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TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 4, 2021

7:00 p.m.

John Daly, Jr. Meeting Room

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

In-person meeting

AND

Meeting also available via remote ZOOM Teleconference

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Passcode: townhall

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 in attendance for this meeting.

GUESTS/SPEAKERS: **Board of Finance:** Tom Lansner; **Hartford Foundation Greater Together Advisory Committee:** Betsy LeBoriosis; **Residents:** Tom Bulkeley, Ruth Anne Lansner, Denise Menard.

Remote participants: No one signed in remotely to this meeting.

1. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:

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First Selectman Bowsza called the November 4th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the East Windsor Board of Selectmen to Order at 7:00 p.m. in the John Daly, Jr. Meeting Room, Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

First Selectman Bowsza requested the addition of the following items to the Meeting Agenda, under **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Item D: Appointment of Deputy First Selectman as required by Charter
- Item E: Authorization to sign revised agreement with the BETA Group regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Study
- Item F: Authorization to sign Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with the Hartford Foundation Greater Together Advisory Committee

MOTION: To ADD to the AGENDA under **NEW BUSINESS**, the following items: 9D. Appointment of Deputy First Selectman; 9E. Authorization to sign revised agreement with the BETA Group regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Study; and 9F. Authorization to sign Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with the Hartford Foundation Greater Together Advisory Committee.

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

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

First Selectman Bowsza requested Selectman Muska to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ATTENDANCE:

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

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. October 21, 2021 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes:

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First Selectman Bowsza called for edits or comments on the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting dated October 21, 2021. First Selectman Bowsza referenced Page 8, Item C1 – New Appointments, noting the term of appointment for James Richards should be April 21, 2023 in the identification of appointees, his term of appointment is correct in the motion to appoint membership to this group.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting dated October 21, 2021, as amended:
Page 8, C1 – New Appointments: 1. James C. Richards, ~~(D)~~ (R), East Windsor Arts & Culture Commission, regular member for a term expiring April 21, 2021 2023.

DeSousa moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: Nothing additional.

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

B. October 28, 2021 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes:

First Selectman Bowsza called for edits or comments regarding the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held October 28, 2021. Selectman Muska referenced Agenda Item 7: **VOTE ON SEPARATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND DAVID McNEICE**; she requested that her comments should be reflected under **DISCUSSION**.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting dated October 28, 2021 as amended:
Page 2, Agenda Item 7. **VOTE ON SEPARATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND DAVID McNEICE; DISCUSSION: “Selectman Muska thanked Sergeant McNeice for his seventeen years of service in East Windsor, she wished him the best.”**

DeSousa moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: DeSousa/Baker/Muska
Opposed: No one
Abstained: Nordell (not present)

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5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

First Selectman Bowsza noted this first opportunity for the public present in person to speak; no one requested to speak. No one was signed in remotely.

6. COMMUNICATIONS: None.

7. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

A. Resignations: None.

B. Reappointments: None.

C. New Appointments:

1. Albert M. Ziegler (R), East Windsor Arts & Culture Commission, regular member for a term expiring April 21, 2023:

MOTION: To APPOINT Albert M. Ziegler (R), East Windsor Arts & Culture Commission, regular member for a term expiring April 21, 2023.

DeSousa moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: First Selectman Bowsza reported he's glad Mr. Ziegler stepped up to join this Commission; he feels Mr. Ziegler has good experience to bring to this position.

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

2. David Swaim (D), Zoning Board of Appeals, alternate member for a term expiring November 21, 2023:

MOTION: To APPOINT David Swaim (D), Zoning Board of Appeals, alternate member for a term expiring November 21, 2023:

Muska moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE: In Favor: DeSousa/Baker/Muska/Nordell
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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. Endorsement of the Route 5 Study Final Report:

First Selectman Bowsza noted the November 1st (2021) public comment period has passed regarding input on the Route 5 Corridor Study Final Report. Mr. Pandey had requested if no further comments had been received then he would request that First Selectman Bowsza sign the Resolution for adoption of the Route 5 (East Windsor) Corridor Study Final Report. First Selectman Bowsza asked if the Board had any final comments; if not he would request a motion authorizing the First Selectman to sign the Resolution.

