

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

REGULAR MEETING

July 21, 2022

7:00 p.m.

***THIS MEETING
IS BEING HELD IN-PERSON***

***In the John Daly, Jr. Meeting Room
Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT 06016***

AND

REMOTELY via ZOOM Teleconference

Meeting ID: 332 683 3563

Passcode: townhall

MEETING MINUTES

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Board of Selectmen

Jason E. Bowsza, First Selectman

Marie DeSousa, Deputy First Selectman

Alan Baker, Selectman

Sarah Muska, Selectman

Charles Nordell, Selectman

ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Bowsza hosted the meeting. Selectman Baker, Selectman Muska, and Selectman Nordell were present in person; Deputy First Selectman DeSousa was not able to attend this meeting.

ABSENT: As noted previously, Deputy First Selectman DeSousa was unable to join the Board this evening.

GUESTS/SPEAKERS in-person: Director of Planning and Development:
Ruthanne Calabrese; Paul Anderson, **Chairman, Scout Hall Building Committee.**

GUESTS/SPEAKERS signing in to meeting remotely: Noreen Farmer; Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary.

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1. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:

First Selectman Bowsza called the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the East Windsor Board of Selectmen to Order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is being held in-person in the John Daly, Jr. Meeting Room, Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

3. ATTENDANCE:

First Selectman Bowsza, Selectman Baker, Selectman Muska, and Selectman Nordell were present in-person. Deputy First Selectman DeSousa was not able to attend this meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A. July 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes:

First Selectman Bowsza noted the Minutes of the Board's Regular Meeting held on July 7th, 2022 available for approval. He asked if the members of the Board had any revisions or corrections or comments. No one requested any changes. First Selectman Bowsza requested a motion for approval.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2022 as presented.

Muska moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

B. July 13, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes:

First Selectman Bowsza noted the Minutes for the Board's Special Meeting held on July 13, 2022 are also available. He asked if the Board

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had any comments regarding these Minutes. No one requested any changes; First Selectman Bowsza called for a motion of approval.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Special Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2022 as presented.

Muska moved/Baker seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

First Selectman Bowsza noted the first opportunity for anyone in the in-person audience to offer comments or questions.

Paul Anderson, 89 Main Street, Broad Brook: Mr. Anderson indicated he had comments about the June 2nd meeting when the Blight Ordinance was first put on the table. He noted the Board spent one and a half hours discussing this ordinance and 4 out of 5 of the Selectmen had issues, some of which were substantial. 75% of the properties in Town could be in violation was a statement that was made; that's a substantial amount.

Mr. Anderson noted the ordinance has been sent to the Town Attorney for review and comment, he saw that as an opportunity for the Board to reconsider the ordinance. Here we are tonight with a more complex version.

Mr. Anderson indicated his opinion is this Blight Ordinance is a total waste of time. The chances of getting this through are close to zero. Mr. Anderson indicated he appreciates some of the issues in town but he doesn't like the idea of putting pressure on the majority of the taxpayers because of a few situations. Mr. Anderson noted approval of the ordinance will eventually go to Town Meeting.

First Selectman Bowsza offered the opportunity for other in-person members of the audience to comment; no one requested to speak.

First Selectman Bowsza then offered the opportunity for public comments to the remote participants; no one requested to be acknowledged.

6. COMMUNICATIONS: None

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7. **BOARD AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:**

First Selectman Bowsza noted there are no resignations to acknowledge this evening, however there are several reappointments. He called for motions regarding reappointment of the individuals listed below.

A. **Resignation:** None

B. **Reappointments:**

1. **David Swaim (D), Capital Improvement Planning Committee, regular member for a term expiring July 31, 2023:**

MOTION: To REAPPOINT David Swaim (D), to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee as a regular member for a term expiring July 31, 2023, AND, to REAPPOINT Robert Leach (R), to the Capital Improvement Committee as a regular member for a term expiring July 31, 2023.

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

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

2. **Robert Leach (R), Capital Improvement Planning Committee, regular member for a term expiring July 31, 2023:**

See motion above.

3. **Albert Grant (U), Agricultural Commission, regular member for a term expiring August 1, 2025:**

MOTION: To REAPPOINT Albert Grant (U), to the Agricultural Commission as a regular member for a term expiring August 1, 2025.

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

VOTE: In Favor: Baker/Muska/Nordell
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C. New Appointments: None.

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. Review Blight Ordinance Draft:.

