

# **TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, June 6, 2019**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

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

#### **Board of Selectmen:**

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

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

**ABSENT:**             All Selectmen were present this evening.

**SPEAKERS/GUESTS:**     **Public:** Paul Anderson, Marie DeSousa; Bob Leach, Dick Pippin, Kathy Pippin, Dick Sherman, Tom Talamini.

**Press:**                No one from the Press was present.

#### **TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETING:**

First Selectman Maynard called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:05 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Everyone present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL:**

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**MOTION:** To APPROVE the Agenda as presented.

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

**ATTENDANCE:** See page 1.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2019:**

**MOTION:** To APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting dated May 16, 2019 as presented.

Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/Special Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2019:**

**MOTION:** To APPROVE the Special Meeting Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting dated May 22, 2019 as presented.

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None

**VOTE:** In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski  
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

First Selectman Maynard reported he received an invitation from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for June 17th regarding the “Greater Together Community Funds”. He noted the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving is creating an endowment fund for 29 municipalities in the Greater Hartford Region which provides \$100,000 in funding for each community - \$50,000 up front with an additional \$50,000 available to “support the community in taking ownership around the needs in their towns, encourage broad and inclusive civic engagement and anchor the Hartford Foundation in each town.” First Selectman Maynard noted that to receive the funding each municipality must form an advisory committee of residents that are inclusive and representative of all residents in East Windsor and the advisory committee must identify the greatest needs in their communities and design a process to ensure that the community funds can have the greatest impact for the benefit of town residents. “Greater Together Community Funds” are not available for activities currently funded through municipal budgets. “Greater Together Community Funds” are meant to give residents a voice in a positive way for change in the community in which they exist.

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First Selectman Maynard reported he and resident Sharon Tripp, who works for the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, will be attending this event; the Town will be setting up the advisory committee soon.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**Paul Anderson, 89 Main Street:** Mr. Anderson questioned the status of 20 Woolam Road; he thought it was being sold. First Selectman Maynard reported the property is being purchased, however during the transfer process it was found that the current deed is incorrect and must be revised. First Selectman Maynard suggested the Town is trying to get the purchaser into the property so he can renovate it. Mr. Anderson questioned if the Town is paying the attorney who made the error; First Selectman Maynard replied negatively.

**Tom Talamini, 23 Rice Road:** Mr. Talamini reported that on June 2<sup>nd</sup> the American Heritage River Commission members participated in the Connecticut Trails Day hike; 32 people and 5 dogs participated. Mr. Talamini suggested it was a great day for a hike. They also had 2 people from the Connecticut Trails and Parks Association joining them; they were taking photos for their brochure. Mr. Talamini reported the people from the Connecticut Trails and Parks Association was very impressed with our trails, and the way we take care of them.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/A.**

**Resignations:** None.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/B**

**Reappointments:** None.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/C. New Appointments:**

1. Donna Grant (D), Agricultural Commission, regular member for a term expiring June 6, 2021:

**MOTION: To APPOINT Donna Grant (D) to the Agricultural Commission as a regular member for a term expiring June 6, 2021.**

**Bowsza moved/Hoffman seconded/**

**DISCUSSION:** Selectman Bowsza questioned the term assigned Mrs. Grant, as he thought the member terms had been intended to line up to expire at a predictable time; he questioned the expiration of the terms of the other Commission members. First Selectman Maynard suggested voting on Mrs. Grant's appointment; his office will research the term lengths for the other members.