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa noted Selectman Nordell and Selectman Baker had questions during the presentation; she asked if their questions had been addressed to their satisfaction? Selectman Nordell replied affirmatively, noting they had been answered during the meeting. Selectman Baker indicated his questions had been answered as well.

MOTION: To ACCEPT the AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE ROUTE 5 (EAST WINDSOR) CORRIDOR STUDY FINAL REPORT and to AUTHORIZE the First Selectman to sign the document.

**Nordell moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: Nothing further
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(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

(See Attachment A)

E. Homeland Security Grant Program:

First Selectman Bowsza cited he had requested this Resolution to be tabled at the last meeting; it's an agreement between the Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security and the Town of East Windsor that effectively authorizes a portion of what would be allocated to the Town of East Windsor for Homeland Security purposes to be diverted to CRCOG to be part of their regional response team. First Selectman Bowsza noted the areas he had questions about pertained to the discussion of assets and that is speaking to the regional availability of certain assault weapons if there were a need to respond to the regional response team. Chief DeMarco did confirm that this is a pro forma Resolution that hasn't changed so this looks similar to what the Board saw in the past, but it isn't the same; the content is the same, but the drafting of the document is different.

First Selectman Bowsza indicated he was satisfied with the document as presented; he called for comments from the Board. Hearing no further comments, he requested a motion to approve the Resolution as stated and authorize Town Clerk Amy Lam to affix the seal.

MOTION: RESOLVED, that the Town of East Windsor may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jason E. Bowsza, the First Selectman of Town of East Windsor, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents. The undersigned further certifies that Jason Bowsza now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since November 19, 2019.

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DeSousa moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discuss 2022/2023 Budget Letter:

First Selectman Bowsza noted the budget season is coming up. He referenced a draft letter to be submitted to Boards and Commissions and eligible applicants, noting this letter is issued on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance. After Board revisions First Selectman Bowsza will refer this draft budget letter to the Board of Finance for review; he estimates the departments will have about a month to submit budget requests. First Selectman Bowsza noted he's left the budgetary consideration open for discussion. He cited collection rates over the past five years have been very strong, the Fund Balance is very healthy, we typically return money to the General Fund.

Selectman Nordell questioned if the Board went with the 2% last year; First Selectman Bowsza replied affirmatively. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa suggested with the healthy fund balance she would go with the 2%, as long as we advise the public of the favorable financial situation. Selectman Baker concurred with staying close to the 2% because costs are going up on everything. Selectman Muska agreed with Selectman Baker.

Hearing no requests for additional edits First Selectman Bowsza indicated he'll make the changes discussed and refer the draft letter to the Board of Finance.

B. Discuss Board and Commission Liaison Assignments 2021-2023:

First Selectman Bowsza noted with the recent election he has put together a list of liaison positions to the various Boards and Commissions. Discussion followed; the Selectmen chose the following liaison positions for the term 2021 to 2023:

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa:

- Police Commission – 2nd Thursday
- East Windsor Housing Authority – 3rd Wednesday
- Water Pollution Control Authority – last Wednesday of the month
- Capital Improvement Planning Committee – As needed
- Historic Preservation Commission – To be determined

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Selectman Baker:

- Broad Brook Fire Department Commission – First Monday after the First Thursday
- Pension and Retirement Board – 3rd Tuesday of the 1st month of each quarter
- Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency – 1st Wednesday
- Planning and Zoning Commission – 2nd and 4th Tuesday
- Agricultural Commission – 4th Thursday
- Conservation Commission – 4th Thursday
- Diversity Council – 4th Monday
- Elderly Commission – As needed

Selectman Muska:

- Veterans Commission – 2nd Thursday
- Economic Development Commission – 2nd Tuesday
- Board of Education – 2nd Wednesday
- Arts & Culture Commission/Committee – To be determined
- Park and Recreation -2nd Monday every other month
- Board of Assessment Appeals – As needed

Selectman Nordell:

- Warehouse Point Fire District Commission – 1st Monday
- BMX Commission – to be determined
- Board of Education – 4th Wednesday
- Zoning Board of Appeals – 1st Monday
- Building Commission – As needed
- Connecticut Water Company Advisory Council – last Wednesday
- Board of Finance – 3rd Wednesday

No one was assigned as liaison to the American Heritage River Commission as this Commission meets the same evening as the Board of Selectmen.

