed by the Hartford Foundation. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa requested an example of “groups of town residents partnered with a designated agent”? Ms. Candrea suggested, as an example, the Diversity Committee, which is a committee and not a non-profit organization. If they had a project they wanted to get done they don’t qualify as a non-profit but they could go to the Town, who could act as an agent for them; the Town would receive the funding which they would in turn distribute to that Committee.

Selectman Muska cited the Committee had discussed distributing \$30,000 in the first round of grant approvals; how will that work going forward? Will you do this again next year? Are the members on staggered terms? Ms. Candrea explained the term limits for current members vs. new members joining the Committee. Ms. Candrea noted the Town has a \$50,000 grant, and a \$50,000 endowment; they have decided on the \$30,000 for the first round, \$20,000 will remain for the next round, and the \$50,000 endowment will follow that. First Selectman Bowsza questioned if they can accept donations? Ms. Candrea replied affirmatively. First Selectman Bowsza suggested that would make the endowment seed money to invest, and earn interest.

Selectman Muska requested the website information. Mr. Maynard indicated it’s a sub-website of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Mrs. Nordell suggested it’s up to the advisory committee to decide where they want to allocate the money; the grants must serve the community of East Windsor.

First Selectman Bowsza thanked the Advisory Committee for their presentation.

E. Tax Sale Settlement Discussion to Include Patti Kratochvil:

First Selectman Bowsza requested a motion to postpone discussion of the Tax Sale item until later in the meeting after the Executive Session.

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MOTION: To POSTPONE discussion of the tax sale settlement to include Patti Kratochvil until after the Executive Session.

DeSousa moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

F. Open Space Assessment Draft Ordinance:

First Selectman Bowsza noted that the Open Space Ordinance has been under discussion at several boards; the Ordinance would allow Open Space to be considered for tax assistance similar to the Public Act 490. Discussions have occurred at the Planning and Zoning Commission, Conservation Commission, and this Board.

First Selectman Bowsza referenced the draft before the Board, noting Section VE - Determination and Classification – on page 3 is an area still under discussion. He queried the Board for comments.

Selectman Baker questioned if the Assessor had offered any feedback on the time period for the assessment? First Selectman Bowsza suggested the assessment is a ten (10) year program; you sign up once and don't have to sign up again until the ten (10) years have expired. If the property transfers within that ten (10) year period you would have a conveyance tax equaling 40% of the tax benefit that was offered. It's a sliding scale that depreciates over time so that if something should happen and you sold your property within that time then you would owe the Town something back on the lower assessment. When you get past that ten (10) year period you restart the clock.

Selectman Baker questioned if this Ordinance would be proposed at the next Town Meeting on August 19th? First Selectman Bowsza cited the continuing concern for conducting in-person meetings. He noted remote participation isn't a good forum for a Town Meeting; he questioned if the Board wanted to consider taking a six (6) or eight (8) week pause. First Selectman Bowsza felt the Town Meeting should be conducted in person.

First Selectman Bowsza called for additional comments; no one requested to be acknowledged. First Selectman Bowsza called for a motion regarding the Open Space Ordinance.

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MOTION: To MOVE the Open Space Ordinance to Town Meeting for a vote.

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

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

G. Tax Refunds:

MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$765.64 as identified under Tax Refund Report dated August 3, 2021.

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

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

10. SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/:

A. Jason Bowsza:

(See Attachment C)

B. Marie DeSousa:

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa reported on the following:

- She had no meetings to attend since the last Board of Selectmen's Meeting.
- She commended the work of the Fire Department.
- She attended National Night Out; the Department of Health was there and held a good discussion of what's holding up the younger people from getting the vaccine shots. She cited the request from the UCONN students to get an exemption from wearing masks.

C. Sarah Muska:

(See Attachment D)

D. Charles Nordell:

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(See Attachment E)

E. Alan Baker:

Selectman Baker reported on the following:

- The Planning and Zoning Commission had another light meeting this past week.
- The Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission Meeting was light this week as well, although the Commission is tracking a significant violation.
- The Pension Board met; the Town's investments are doing great. They had a second meeting with the Fiduciary they hired to look after the employees' 401Ks. He will miss David King's leadership because the pension is something we can really be proud of; it's well funded and continues to grow.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

First Selectman Bowsza announced the opportunity for members of the in-person audience to make comments.