First Selectman Bowsza requested Ruthanne Calabrese, Director of Planning and Development, to join the Board and present an update of the proposed revisions.

Planning Director Calabrese reported the majority of the changes that were made resulted from the comments made at the Board's last meeting. The proposed ordinance has been reviewed by Town Attorney McCann.

Planning Director Calabrese began review of the draft revised document. She suggested many of the changes are clarifying in nature, and many of the changes are in Section 2 regarding definitions and procedures. Planning Director Calabrese provided the Board an outline of the revisions in her Staff memo, she summarized the following revisions;

Section 2-1:

- Defines the Property Management Officer as an elector of the Town.
- Adds motor vehicle to the definitions of inoperable and junked items.
- Removed the term Property Management Assessment Board.

Section 2-2 (Definition Standards):

- c. added the language "including retaining wall" to the definition of "exterior walls".
- d. regarding foundation cracks/holes language added "that pose a threat to public health and safety".
- g. "insect screens which contain tears and ragged edges" removed in totality.

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- j (which now becomes i) now reads: “vegetation of any type which in ~~the opinion of the Property Maintenance Officer~~ is injurious to public health or safety.”
- o (which now becomes n) now reads: “The outdoor storage of wanted and/or useful materials or equipment for a period of more than sixty days in any front yard or which is not being maintained in an orderly manner, ~~and is creating a blighting factor for adjacent properties.~~”
- 3. “Any other exterior condition reflecting a level of maintenance which is not in keeping with community standards or which ~~constitutes a blighting factor for adjacent property owners or occupants, or which~~ is an element contributing to the progressive deterioration of the neighborhood ~~and that is negatively impacting adjacent property values.~~”
- 4. “~~It is~~ A condition attracting illegal activity as documented in Police Department records.”
- 5. “~~It is~~ A condition which is a fire hazard as determined by the Fire Marshal or as documented in Fire Department records.”
- 6. Any condition or combination thereof which is creating a substantial and unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of other premises within the surrounding area as documented by multiple discrete neighborhood complaints, Police reports, the cancellation of insurance on proximate properties or similar circumstances ~~and which any condition that is negatively impacting property values.~~”
- 7. “A condition which is negatively impacting neighborhood property values.”

Section 3-1 (Procedures):

Planning Director Calabrese referenced significant revisions to this section, which sets the standards for the Property Maintenance Officer’s implementation and enforcement of this Blight Ordinance. Enforcement can include remediation of the property by the Town at the expense of the property owner.

First Selectman Bowsza thanked Planning Director Calabrese for her work on this ordinance, noting the document is very comprehensive. He opened discussion to the Board.

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Selectman Muska thanked Planning Director Calabrese for her work on this ordinance as well. She agreed that in some circumstances there is blatant disregard for the condition of a property but she has concerns for the average person who is trying to work on conditions at their property, and maybe someone is against them and will use this ordinance to cause them problems. Selectman Muska suggested some of the community standards are subjective. She cited the reference under Community Standards to the judgement of “a condition which is negatively impacting the neighborhood property values” as a judgement that’s subject to one person’s interpretation.

Also under Community Standards, Section 2-2h, Selectman Muska noted the reference to “vehicles, machinery, and/or watercraft improperly stored on the premises”, she questioned if that applied to unregistered vehicles or watercraft? Planning Director Calabrese suggested the property owner could have one piece of machinery or watercraft or a camper.

Selectman Muska cited earlier discussion regarding the Town’s ability to pass the costs of clean up on to the property owner. Selectman Muska didn’t think the Town should expect reimbursement of cleaning costs.

Selectman Nordell agreed with Selectman Muska’s comments, he felt the Community Standards should be less subjective, and the decision regarding the condition of the property shouldn’t be left up to one person.

Selectman Nordell also questioned the reference to machinery and watercraft. He suggested the items should be defined as inoperational.

Regarding Section 2.2(c) related to “exterior walls defaced by graffiti...which are not properly surface-coated to prevent deterioration.” – Selectman Nordell suggested he didn’t feel that condition should be up to the Board. First Selectman Bowsza suggested that language had been included specifically to address the graffiti at Exit 45 off of I-91.

Selectman Baker referenced Section 2-2(i) Community Standards regarding “vegetation of any type which is injurious to public health or safety.” – he questioned why concern for that condition should be the responsibility of the Board? While he agreed that perhaps high grass might be a concern during drought conditions he reiterated his comment from the previous meeting regarding the “No Mow May” movement.