First Selectman noted the time was now 7:28 p.m. He called for a motion to RECESS the Board of Selectmen's Meeting and open the Town Meeting.

MOTION: To RECESS the Board of Selectmen's Meeting until after the Town Meeting.

Nordell moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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(No one opposed/No Abstentions)**

First Selectman Bowsza RECONVENED the Board of Selectmen's November 4th Regular Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

9. NEW BUSINESS (continued):

C. Tax Refunds

First Selectman Bowsza called for a motion to approve the Tax Refunds.

MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$894.66

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

D: Appointment of Deputy First Selectman:

First Selectman Bowsza indicated that due to the recent election the Board must appoint a Deputy First Selectman. He called for nominations.

Selectman Nordell **NOMINATED** Sarah Muska for Deputy First Selectman, Selectman Muska seconded the nomination.

First Selectman Bowsza asked if there were any other nominations?

Selectman Baker **NOMINATED** Marie DeSousa for Deputy First Selectman, Selectman DeSousa seconded the nomination.

Noting the tie, First Selectman Bowsza voted for Marie DeSousa. He announced Selectman DeSousa is the Deputy First Selectman for this term.

E: Authorization to sign revised agreement with the BETA Group regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Study

First Selectman Bowsza noted minor revisions have been made to the contract with the BETA Group, which is the firm who will perform the Park and

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Recreation Master Plan study. He requested a motion authorizing the First Selectman to sign the revised contract after review by the Town Attorney.

MOTION: To **AUTHORIZE** the First Selectman to sign the revised contract with the BETA Group regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Study pending review by the Town Attorney.

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

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

F: Authorization to sign Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with the Hartford Foundation Greater Together Committee:

Present in the in-person audience to assist with questions was Betsy LeBoriosis, Chairman of the Hartford Foundation Greater Together Advisory Committee.

First Selectman Bowsza reported that the Greater Together Advisory group is about to award the grants for this program sponsored by the Hartford Foundation. If an applicant isn't a 501-C-3 they need a Fiscal sponsor. First Selectman Bowsza reported the Board of Selectmen have been approached by four applicants requesting Fiscal sponsorship. He noted the deadline for awarding the grants is November 6, 2021; the applicants requesting Fiscal sponsorship are:

- Belevedere Polish Deli – grant would be used for a marketing campaign to expand the business
- The East Windsor Diversity Council – grant would be used to hold a series of discussions on inherent bias
- The East Windsor Arts and Culture Commission/Committee – the grant would be used for art presentations and cultural programs
- The East Windsor Housing Authority – the grant would be used to sponsor a nutrition education series

First Selectman Bowsza opened discussion regarding the applicant's request. Greater Together Advisory Committee Chairman LeBoriosis had assisted by explaining the purposes of each of the grant submissions.

Selectman Nordell noted neither the Diversity Council nor the Arts and Culture Commission/Committee have been allocated a budget through the Town so he can understand their request. He is confused by the inclusion of the Belevedere Deli;

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he questioned how they fit the criteria for the grant program. First Selectman Bowsza clarified that the awarding of the grants isn't the Boad of Selectmen's decision to make. Selectman Muska agreed; she didn't want to hinder anyone from getting money if they need it; she's ok with including the Belevedere Deli.

First Selectman Bowsza asked if anyone was ready to make a motion?

MOTION: To AUTHORIZE the First Selectman to sign the Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement for the Town of East Windsor for the Belevedere Polish Deli, the East Windsor Diversity Council, The East Windsor Arts and Culture Commission/Committee, and the East Windsor Housing Authority.

Muska moved/DeSousa seconded/DISCUSSION: Selectman Nordell questioned if the Town should be a Fiscal Sponsor for The Belevedere Deli as it's a business. First Selectman Bowsza suggested the Board vote on that applicant separately.