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

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski  
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

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2. Debbie Williams (D), American Heritage River Commission, alternate member for a term expiring November 1, 2022:

**MOTION: To APPOINT Debbie Williams (D), American Heritage River Commission, alternate member for a term expiring November 1, 2022.**

**Bowsza moved/Maynard seconded/DISCUSSION: None.**

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski/Bowsza  
(No one opposed/No abstentions.**

3. Russell Williams (U), American Heritage River Commission, alternate member for a term expiring November 1, 2022:

**MOTION: To APPOINT Russell Williams (U), American Heritage River Commission, alternate member for a term expiring November 1, 2022.**

**Bowsza moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.**

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski/Bowsza  
(No one opposed/No abstentions.**

4. Donna Grant (D), Conservation Commission, regular member for a term expiring May 1, 2020:

**MOTION: To APPOINT Donna Grant (D), Conservation Commission, regular member for a term expiring May 1, 2020:**

**Bowsza moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.**

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski/Bowsza  
(No one opposed/No abstentions.**

5. Zackary Capitao (R), Ethics Commission, regular member for a term expiring January 24, 2020:

**MOTION: To APPOINT Zackary Capitao (R), Ethics Commission, regular member for a term expiring January 24, 2020:**

**Bowsza moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None.**

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski/Bowsza  
(No one opposed/No abstentions.**

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6. Susie Taylor (D), Parks and Recreation Commission, regular member for a term expiring October 1, 2019:

**MOTION: To APPOINT Susie Taylor (D), Parks and Recreation Commission, regular member for a term expiring October 1, 2019.**

**Bowsza moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.**

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski/Bowsza  
(No one opposed/No abstentions.**

Selectman Hoffman requested an opportunity to update the Board on the status of the Broad Brook Mill. Ms. DeSousa, speaking from the audience, noted the item wasn't on the agenda. First Selectman concurred, but noted the item could be added by a vote of the Board.

**MOTION: To unstar UNFINISHED BUSINESS/A. Broad Brook Mill Discussion.**

**Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: None.**

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski/Bowsza  
(No one opposed/No abstentions.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/A. Broad Brook Mill Discussion:**

Selectman Hoffman reported the members of the Broad Brook Mill Committee had a meeting last night. He reported the Committee's tenure expires in July; Selectman Hoffman indicated the Committee would like to extend their time working on this issue.

Selectman Hoffman reported the Committee would like to appear before the BOS at a subsequent meeting to give a more complete presentation but he offered this brief update tonight. Selectman Hoffman reported the people at Collins Aerospace have created a Steering Committee, which includes Christine Sherman, an attorney, and Martin D'Eramo, and Bill Penn; they plan to add a person from the commercial real estate firm they have hired. Selectman Hoffman indicated that Mr. D'Eramo continues to say working level meetings are just around the corner; he noted they have missed similar dates for April and May. Selectman Hoffman is concerned about that; they are not making progress but he considered no progress in this case is good because Mr. D'Eramo also assured Selectman Hoffman that there is no work going forward to plan or execute remediation of the site. Mr. D'Eramo continues to be upbeat on what's happening, although Selectman Hoffman is disappointed on Collins' progress; they aren't moving fast at all. He noted as a big corporation, they have other problems, like their involvement in the 737 Max and the Air Force also lost an F-35 due to a Pratt & Whitney engine problem. They have other things to think about besides a small town in a small, contaminated brownfield. Selectman Hoffman indicated the Steering Committee is putting together an agreement/plan which they've given to Gail Baker, President of the Windsor Locks site, for review.

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Selectman Hoffman suggested the Broad Brook Mill Committee wanted to caution the Board if that comes to the Board we have to give it due consideration, which includes keeping the Committee deeply involved in this. The Committee has been standing fast on two things: 1) the consolidation pile must be removed, and 2) they want the old building restored.

Selectman Hoffman suggested that in a general sense, Collins has agreed to do both of those things. The agreement may attach some considerations that we have to give them; that's going to happen sometime soon; the Board should be aware of that. Selectman Hoffman indicated the Broad Brook Mill Committee was prepared to make a presentation at the BOS's next meeting but Jessica Bottomley, the Chairman, will be out of town so their presentation would occur at the Board's first meeting in July. It's getting to the point where things will happen; Collins is also preparing a plan for demolition of the powerhouse and old garages; the Committee wants those buildings removed. That's a status report to date.