Tom Talamini, 23 Rice Road: Mr. Talamini reported there are three or four surrounding towns that have solar canopies; he suggested someone check in with those municipalities. Mr. Talamini reported Coventry, and Windsor just put one up at the new Police Department. He suggested it's a great idea.

Barbara Sherman, 12 Allen Drive, Broad Brook: Mrs. Sherman suggested putting a notification in the next newsletter that the Town doesn't have bulk pickup, so people can't put things by their mailbox and expect that it will be picked up. First Selectman Bowsza suggested Mrs. Sherman was discussing curb-side pickup. He noted that one of the things under Staff discussion currently and will be coming to the Board in the near future is the institution of a Blight Ordinance which will address that issue.

Kathy Pippin, 37 Woolam Road: Mrs. Pippin suggested people are asking why Warehouse Point is building another fire station, when they have one on Stoughton Road that isn't being used. First Selectman Bowsza suggested questions of that nature should be directed to the Warehouse Point Fire Commission; they're a sovereign entity and make their own financial decisions separate from the Town.

First Selectman Bowsza queried the individuals signed in remotely for comments; no one requested to speak.

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12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION/Pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 1-200 (6)(b), negotiations, (6)(c) 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 is possible:

MOTION: To GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:20 p.m. Attending the Executive Session were First Selectman Bowsza, Deputy First Selectman DeSousa, Selectman Baker, Selectman Muska, Selectman Nordell, and Tax Collector Kratchovil.

DeSousa moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

LET THE RECORD SHOW the Recording Secretary left the in-person meeting at 8:20 p.m.

When the Board returned from Executive Session the audio didn't record the First Selectmen's comments regarding the time of commencing the meeting again, nor did it record any additional actions that may have been taken by the Board.

Recording commenced with First Selectman Bowsza noting that the Board had concluded all business before the Board of Selectmen this evening. He called for a motion to adjourn.

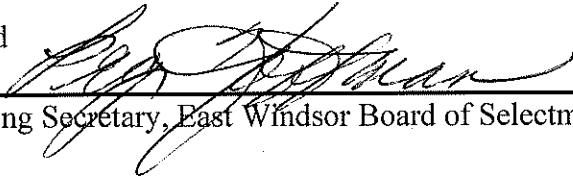
13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Nordell moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

Respectfully submitted


Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen

ATTACHMENTS:

- A – Aric Duncan's presentation on Solar Canopies
- B - East Windsor Greater Together Community Fund presentation

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting –August 5, 2021
In-person and
ZOOM Teleconferenc
Meeting ID: 332 683 3563
MEETING MINUTES**

C - Selectman's Report – First Selectman Bowsza

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(Deputy First Selectman DeSousa and Selectman Baker's Reports are included in the Meeting transcription)

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SN 8/3/2021 Attachment A

SOLAR CANOPIES



Combating Climate Change and the Energy Crisis

By: Aric Duncan



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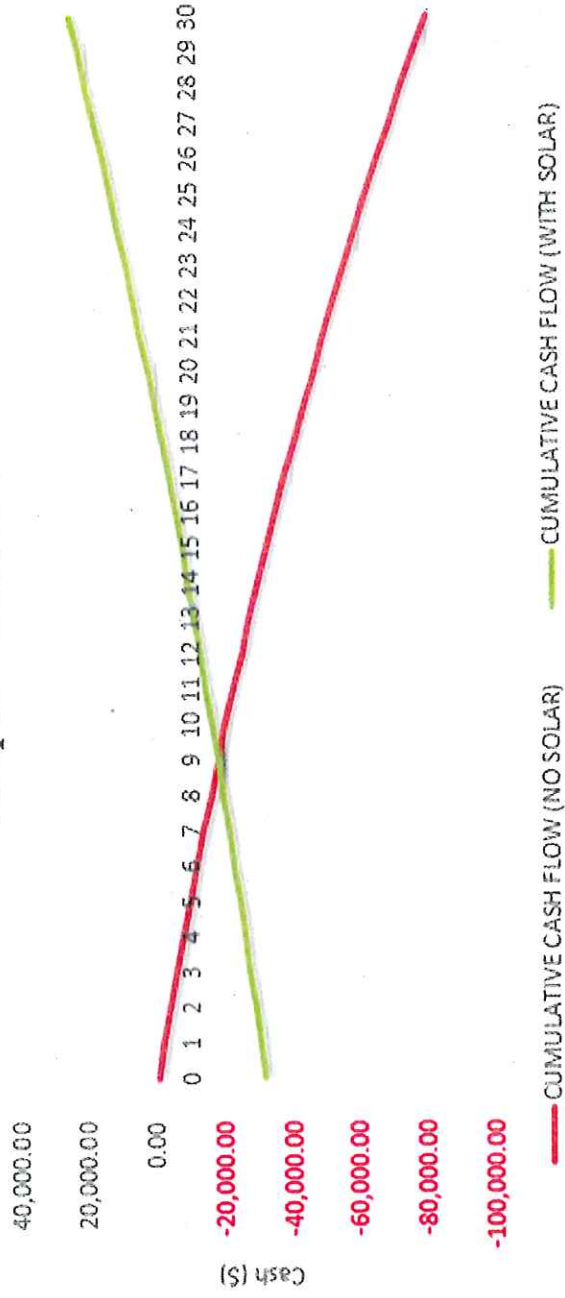
- Solar Canopies are solar panels that cover parking lots and existing places
- No new land must be cleared which preserves the wild
- Shades cars and protects them from the elements
- This is a great way to make use of space while generating energy
- There are not any downsides to this besides the initial cost
- Imagine every parking lot and some roads covered