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Selectman Baker suggested it's important to have a Blight Ordinance, he noted an earlier attempt in 2011 didn't pass.

Selectman Nordell agreed that a Blight Ordinance is necessary as he's aware of someone who can't sell their home due to the condition of the neighbor's property.

First Selectman Bowsza felt sub-sections (h) and (i) could be removed.

First Selectman Bowsza suggested Planning Director Calabrese wordsmith the document again and bring another draft back to the Commission. Planning Director Calabrese thanked the Board for their time and suggestions.

First Selectman Bowsza noted the time is approaching to open the Town Meeting. He requested a motion to RECESS the Selectman's Meeting.

MOTION: To RECESS the Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting at 7:29 p.m. for the Town Meeting.

Baker moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

First Selectman Bowsza called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen back to order at 8:13 p.m. He indicated the Board would return to the posted Agenda, **Item 9A – Discussion of Added Appropriation Requests.**

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discuss Added Appropriation Requests – EWHS Roof Engineering, DPW Loader, Open Space, Gas Pump:

First Selectman Bowsza offered the Board and the public a PowerPoint presentation of various projects for which added appropriations have been requested. Please refer to presentation for funding availability, which is estimated to be 21.96% or approximately \$900,000.

First Selectman Bowsza then reviewed the following projects which could be funded via this surplus:

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1. Architectural and engineering work to replace the roof on the High School at an estimated cost of \$200,000. First Selectman Bowsza noted 60% of these costs are reimbursable from the State.
2. Department of Public Works (DPW) loader replacement at an estimated cost of \$300,000. The current loader is 23 years old, replacement parts are costly and difficult to find.
3. Gas Pump replacement at an estimated cost of \$260,000. The existing pump is over 30 years old and is too small for current needs.
4. Open Space funding in the amount of \$150,000.

First Selectman Bowsza cited this is a great opportunity to fund all of these projects. He opened discussion to the Board.

Selectman Baker agreed, this is a great opportunity to fund these projects. He noted the replacement of the High School roof has been needed for some time.

Selectman Muska concurred, noting she's heard many discussions from residents regarding acquiring more Open Space, and many people are concerned with replacing the High School roof.

Selectman Nordell questioned if the replacement of the High School roof would be done during the school year? First Selectman Bowsza cited discussions with Dr. Tudryn regarding the project; because of the scope of the project it would have to be done while school is not in session. First Selectman Bowsza suggested he felt the work would be completed during the Summer of 2024.

Hearing no further comments from the Board First Selectman Bowsza requested a motion to recommend these added appropriations to the Board of Finance, and send these recommendations to Town Meeting.

MOTION: To APPROVE the 4 projects requests for:

1. **Architectural and engineering work to replace the roof at the East Windsor High School at a cost of \$200,000**

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2. Replace the DPW loader at a cost of \$300,000
3. Replace the Gas Pump at a cost of \$260,000
4. Open Space Funding in the amount of \$150,000
and send the project requests to the Board of Finance
and Town Meeting.

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

B. Discussion of Farm Leases:

First Selectman Bowsza requested a motion to table this Agenda item until
after the EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION: To TABLE Item 9B – Discussion of Farm Leases - until
after the EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

C. Tax Refunds:

MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$836.89

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

10. SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

A. Jason Bowsza:

(See Attachment B)

B. Marie DeSousa:

No report as Deputy First Selectman DeSousa did not attend this
meeting.

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C. Alan Baker:

Selectman Baker reported the Planning and Zoning Commission approved some small subdivisions and an addition for USA Hauling at their meeting this week, and an application for a tattoo parlor at Bassdale's Plaza. They need to get some larger projects coming through to increase economic development; they haven't had a big project in awhile.

Selectman Baker also noted the Inland and Watercourse Agency approved a couple of small applications as well, nothing complex.

Selectman Baker noted the Broad Brook Fire Department Commissioners held their Meeting on Monday night. They had 54 fire calls in June; the Fire Marshal wasn't able to attend so he has no report to pass on to the Board. The Broad Brook Fire Department are under budget for the year. And the chair brought up if the Scout Hall applications are approved The Broad Brook Fire Department needs to begin planning how to best utilize that space, because, as First Selectman Bowsza said earlier, they are pretty jammed in over there.