Selectman Hoffman suggested the most important thing is the Committee has to be extended, and more important when this agreement/plan comes in the Board must be diligent how they look at it so bad things don't happen.

First Selectman Maynard indicated they should definitely extend the existence of the Broad Brook Mill Committee.

**\*UNFINISHED BUSINESS/B. Discussion of Charter Revision:**

\* Starred items will not be discussed but will remain on the agenda pending receipt of additional information. (See also discussion during the Board of Selectmen's Special Meeting of June 6, 2019 which was held at 4:30 P.M.)

**\*UNFINISHED BUSINESS/C. Casino:**

\* Starred items will not be discussed but will remain on the agenda pending receipt of additional information.

**\* UNFINISHED BUSINESS/D. Discussion of Hartford Foundation's Greater Together Community Funds:**

See earlier discussion under **CORRESPONDENCE**.

**\*UNFINISHED BUSINESS/E. Discussion of Beautification Committee Charge:**

\* Starred items will not be discussed but will remain on the agenda pending receipt of additional information.

**NEW BUSINESS/A. Discussion of Senior Services Kitchen Renovations:**

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First Selectman Maynard reported the Town is proposing to renovate the Senior Services Kitchen, which is located in the Senior Center at the Broad Brook Fire Department. First Selectman Maynard noted DPW (The Department of Public Works) has put together a cost estimate for the full renovation; the estimated cost is \$50,000.00 plus a \$5,000.00 contingency. First Selectman Maynard indicated he's bringing this project proposal to the Board this evening; the Board can act on the proposal tonight or move action forward to another meeting.

First Selectman Maynard reported funding for this project would come from the CNR Fund. Treasurer O'Toole has proposed using existing unexpended fund balances from various completed/closed projects. Those fund balances would be transferred to the CNR Unallocated fund for the Selectmen. The CNR Selectmen Unallocated Fund currently carries a balance of approximately \$41,000; the Board is considering transferring \$42,117.01 in unexpended closed project balances to that same fund this evening. The CNR Selectmen Unallocated Fund would then have a total balance of approximately \$86,060.00 which would be available to fund the Senior Services Senior Center Kitchen renovation.

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn reported that Jim Richards sent notices to businesses in town looking for help with this. He understands that the people that supply lunch for the Seniors (CRT) over-spent their budget so they can't deliver food to the Seniors for 17 Mondays starting in June. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn suggested this needs to be taken care of; it's ridiculous that the Seniors won't be able to get lunch for that time.

First Selectman Maynard reported the Fire Marshall also needs to fix the fire suppression system, and the kitchen needs new appliances as well, and there are other things that need to be done to bring it up to code.

Selectman Szymanski requested clarification regarding the food services group that provides the Seniors lunches. First Selectman Maynard reported CRT is a non-profit group that collects funding through donations to buy food for the Seniors; they're cutting back on services due to diminished funding. First Selectman Maynard reported the CRT food service includes the lunches for the Seniors who go there daily; he wasn't sure if this issue includes the Meals on Wheels Program. Seniors pay what they can towards the lunch program. Selectman Szymanski questioned that the renovation of the Senior kitchen would help with the CRT Program? First Selectman Maynard felt if the kitchen renovation weren't done they probably could find another place for the CRT program to work from; maybe Subway sandwiches and pizzas could be brought in for other days. Selectman Szymanski questioned if perhaps another food vendor should be considered, or should a food prep person be hired? First Selectman Maynard reported the Town already has a food prep person working at the Senior Center to serve and/or cook meals.

Selectman Bowsza questioned if there were any other CNR projects pending that would utilize CNR money? First Selectman Maynard felt Joe Sauerhoefer, of DPW, had put this project

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together for us, they don't have a higher priority, and they couldn't do it without funding it this way.

**MOTION: Move to APPROVE the utilization of CNR Funds for renovation of the Senior Center kitchen in an amount not to exceed \$56,000.00.**

**Bowsza moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION:** Selectman Bowsza questioned if the Board was about to spend money in the negative; do we need to transfer money into the CNR before we approve this item? First Selectman Maynard concurred.