THE FACTS

- Pavement makes up 35-50% of cities
- 40% of that is parking lots
- Since the car is shaded, AC usage decreases which improves fuel economy and/or energy consumption
- If only a few major parking lots were covered in CT, 37.8% of our energy needs would be met.
- If these lots are coupled with EV chargers, the amount of EVs on the road may increase. 65% of non-EV drivers worry about charger availability.

Solar Energy vs. Grid Energy Simple Cash Flow



AN INVESTMENT FOR THE FUTURE

PROPOSAL

- Cover the school's parking lot with a solar canopy and outfit it with several EV chargers
- School could become energy independent or decide to plug into the grid
- Cars would be sheltered, and parking lot would be clear of snow in the winter
- On a larger level, cover large parking lots around the State/Nation with canopies
- Cover warehouses and businesses with panels
- This would be a great allocation of funds that preserves the future and eventually makes money.



Announcement of Available Grants For Community Initiatives in East Windsor

East Windsor's Greater Together Community Fund
Advisory Committee to the East Windsor Board of

Selectmen

August 5, 2021

AGENDA

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ABOUT THE
COMMITTEE

02

AVAILABLE FUNDS
AND ELIGIBILITY

03

ROLES AND
RESPONSIBILITIES

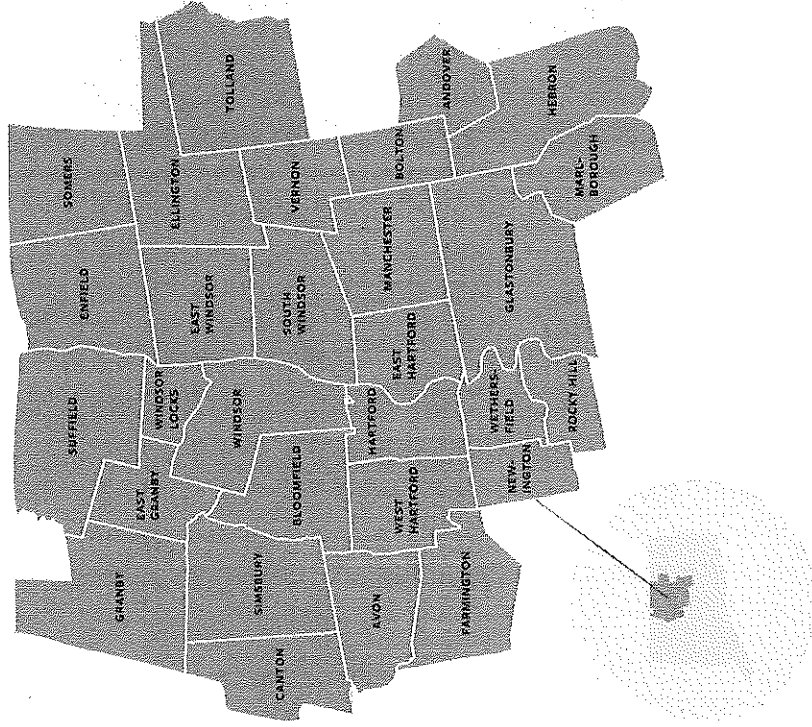
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TOWN
INVOLVEMENT



ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

In 2019, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving established \$100,000 community funds for each of the 29 towns in the Foundation's region.