Selectman Baker reported that this week he attended the Pension Committee Meeting. The pension is down 16% this year, that's \$6.7 million dollars for the year so far, but on the other side of that, we've looked at, since inception, with the current folks that are taking care of that for us, which happens to be 10 years, when they started with our money we had \$14.4 million to invest during that 10 year period and we have \$15 million of contributions and \$13 million in withdrawals, which means people are using their pensions so that's a good number right there. And, in the end, as of June 30, we have \$32 million overall in there, which is a total earnings of \$17 million over the 10 years, so, taking the long-term view, it's not as bad as it looks today.

D. Sarah Muska:

(See Attachment C)

E. Charlie Nordell:

On Monday, the 11th, Selectman Nordell reported he attended the Warehouse Point Fire District Meeting. Not much to report there, just

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standard things, budget is all set and just starting the new year, and the normal volume of calls. The biggest thing of contention was how the PFAS foam was going to be removed from the fire trucks last Friday by Environmental Services in South Windsor.

Selectman Nordell reported he attended the Board of Finance Meeting on the 13th, CIP transfers were approved for the following items: Police cruisers, DPW vehicles, DPW roads, DPW drainage, DPW chip sealing, the IT GIS system, Assessor Revaluations, DPW fuel tank replacement, and DPW sidewalks.

Selectman Nordell indicated, as we talked about earlier tonight, the Scout Hall Community Center Financial approval was forwarded to a Town Meeting, which we had tonight. A 3-year cost agreement was adopted and approved between the Town of East Windsor and the Board of Education specifically to address the cost of mowing the lawn, string trimming, and lining the fields at the schools, and inspections of the school playgrounds.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

First Selectman Bowsza noted this is the second opportunity for anyone in the in-person audience to offer comments or raise questions.

Paul Anderson, 89 Main Street, Broad Brook: Mr. Anderson wanted to address farm leases, which he was disappointed to see being postponed. However, Mr. Anderson suggested to the previous administration farm leases were associated with money as opposed to purpose. He would encourage the Board to give first priority to those farmers that have put in the hard work and effort of turning our land into farmland. They need high consideration.

First Selectman Bowsza noted he hadn't spoken to the Board in Executive Session but their intention was to do that. It will be discussed in probably 20 minutes.

Mr. Anderson suggested they go for it.

First Selectman Bowsza offered the remote participants an opportunity to comment as well.

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Noreen Farmer, 247 South Water Street: Mrs. Farmer wanted to thank you all, as a collaborative Board, for the work you've been doing to finally start moving us forward in positive directions. Mrs. Farmer suggested the Board doesn't get thanks enough, Mrs. Farmer wanted the Board to know you're appreciated. First Selectman Bowsza thanked Mrs. Farmer for her kind comments.

Hearing no further requests for public input First Selectman Bowsza called for a motion to go into **EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Pursuant to C.G.S. 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 possible:

MOTION: To GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to C.G.S. 1-200 (6)(b), strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation, (6)(e) discussion of any matter that would result in the disclosure of public records, or the information contained therein described in subsection (b) of section 1/20 at 8:47 p.m. Attending the Executive Session will be First Selectman Bowsza, Selectman Baker, Selectman Muska, and Selectman Nordell.

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

The Selectmen moved to First Selectman Bowsza's Office to deliberate.

The Selectmen returned from their **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 9:13 p.m.

First Selectman Bowsza indicated the Board would return to Agenda item **9B. Discussion of Farm Leases.**

First Selectman Bowsza noted that through no fault of Mr. Reichle's the Department of Agricultural (DOA) rescinded a grant that was going to be used by Mr. Reichle for the restoration of overgrown farmland on Melrose Road. While there were initial assurances from the DOA that that funding would be available the hoops that Mr. Reichle would have to go through were copious. The question

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before the Board is do we amend the current lease agreement between the Town and Reichle Farms, LLC, keeping the same terms but removing the parcels included in that farmland restoration grant? It would also reduce the rental payment, the per acre price stays the same but the document before the Board reflects the diminished acreage.

First Selectman Bowsza felt this is a good thing to do, it's fair. He noted his disappointment with the Department of Agriculture for reducing restoration of a piece of farm property and putting it back into active production. He called for a motion from the Board regarding the Town's current lease with Reichle Farms, LLC.

MOTION: To ACCEPT the amended lease between the Town of East Windsor and Reichle Farms, LLC, and AUTHORIZE the First Selectman to sign it.