Selectman Bowsza RESCINDED his motion.

**MOTION: To TRANSFER funds from the following closed projects:**  
**Selectmen: \$376.82 from CNR Equipment**  
**\$2,050.00 from CNR Potable Water**  
**Tax Collector: \$365.00 from CNR Capital**  
**Human Services: \$1.52 from CNR Security**  
**Public Works: \$56.70 from CNR HVAC**  
**\$19.00 from CNR E/A Study**  
**Parks and Recreation: \$26.00 from CNR Equipment.**  
**Board of Education: \$7,495.96 from CNR Renovation.**  
**\$31,726.01 from CNR HVAC MS Boiler**  
**and transfer the remaining balances to unallocated funds in the CNR in the amount of \$42,117.01.**

**Maynard moved/Bowsza seconded/DISCUSSION:** None.

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski/Bowsza**  
**(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

**MOTION: Move to TRANSFER from the Selectman Unallocated to the Town Properties CNR Renovations for renovations for the East Windsor Senior Center kitchen project in the amount of \$52,980.32.**

**Bowsza moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION:** None.

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski/Bowsza**  
**(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

**MOTION: Move to TRANSFER from Human Services CNR Vehicles to Town Properties CNR Vehicles in the amount of \$51,556.60.**

**Bowsza moved/(no second)**



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First Selectman Maynard noted these are just within the CNR to put them in the proper categories because Human Services CNR vehicles really should be in the Town properties CNR vehicles.

Selectman Bowsza questioned if the Board should be making these transfers or was this a Board of Finance function?

First Selectman Maynard suggested the first one should be done by the Board because the Selectmen control the CNR funds, it's a Selectman line item; the transfers must involve CNR projects. The transfer documentation received by the BOS listed several CNR transfers; discussion followed regarding approval of all transfers submitted or just the transfers associated with the kitchen renovation. Selectman Bowsza suggested the Board would be approving the transfer, and, based on the value of the transfer, then sending the project to Town Meeting. Discussion continued regarding the process.

**MOTION: To TRANSFER Town Wide vehicles from Human Services to town Properties for \$51,556.60.**

**Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION:** None.

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski/Bowsza**  
**(No one opposed/No abstentions.**

**MOTION: To TRANSFER Town Wide Renovations from Public Works CNR Renovations to Town Properties for \$1,479.45.**

**Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION:** None.

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski/Bowsza**  
**(No one opposed/No abstentions**

**MOTION: To TRANSFER from Park & Rec CNR Grounds to Public Works CNR Vehicle and Equipment for \$2,885.97.**

**Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION:** None.

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski/Bowsza**  
**(No one opposed/No abstentions**

**NEW BUSINESS/B. Discussion of Board of Finance Additional Appropriation of \$260,000 for the Board of Education:**

First Selectman Maynard advised the Board that in your packet is the motion made by the BOF approving this additional appropriation, which they've asked the BOS to move to Town Meeting. This \$260,000 is to fund the BOE 2018 – 19 deficit due to the special education unbudgeted costs and the cafeteria fund deficit for fiscal year 2017 – 18 and fiscal 18 – 19. Selectman Szymanski questioned the amount of the cafeteria deficit; First Selectman Maynard indicated the

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information wasn't available but he thought it was approximately \$60,000 for each fiscal year. Ms. DeSousa offered an amount from the audience, but wasn't sure either. Selectman Bowsza questioned that the BOS's function was to send this additional appropriation to Town Meeting; First Selectman Maynard concurred, suggesting that the Town Meeting be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>, which is the same night as the BOS's next meeting.