ABOUT OUR COMMITTEE



OWNERSHIP
AROUND TOWN
NEEDS



BROAD AND
INCLUSIVE CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT

PURPOSE OF EAST
WINDSOR GREATER
TOGETHER
COMMUNITY FUND



ABOUT OUR COMMITTEE

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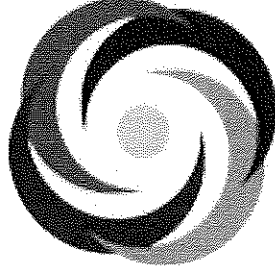


IDENTIFY
COMMUNITY
NEEDS



DESIGN
GRANTMAKING
PROCESS

AVAILABLE FUNDS



**Hartford
Foundation**
FOR PUBLIC GIVING

- \$100,000 community fund
 - \$50,000 for immediate use
 - \$50,000 endowment
- First Round of Grantmaking
 - \$30,000 available
 - \$250 - \$10,000 grant

ELIGIBILITY

- Must serve East Windsor town residents
- Eligible:
 - 501c3 registered nonprofit
 - Groups of town residents partnered with a designated fiscal agent
 - Government and Municipal Entities
 - Nonsectarian Initiatives of Religious Organizations
- Not eligible:
 - Individuals
 - For-profit institutions

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WE WILL...

ADVERTISE
GRANT
AVAILABILITY

PROVIDE
GUIDANCE

EVALUATE
GRANT
APPLICATIONS

WE HAVE...

CREATED
SUBCOMMITTEES

PREPARED
MARKETING
MATERIALS

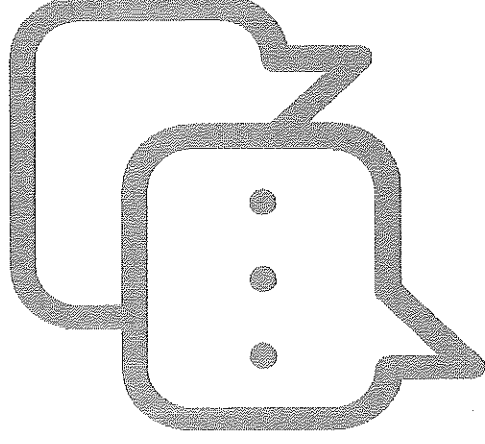
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HOW THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN CAN HELP US

Inform the town Departments,
Boards, and Commissions of the
availability of these funds using:

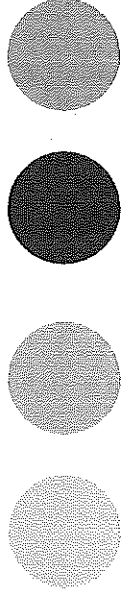
- Town website
- Town newsletter
- Town meetings

Refer any inquiries to
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THANKS



Do you have any questions?
Contact the Advisory Committee
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BW 8/5/2021 Attachment C

First Selectman's Report – August 5, 2021

I want to start on a serious note. On Monday, there was a fire at Carousel Apartments that involved three fire departments responding to the scene, including Warehouse Point (who had command), Broad Brook Fire Department, and Enfield Fire Department. One person with severe burns had to be extracted from the fire, and I want to acknowledge and sincerely thank Chief Barton (WHPFD), Lieutenant Szymanski (BBFD), Firefighter Martin (BBFD) and Lieutenant Mucci (EFD) for their good work in saving the victim.

I also want to congratulate Jason Cressotti and Matthew Emerson who were both named as Eagle Scouts tonight. Their commitment and dedication has paid off, and they will now be able to call themselves Eagle Scouts for the rest of their lives, a distinction only earned by 4% of those who participate in scouting. Quite the accomplishment!

The Town is still accepting applications for our local Emergency Relief and Stabilization Effort (E.R.A.S.E.) Covid-19 Grant to help combat the economic effects of the pandemic.

The Grant is funded through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 and grant awards of up to \$10,000 will be available to small businesses and non-profit organizations located in East Windsor. Selections will be based upon a dynamic plan for the grant award's usage being submitted by the applicant.

The Town wants to act quickly to stimulate our local economy by supporting small businesses and nonprofits within East Windsor. We are committed to being partners in their success as we all come out of this once-in-a-century pandemic and help them to chart a course forward. East Windsor is open for business, and we want to use a portion of our ARP allotment to ensure that our entire community is able to build back better than we were before.