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

MOTION: That the Town of East Windsor REFUND to Reichle Farms, LLC \$2,880.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Muska moved/Baker seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted, -----
Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen

ATTACHMENTS:

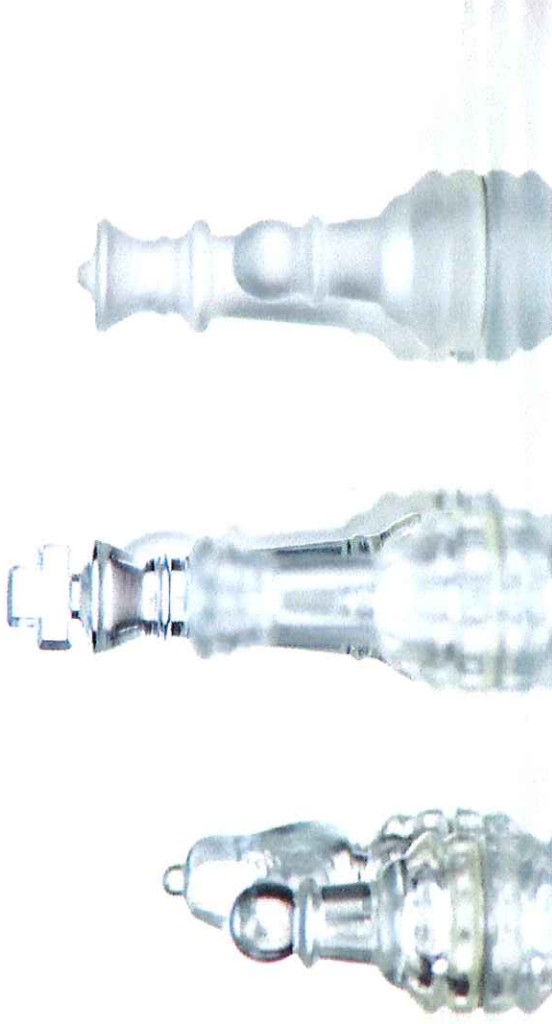
- A. First Selectman's PowerPoint presentation re: Additional Appropriations
- B. First Selectman Bowsza's Report

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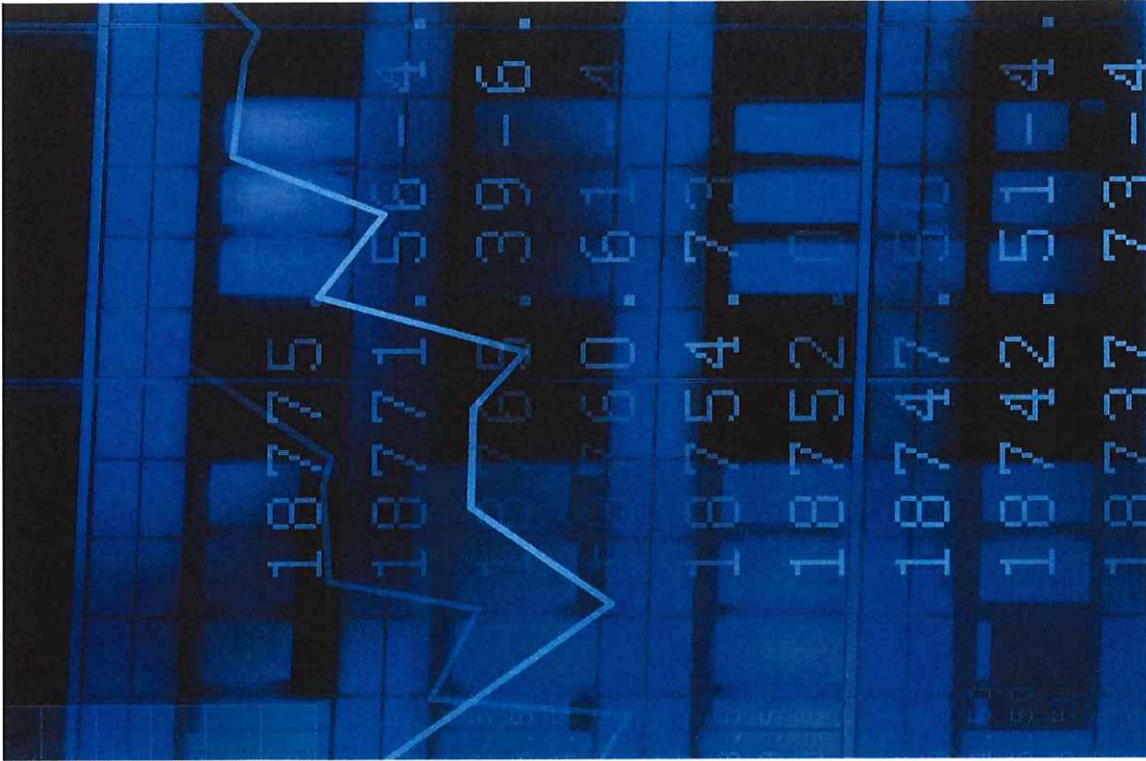
C. Selectman Muska's Report

Selectman Baker's Report and Selectman Nordell's Report transcribed in the Meeting Minutes.