**MOTION: Move to SEND the BOF's recommendation to authorize an additional appropriation in the amount, not to exceed, \$260,000 to fund the Board of Education FY 18-19 deficit due to special education unbudgeted costs and cafeteria fund deficits for FY 17-18 and FY 18-19 to Town Meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Bowsza moved/Maynard seconded/**

**DISCUSSION:** Deputy First Selectman Dearborn reported he won't vote for this because he feels under the law they need to make their budget work; he won't send this additional appropriation to Town Meeting. First Selectman Maynard agreed, by State law they must stay within their budget, and this would be breaking the law, and auditors have said there would be ramifications if they did that. Selectman Bowsza suggested the ramifications would affect us; First Selectman Maynard agreed it would affect the Town. Selectman Bowsza suggested it would affect the audit; First Selectman Maynard felt it would affect the Town's ability to borrow money. Selectman Bowsza suggested – bottom line we're sitting here on June 6<sup>th</sup>, there's a deficit, we have to have a balanced budget, it's not like we can go back to them and tell them to find it because it's expended; there's nothing left for them to find for these expenses; there's only 24 days left in the fiscal year. First Selectman Maynard felt this deficit does show a problem with the BOE but the Town and the BOF need to work with them to make sure this doesn't happen. First Selectman Maynard indicated he didn't know how the cafeteria fund fits into the scheme of things but the auditors have brought that up in the past; he felt the Board couldn't just approve this and let it go. First Selectman Maynard felt the Board should approve this recommendation and then do our due diligence so this doesn't happen again. First Selectman Maynard suggested having the BOE in to explain the situation. Selectman Bowsza felt that it's particularly important to get to the BOE, or whoever is the responsible agent, to get a handle on the cafeteria fund because that's been at least four years in deficit, and, if there isn't something wrong then it appears that there is so there needs to be a clear and transparent explanation as to why they are continually in deficit. First Selectman Maynard suggested maybe it's a process that needs to be changed; Selectman Bowsza suggested it needs to be corrected.

Regarding the special education deficit, First Selectman Maynard reported that Cathy Simonelli (Chairman of the BOE) has said in a Facebook posting that 41% of all students in our school system have special needs; she spoke of other towns that have anywhere from 3 to 15% special needs students; Kathy Bilodeau (BOE member) has said some of the special needs are behavioral needs. First Selectman Maynard feels the Town needs to get more information and drill down on that, he felt the BOE is doing a good job educating children with special needs, he gave an example of a student with behavioral problems that they had to transport to another special facility at a tremendous cost. Also, if kids get expelled you need to educate those kids.

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Selectman Hoffman indicated he had been talking to the Superintendent about the special needs students and for an out-of-district student the average cost is \$62,000/year, while an in-district student cost is \$26,000/year. Selectman Hoffman understood the reimbursement rate to be approximately 70 - 85% of the student cost so we're taking in students from out of town knowing there will be a substantial cost of about \$9,000/year beyond the reimbursement cost. Selectman Hoffman questioned why bring in students that we know will cost us money? Selectman Szymanski addressed Selectman Bowsza's comment that we need to appropriate this money at the eleventh hours and there isn't much we can do about it but he recalled discussion at earlier meetings in January or February that this problem has been going on for several months; the number was \$60,000 or \$70,000 then. Selectman Szymanski indicated he'd like an opinion from the Town Attorney on breaking the law before this moves forward. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn suggested we're supposed to be taking in 75 kids from out of town per the agreement we had; the Superintendent said we get \$8,000 a student, but it costs \$20,000 per kid so there's a loss of over \$12,000. He's heard they're bringing in even more, that they're talking to other municipalities to get kids to come here to fill the classrooms to give the teachers something to do. He felt they've dug themselves into a hole and constantly do it and are asking for more and more money. The BOE keeps coming back because they know we'll give them the money.