Selectman Muska agreed to AMEND her motion; Deputy First Selectman DeSousa agreed to second the amendment.

AMENDED MOTION: To AUTHORIZE the First Selectman to sign the Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement for the Diversity Council, the Arts and Culture Commission/Committee, and the East Windsor Housing Authority.

Muska moved/DeSousa seconded/DISCUSSION: Nothing further
VOTE: In Favor: DeSousa/Baker/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

MOTION: To AUTHORIZE the First Selectman to sign the Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement for the Town of East Windsor and the Belevedere Polish Deli.

Muska moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: Deputy First Selectman DeSousa questioned if the Selectmen is making the award? First Selectman Bowsza cited the awardees will be decided by the Hartford Foundation Greater Together Advisory Committee. Selectman Baker agreed with Selectman Muska, he didn't want anyone to miss out on an award if it would help them. Selectman

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Nordell reported he isn't opposed to the Bevedere getting an award that might help them stay in business but he questioned if the Town should be a Fiscal Agent for a business. First Selectman Bowsza briefly reviewed criteria for the program.

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

First Selectman Bowsza reported he'll sign the Fiscal Agreements if the groups specified are awarded funding.

10. SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/:

A. Jason Bowsza:

(See Attachment B)

B. Marie DeSousa:

Deputy First Selectman DeSousa indicated she had no liaison meetings during the past two weeks, but she wanted to thank everyone who came out to vote on the recent election, and to thank everyone who assisted with the election.

C. Sarah Muska:

(See Attachment C)

D. Charlie Nordell:

Selectman Nordell noted he only had one meeting in the past two weeks, that was the Diversity Council. They're working on drafting a letter to be sent out to all Boards pertaining to the farm worker housing, and steer them in the right direction on this. Until it's drafted I won't know what it contains.

And the Witness Stone Project has been investigated more, what other towns have done and how they were funded.

The Diversity Council also applied to the East Windsor Greater Together Grant in search of funding to hold forums to bring in guest speakers to discuss diversity, and inclusion.

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And, like Marie, Selectman Nordell wanted like to thank everyone who came out and voted this year. I thought it was a good turnout, being a municipal election. I thank everyone for their support.

E. Alan Baker:

Selectman Baker reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had a light meeting this past week but they approved an application for a new dental facility on North and Wells Road. He indicated they also reviewed topics to consider for regulation changes that might not be working out as well as intended; they also plan to revisit the Warehouse Point Village Study and the Route 5 Corridor Study.

The Inland Wetlands Commission met and approved a permit for revisions to a building in the Industrial Park, and also approved a permit for Town Engineer Norton to work on the replacement of the culvert under Highland Avenue which

he hopes to complete over the Winter. The public should be prepared for road closures to complete that work.

Selectman Baker reported he missed the Agricultural Commission and the Conservation Commission due to work commitments.

Selectman Baker extended congratulations to Peg on her retirement, and congratulations to Charlie, Sarah, and Marie on their election.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

First Selectman Bowsza noted this second opportunity for members of the in-person audience to speak.

Denise Menard, 77 Miller Road: Mrs. Menard reported the Town is lucky to have First Selectman Bowsza's leadership again for the next two years, and for serving the community.

Betsy LeBorions, 16 Church Street: Mrs. LeBorions didn't think she's seen two left handed people writing before; she found that unusual. Selectman Baker indicated he's left-handed as well.

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Mrs. LeBoriosis wanted to thank everyone for their support for the Greater Together Grant Program. The proposal span a lot of community involvement; thank you. The Committee is in the process of completing all the applications.

Tom Bulkeley, Kings Court: Keep in mind, three lefts are all right.

In regards to the endorsement of the Route 5 Study, he questioned if anyone had been on Route 5 in the area of the Dunkin Donut and the gas station recently? He questioned why the State would make that a right turn into Thompson? He noted they painted arrows on the road today; if you're going through you have to move over into the left lane because you're not supposed to drive through a right-turn lane. Selectman Nordell suggested he had noticed they added the arrow to the road but hadn't filled it in. Mr. Bulkeley noted they did the same thing down in Warehouse Point. First Selectman Bowsza suggested perhaps DOT had not yet received a copy of the CRCOG Study. First Selectman Bowsza reported the next step is for the study to go to the CRCOG Policy Committee, of which he is a member; he'll bring that issue up.