Added Appropriation Needs and Requests

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Fund Balance Status – After FY21 Year End

- Estimated Town General Fund Revenue Surplus:
\$675,000
- Estimated Town General Fund Expenditure Surplus:
\$200,000
- Estimated Fund Balance Funding Percentage: 21.96%



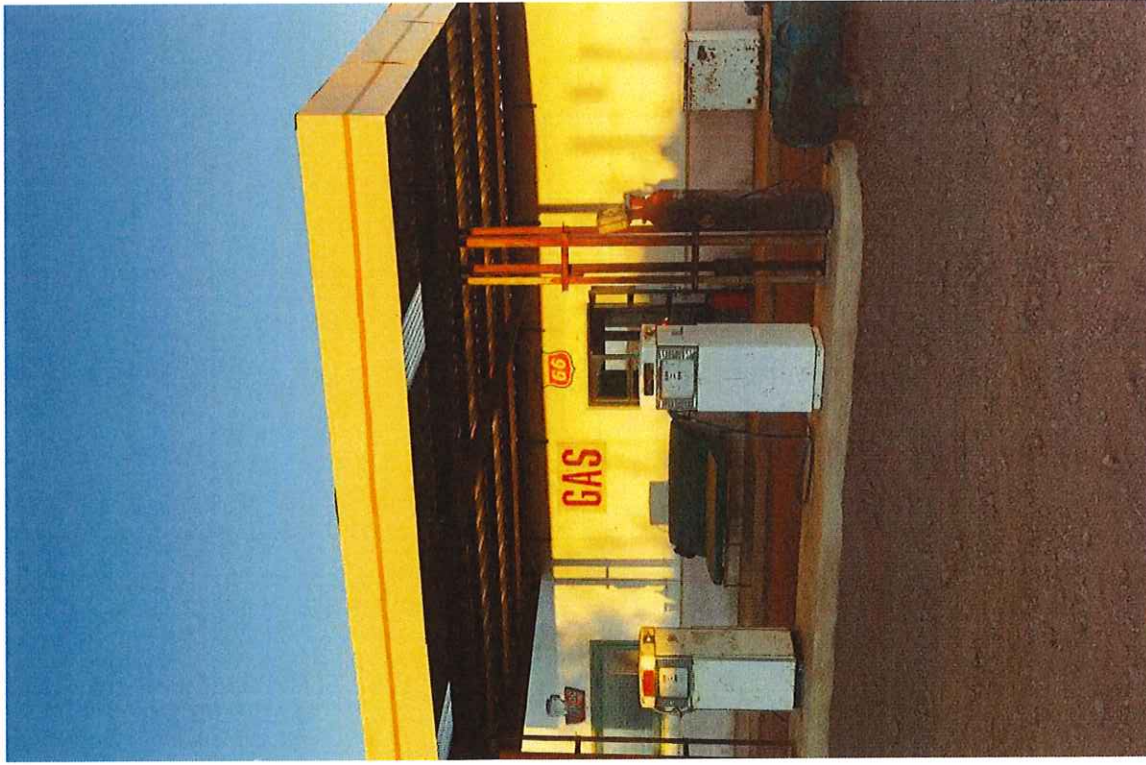
#1 – EWS Roof Replacement Engineering: \$200,000

- This project has been the top priority of CIP for several years
- The existing roof is aging
- Engineering is the first step in the process, making the project “turnkey”
- The building is a Town asset
- The BOE is left to throw good money after bad to patch the existing roof
- Project is approximately 60% reimbursable