First Selectman Maynard suggested that the Board's role is to set a Town Meeting; if the Board doesn't schedule the Town Meeting someone will come in with 20 signatures. Selectman Szymanski reiterated he wants to get an opinion from the Town Attorney about breaking the law; First Selectman Maynard felt they would be breaking the law; Deputy First Selectman Dearborn indicated he wasn't going to break the law. Selectman Bowsza suggested we have an obligation to have our budget balanced by the end of the year; he understands the frustration about being put in this position, but we're required to have our budget balanced. Selectman Bowsza agreed it's not a new issue, this has been before the BOF since January, but the BOS's function is to set the Town Meeting and if we don't we'll end the year with a deficit. Selectman Bowsza doesn't feel there's any choice.

First Selectman Maynard agreed; someone will be breaking the law. Selectman Szymanski questioned why are we resisting getting an opinion from the Town Attorney? Selectman Szymanski felt the Board was setting a Town Meeting to break the law; he wanted to see what the Town Attorney has to say about that. Selectman Bowsza suggested getting the opinion from the Town Attorney but set the Town Meeting. First Selectman Maynard concurred, noting the Board's here to set the Town Meeting, or if we don't we'll probably get 20 signatures to ask us to set a Town Meeting. Selectman Szymanski felt the Board had time to talk to the Town Attorney tomorrow and still have time to set the Town meeting. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn cited the way the Town Meeting votes go. Selectman Bowsza suggested this isn't a question of giving the school district more money, it's already spent, they will have a deficit, we need to have our books balanced by the end of the year; we have an obligation to do that. Discussion continued regarding dates for special meetings to discuss the opinion of the Town Attorney, and dates for the Town Meeting; Selectman Bowsza suggested swapping the BOS's Public Hearing advertised for June 12<sup>th</sup> with a Special Meeting; First Selectman Maynard agreed.

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

**MOTION:**    **MOVE to have the First Selectman contact the Town Attorney regarding a legal opinion on providing additional funding to the school board when they run out of money and be in a negative balance with their budget for the FY and what are the repercussions when you do that.**

**Szymanski moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION:** Selectman Bowsza questioned if the Board was asking for an opinion for whether or not the Town can end the fiscal year in deficit? First Selectman Maynard indicated the Board wants to know the ramifications if this money isn't given to the BOE. Selectman Bowsza questioned the legal ramifications? First Selectman Maynard concurred. Selectman Szymanski clarified and if we're breaking the law what are the repercussions to doing that, to the Town and the BOS. Selectman Bowsza questioned what's the law we're asking is being broken? First Selectman Maynard responded – any law.

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

**NEW BUSINESS/C. Tax Refunds:**

See motion following Selectmen's Reports.

**SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/A. Steve Dearborn:**

No report this evening.

**SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/B. Selectman Hoffman:**

Selectman Hoffman reported First Selectman Maynard and Town Planner Flores-Marzan met with Jim Burke, the Economic Development Director for Windsor. He suggested the meeting provided good information for Town Planner Flores-Marzan, who has not worked in Connecticut before. Mr. Burke has been very successful bringing in businesses to Windsor. Selectman Hoffman reported he is continuing to drum for an Economic Development professional for East Windsor again. He felt there's something wrong when a budget fails 3 times and we get 2%; the Town can't survive on that on a continuing basis. It's also wrong when we go in with a budget of 4 or 5% because the voters can't survive with that. If you take the 4 or 5% compounded with interest over a 10 year period a person's taxes will go up between 1.5 and 1.75%, if you had \$5,000 in taxes on your house it would go to \$7500 or near \$9,000 so those two numbers aren't right. Selectman Hoffman suggested there's nothing wrong with a bigger number; it's all about revenue stream. It isn't about whether we survive on zero, some years we can, or whether we need 5%, some years you do. It's all about increasing the Grand List by bringing in companies

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to East Windsor; companies don't send kids to school, companies don't require that a student that's costing us over \$22,000 a year to educate them comes out of our taxes. Selectman Hoffman suggested the BOF and the BOS really have to decide how we're going to do it. It isn't a matter of not doing it; it's a matter of when. The more we delay it the more costly it's going to become, the more times we're going to have 3 ties and we're out and 2% increases, which I think are wrong. Just like I think continuing a 4 or 5% increase each year is wrong; there's absolutely no reason why we can't get enough money in here so that taxes are either going to be stable or go down. Selectman Hoffman noted the one thing Jim Burke told us is - it's location, location, location; if Windsor has the best location in north central Connecticut we have the second best.