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

MOTION: To GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:03 p.m. Attending the Executive Session will be First Selectman Bowsza, Deputy First Selectman DeSousa, Selectman Baker, Selectman Muska, and Selectman Nordell.

Muska moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: None
VOTE:In Favor: Baker/DeSousa/Muska/Nordell
(No one opposed/No Abstentions)

LET THE RECORD SHOW the Recording Secretary exited the in-person meeting at 8:03 p.m.

First Selectman Bowsza noted it's 8:34 p.m.; the Board has returned from Executive Session. He called for any additional business to be discussed; no one had any comments.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Nordell moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

Respectfully submitted

Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen

ATTACHMENTS:

A – AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE ROUTE 5 (EAST WINDSOR) CORRIDOR STUDY FINAL REPORT

B - Selectman's Report – First Selectman Bowsza

C - Selectman's Report – Selectman Muska

D - Selectman's Report - Selectman Nordell

(Deputy First Selectman DeSousa's comments and Selectman Baker's Report is included in the Meeting transcription).

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First Selectman's Report – November 4, 2021

I want to start off with a word of congratulations for Peg Hoffman, who announced her retirement at the end of the year. Peg has been a constant presence in Town government for many years, working in our Parks and Rec Department and more recently in the Planning Department. She has a wealth of institutional knowledge that has often proven invaluable. Please join me in wishing Peg the very best in her next chapter. We will still get to see her from time to time, as she has agreed to continue doing minutes for the various boards she supports. Congratulations Peg!

Secondly, I want to extend my most heartfelt congratulations to those candidates for public office who were elected yesterday. Your service to our community is appreciated. And to those who ran but were not successful, thank you for putting your name forward. We hope you will do so again. Everyone has something to offer to make our community an even better place.

On November 1, town staff and I met with representatives from Raytheon and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The Town once again requested that Raytheon remediate the Broad Brook Mill property to industrial standards for much of the property, with a portion of the property being remediated to residential standards. The Town continues to believe that this site is better suited to residential, rather than commercial, development in the long term. This request by the Town is further than Raytheon has repeatedly indicated it would be willing to go (so far, Raytheon has only been willing to remediate to industrial standards) but pursuing this path of remediation would make the property more viable and would allow for the existing buildings on the property to be saved. SHPO proposed preserving the old powerhouse (not the mill building), and establishing a historic district, which would make additional tax credits available to property owners in the area but would not save the mill building. This is all still somewhat fluid, but we plan to continue pressing Raytheon, DEEP and SHPO to preserve the mills that remain on the property and remediate the site to standards that would make it viable for reuse.

Over the last two weeks, we've finalized a new energy contract for both Town and Board of Education facilities that will fix our energy costs at 8.4¢/kwh. This is substantially below the 10.5¢/kwh expected on the open market through Eversource. It's a good price that will provide the opportunity for reasonable budgeting over the next few years and will still allow us to investigate energy efficiency alternatives as the opportunities become available.

The ERASE Grant was a great way for the Town to show support for East Windsor-based small businesses and nonprofits, and other towns and business advocacy groups have taken notice. Just this week, I was interviewed by the Connecticut Business and Industry Association about the program and presented our work to municipal leaders and representatives from the nonprofit Connecticut Main

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Street Center. Later this month, I'll be presenting at the CCM Annual Conference. East Windsor was one of the first towns to commit to this type of program, and we've already completed it. That's the type of business-friendly support that I hope will attract new small businesses to town.

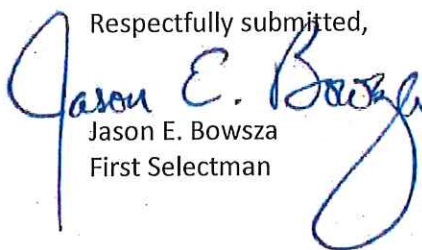
We are still asking for about thirty more \$20-25 gift cards to local grocery stores to support those in need through our Thanksgiving program. If you'd like to donate, please contact Social Services on or before November 15th.