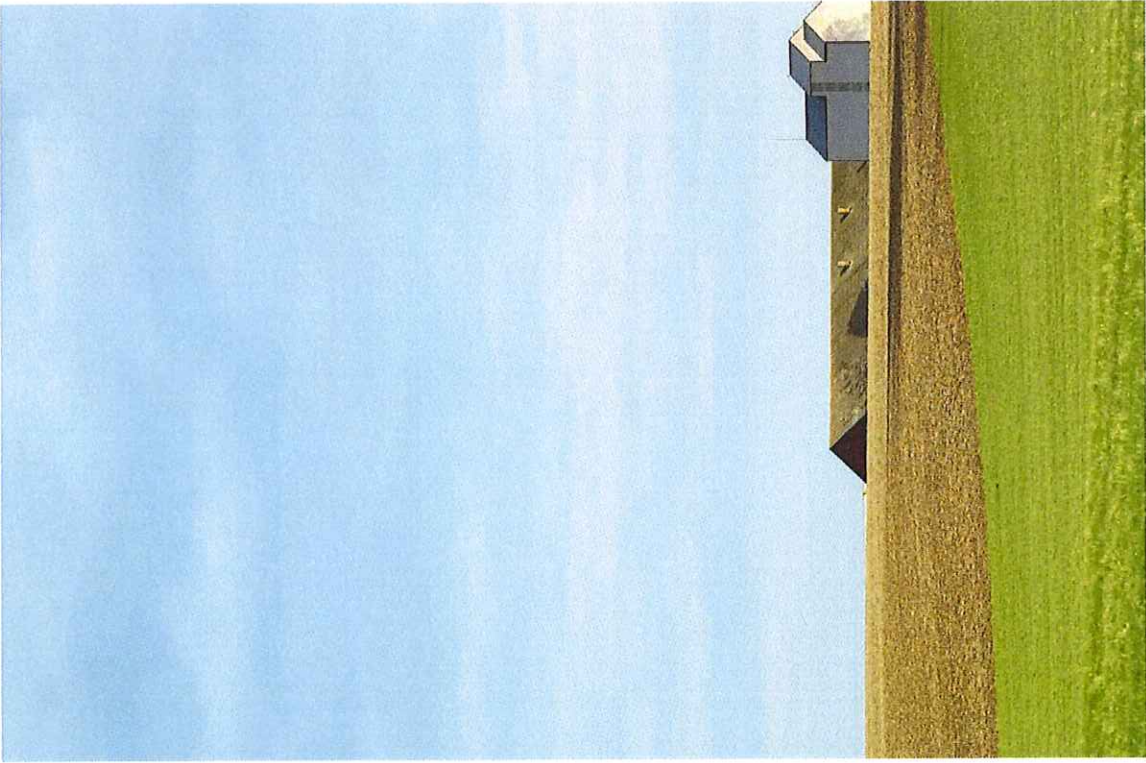
#2 – Loader Replacement: \$300,000

- Existing Loader is 23 years old, and no longer reliable
- It is the primary means of loading plow trucks with sand, and of moving debris
- Repair costs are likely to continue, and escalate
- Replacement vehicles are only getting more expensive
- Loader failure would result in significant added time during snow events, especially if it broke mid-storm



#3 – Gas Pump Replacement: \$260,000

- Existing pump is more than 30 years old
- Software to run it is obsolete – DOS-based
- Used to fuel all Town vehicles (police, public works, fire service, senior center, Town vehicles, WPCA)
- Existing pump precludes adequate fuel storage, causing issues with supply, especially as trucking prices are high
- Will be an emergency repair when the existing pump breaks
- The antiquated pump currently in use could cause a remediation order from DEEP



#4 – Open Space Funding: \$150,000

- Funds would be used to help preserve the Town's rural character
- Allows the Town to partner financially with state, federal and private partners
- Lack of available funds could cause the Town to miss opportunities

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- dec

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Project Requests

- #1 – EWHS Roof Replacement Engineering: \$200,000
- #2 – Loader Replacement: \$300,000
- #3 – Gas Pump Replacement: \$260,000
- #4 – Open Space Funding: \$150,000

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**Any
Questions?**

First Selectman's Report – July 21, 2022

The Town is hard at work developing a grant application through the state's Community Investment Fund in support of our Community Center project. The grant criteria seek shovel-ready projects that would be transformative to the community. Our project clearly fits that goal. If awarded, any funds received by the Town would offset the expense to local taxpayers that would need to be bonded in the referendum on November 8th.

We are also working on the scope of work for the light installation project at the Abbe Road Soccer Field. This has been a long-sought project to really bring that soccer facility to the next level, and it would not have happened without the support and advocacy of our legislative delegation. Thank you to Senator Anwar, Representative Hall and Representative Foster for your work securing those funds.

July is property tax collection month, and I want people to be aware that there have been issues associated with the U.S. Postal Service, both in terms of bills being sent to taxpayers and payments received by the Town. We are aware of the issue and have worked with the post office to correct the problem. If you have not yet received a tax bill, please call the Tax Collector's Office at 860-623-8904.