The Town of East Windsor invites businesses and non-profits to apply for assistance between now and August 9th. Additional grant criteria and application requirements can be found on www.eastwindsor-ct.gov.

After all was said and done, the Town is returning \$500,000 of last year's budget to the General Fund balance. We were able to get some good stuff done in the last fiscal year, and still were able to be mindful and respectful of the taxpayers' money.

We are once again monitoring the situation with COVID-19 and the variants that are prevalent in the US. In our 8-town local health district, rates are increasing, with a

3.35% daily average today. East Windsor has had two new confirmed positive cases (which is good), although we are watching the numbers closely.

On July 20th, I joined Senator Anwar and Representatives Foster and Hall for a recognition ceremony at the East Windsor Police Department lauding their efforts setting up the mental health team. The good efforts of our local department are being recognized by regional and state leaders as a meaningful, proactive way of addressing both mental health needs within the

community and requirements proscribed in the Police Accountability Act. Good things are happening at the department and in our community.

Couple of reminders about upcoming events:

On August 21st, the Broad Brook Fire Department will be celebrating their 125th anniversary with a parade and fireworks. The parade will begin at 5pm and travel along Main Street, turn slight left onto Windsorville Road, turn left onto Reservoir Avenue, and end at East Windsor Park.

The Four Town Fair will take place from September 16 to September 19. This year, East Windsor is the host community.

SOV 8/5/2021 Attachment D

Selectmen's Report - August 5, 2021

On July 20, 2021 I attended a ceremony at the East Windsor Police Department recognizing and celebrating a new and innovative policing program, our new Mental Health Team and Officer Stepien who is a certified Police Officer with State of Connecticut Police Officer Standards Training and a licensed Social Worker. This program will be beneficial to so many people living in our community and I am excited to see it move forward. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this program come to light and to the taxpayers for supporting and funding this program in the Town's Budget!

On July 21, 2021 I attended the Board of Finance regular meeting. It was a short meeting, but it was great to see the board members in person again! Finance Director, Amy O'Toole updated the Board on preliminary FY 2020-2021 financials. Some highlights include: State Revenue exceeded budget by \$60,000.00, Tax Revenue exceeded budget by \$500,000.00, Town Clerk Revenue exceeded budget by \$66,000.00 and Building Revenue exceeded budget by \$230,000.00 (\$98,000 is from the project on East Road).

On August 1, 2021 I attended the American Legion Pig Roast at the Barry-Poulter Post 40. It was a beautiful day, the food was delicious and it was well attended with many people thanking and supporting our Veterans and those who continue to serve.

On August 2, 2021 the Warehouse Point Fire Commissioners met. The addition to Station One should be completed by the end of this week. Once completed, there will be a final inspection from the Building Inspector and once given the OK, occupying the building can begin!

Chief James Barton updated the Commissioners that he was able to get the Department's OSHA fine reduced to \$560.00. The original fine was \$1,580, which the Inspector had reduced to \$1,120. After an informal conference with the Chief, based on corrective actions at the time of visit and all other corrections completed within a week of the initial inspection, the fine was reduced to \$560.00.

There was a lengthy discussion on how the District should proceed with the Fire Marshal's vehicle. Commissioners discussed taking the current vehicle off the road, having the Fire Marshal use his personal vehicle and paying mileage or having a take home vehicle. The Commissioners will continue discussion at their next meeting and a vote is expected.

Thank you to the East Windsor Parks and Recreation Department and the East Windsor Police Department for putting on another fabulous National Night Out on Tuesday night! The weather was perfect and it was great to see so many families enjoying the amenities of the park!

Just a reminder, If you are a small business or non-profit located in town and experienced economic effects due to COVID-19, the deadline to apply for the ERASE COVID-19 Grant is Monday, August 9, 2021 at the close of business. You can find the application and additional information on the Town's website.

<https://www.eastwindsor-ct.gov/home/news/town-east-windsor-offering-emergency-relief-and-stabilization-effort-erase-covid-19-grant>

Submitted With Sincerity,

Sarah A. Muska, Selectman

BVN 8/5/2021 Attachment E

Selectman Nordell's Report 8/5/2021

On July 19th I attended a Special Diversity Council Meeting with special guests Senator Suad Anwar and Representative Foster. The two talked about legislation that was recently adopted or proposed that would affect social justice and equalities.

On August 3rd I attended the National Night Out at the Reservoir. It was a great turnout with nice weather. I was glad to see so many participants and Just Jeanie sounded great as always.