The annual Veteran's Day Road Race is coming up on November 6th. Proceeds from the race go to scholarships, flags, and veterans in need. Pre-registration is now open, registration forms can be found on the Town's website. Same-day registration will begin at 8:30am, a Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held at 9am, and the race will kick off at 10am. Cash prizes will be awarded to the overall winner and by age brackets.

Thanksgiving is around the corner, and if you are alone for the holiday this year, you are invited to join the German Club for a traditional thanksgiving dinner to be held on Thanksgiving Day from 1pm to 4pm at the club. The Broad Brook Fire Department has donated a bus and a driver for residents in East Windsor in need of transportation to the German Club. Any monetary or non-perishable food donation is appreciated.

We are also gearing up for our Holiday Sponsor-a-Child Program through Social Services. If you know of a child that is in need and would like to be sponsored, please reach out to East Windsor Community Services as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason E. Bowsza
First Selectman

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Regular Meeting –November 4, 2021
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Selectmen's Report - November 4, 2021

On October 27, 2021, the Board of Education held a fairly short regular meeting. Superintendent Dr. Patrick Tudryn gave an update on a recent phone call with other Superintendents and the Commissioner of Education. The biggest obstacle school districts have been facing is the amount of students having to quarantine at a time and some families are choosing not to send their child back to in-person learning if receiving a negative test earlier than the allotted time frame, but rather keeping them out for the ten-fourteen day period. Student Representative Hernandez, talked about all of the fun happenings and activities students are participating in at all three schools, including Unity Day, Student Council Elections, Harry Potter Club, Decoration Club and more. It's great to see students so engaged!

Since we are an Alliance District, East Windsor Schools has an opportunity to nominate a Math Teacher to participate in a leadership program at UCONN. Seventh Grade Math Teacher Sarah Chmiel's nomination has been put forth for the NOISE CT Math Leaders Program. East Windsor High School has been awarded a \$5,000 FASFA Grant. The High School is also implementing the program, The Voice For Change, which accepts collaboration and input from students on how COVID-19 funds should be spent within our school system, which I believe is in conjunction with the State legislature.

On November 1, 2021 I attended the Warehouse Point Board of Fire Commissioners meeting. There were sixty three fire calls in the month of October and ten fire inspections conducted within the month. Fire Marshal Rich Austin and Administrative Assistant Jill Caron have been looking into delinquencies of those who have not paid for fire inspections to date and there was some discussion of possibly moving forward with a vote on the implementation of a late fee charge in these situations going forward.

There are some exciting events happening in East Windsor this weekend ... the Warehouse Point Auxiliary Pasta Dinner is tomorrow night at Station One and tickets are \$10.00 for dinner, which will be served from 5:00PM-7:30PM. The East Windsor Veterans Day Road Race is on Saturday and on Saturday and Sunday, the scouts will be going around picking

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up the filled food bags from your steps for their annual food drive, so don't forget to put your bag out for collection!

Submitted With Sincerity,

Sarah A. Muska, Selectman

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
FOR ADOPTION OF THE
ROUTE 5 (EAST WINDSOR) CORRIDOR STUDY
FINAL REPORT**

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments undertook an effort to develop a recommendation and implementation plan to create a multimodal transportation system that supports continued social and economic growth in the Route 5 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the study process included a variety of opportunities for public and stakeholder involvement and inputs to guide the project; and

WHEREAS, the study investigated potential impacts on the Title VI and Limited English Proficiency populations; and

WHEREAS, regional and local stakeholders were engaged throughout the study process; and

WHEREAS, the public had sufficient opportunity to offer input on study findings in accordance with CRCOG's Public Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the study team determined several locations along Route 5 for potential improvements based on public inputs and existing conditions as well as future scenario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the East Windsor Board of Selectmen does hereby endorse the Final Report for the Route 5 Corridor Study – dated November 4, 2021.

CERTIFICATE

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the East Windsor Board of Selectmen at its meeting held on November 4, 2021.

BY: Jason E. Bourge
First Selectman

DATE: 11/4/21

BY: Amy B. James
Town Clerk

DATE: November 5, 2021