Both political parties have a primary election on August 9th. Polls will be open at the usual places from 6am to 8pm. Party-endorsed candidates for U.S. Senate, Probate Judge, Secretary of the State, and State Treasurer will be selected in that race.

The Board of Selectmen have now reviewed for a second time a proposed blight ordinance. Once approved by them, that ordinance will be submitted to Town Meeting for the Town's review and approval.


On July 8th, I joined volunteers at the Trolley Museum to welcome Governor Lamont to town to announce the Connecticut Summer at the Museum program, which provides free admission to children at more than 130 museums around the state, through September 5th. We were delighted to see the Trolley Museum selected as the showpiece for the announcement, and the governor even enjoyed driving one of the Trolleys!

On July 19th, I was very happy to join the East Windsor Parks and Recreation Summer Camp program to read to some of our local campers. We read two books about what it means to be part of a community, and the campers and I discussed ways that they already help their friends and family. (Spoiler – a lot of them do the dishes!) This was the highlight of the week for me.

Coming up on August 2nd is this year's National Night Out. The event will be held in the evening at East Windsor Park and will feature our summer concert for that week as well as social and community service agencies networking with members of the community. This is always a fun event.

Finally, I want to share a really inspiring story. A local gentleman is involved with some humanitarian assistance work in Ukraine, and prior to his most recent trip over to that war-torn part of the world, he reached out to the East Windsor Ambulance Association, who provided emergency trauma medical supplies to be brought over there. These supplies will go directly where they are most needed to provide emergency medical services to those in the war zone. Thank you to the East Windsor Ambulance for their generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jason E. Bowsza". The signature is stylized, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Jason E. Bowsza
First Selectman

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On July 12, 2022 I attended the Arts and Culture Committee meeting. Discussion amongst members occurred in regards to the first Artist's Showcase which was held on June 30, 2022. The feedback given was all positive and there was a great turnout. I attended the second showcase last Thursday and it was very successful with lots of great conversation and am looking forward to the final one of the season on National Night Out, August 2, 2022. The Committee has already received inquiries from artists about having a space next year and it is the Arts and Culture Committee's intention to participate next Summer.

Chairman Debbie Williams had a meeting scheduled with the East Windsor High School Principal and Vice Principal on July 18, 2022. The topics that the Committee would like to help facilitate at the school include: painting parking spaces, a graduation project and fabric decorations to be hung from the fence. I will follow up and update on how that meeting went.

The Committee is applying for a grant from the Supporting Arts Grant Program, through the Connecticut Office of the Arts, which is part of the Department of Economic and Community Development. The Committee discussed possible projects they'd like to focus on in the future and decided to work on an Arts and Culture Festival next year that would include art, music and food.

The Committee will be having a photography contest in the near future and plan to vote on criteria at their next meeting.

On July 18, 2022 the Parks and Recreation Commission met. July is Parks and Recreation month. In honor of this, there is a different activity or theme happening each day at East Windsor Park. There is a photo contest and families are encouraged to submit a photo enjoying one of our Town parks, facilities or events. The top three photos will be used as promotional materials for next year's Parks and Recreation month ads and they will win a gift card. Please submit photos to dwilliams@eastwindsorct.com by July 31. If posting photos online, use the #RiseUpJuly.

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Park Director Melissa Maltese has been approached by families interested in dedicating a tree or a bench in memory of a loved one. The Commission does not currently have a policy in place for memorial benches and trees, so members have been asked to review a draft presented to them by Mrs. Maltese for more thorough discussion and a possible vote to establish one at their next meeting.

It was brought to Chairman Szymanski by a resident of some possible improvements needed at Prospect Hill Park, including overgrown trees, issues with the pavement and no signage to find the park. Mrs. Maltese agreed to contact DPW to look at the trees and to reach a contractor to come out to the site to look at the need for resurfacing and painting.

Mrs. Maltese reported that they are in the fourth week of Summer Camp at East Windsor Park and that there are approximately fifty attendees. \$2,415 has been brought in so far from swimming lessons and with two more sessions to go, they are on projection to hit the budgeted \$4,800.

There are enrichment programs being offered in the next two weeks. One pertains to movie making and the other is a babysitting safety class.

\$7,643 for gate fees have been collected so far this season prior to last weekend and there have been around 2,600 patrons at East Windsor Park.

Submitted With Sincerity,

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