Selectman Hoffman suggested we don't know how to do that. He'd like to ask Town Planner Flores-Marzan to join the Board for their next meeting and tell us his plan. Selectman Hoffman suggested Town Planner Flores-Marzan has a bent and a desire to do economic development; it will be a learning curve to bring groups into East Windsor. As an example, Sardilli came to us and is building a \$25,000,000 facility and, after the tax abatement period is over, will bring in \$600,000 in taxes each year; that's not an insignificant number. We need more of those residents in town. They're as much a resident of East Windsor as the people who live in Selectman Hoffman's active adult community who, in many cases, can't afford a 4% tax increase annually.

Selectman Hoffman indicated he'd like to get the ball rolling and bring Town Planner Flores-Marzan in to talk about his plan for economic development, and then he'd like to go to the BOF to discuss how to deal with that.

Selectman Szymanski agreed 100%. He suggested when we do decide to do this it's a minimum of a 9 to 12 month window to see a return on that. Selectman Hoffman suggested that the good news is that the person you hire, and maybe it's Town Planner Flores-Marzan, it's a unique position; they can pay their own wages. All they have to do is bring in \$3.5 million in taxable assets and they've paid their salary, plus fringe benefits, if we pay them \$80,000. Selectman Szymanski felt it's a good return on the revenue, but the time factor, the longer we wait... Selectman Hoffman suggested the more discussions we have like this one tonight are wrong; we're better than that. Selectman Hoffman indicated when he worked in the private sector – he noted he and Selectman Bowsza have had many discussions that this is not the private sector – but in the private sector they spent money to make money at Hamilton Standard. They invested millions for a space simulator to test the space suits. It cost a lot of money but the hourly rate on that was such that NASA didn't have a facility so they had to send their astronauts to Windsor Locks for testing; Hamilton Standard amortized the cost of that machine in 8 months. Selectman Hoffman indicated we need to find a way in our town to work together and to bring in businesses.

First Selectman Maynard reported he got an e-mail from a property broker looking for land to build a 200,000 square foot building near a highway, which he passed on to Town Planer Flores-Marzan. He cited we need to get a list of properties. Selectman Hoffman concurred, we need to get the list together, as well as a list of landowners, and work with landowners to combine

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parcels for that business that wants 80 acres of land. Selectman Hoffman noted he isn't sure Town Planner Flores-Marzan has enough time; he sounds like a nimble guy and he's enthusiastic but maybe he needs a helper to do the inventory and associated tasks, and let him go off to meet the potential businesses. Selectman Hoffman recalled that Mr. Burke said people come to them now looking for land in the Corporate Business Park in Windsor, and that can happen here; once the ball gets rolling.

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

Selectman Bowsza requested to return to Agenda Item 10.C – **NEW BUSINESS. Tax Refunds:**

**MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$3,418.07 as identified under Tax Refund Report dated 6/3/2019.**

**Bowsza moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None**

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

Selectman Bowsza noted today is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day landing, which he felt was not insignificant of the role that a very quiet generation played in securing freedom for the world. One of those freedoms is to exercise your right to vote, he wanted to remind people that the third referendum is on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

Selectman Szymanski indicated he had no report this evening.

**SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/E. Robert Maynard:**

First Selectman Maynard noted the vote is on June 11<sup>th</sup>; the budget that everyone has worked very hard on is a 2.93% expenditure.

**SIGNATURES FOR APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTERS:**

The Selectmen reviewed the registers presented and took appropriate action.

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

**MOTION: To GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:10 p.m. Attending the Executive Session were: First Selectman Maynard, Deputy First Selectman Dearborn, Selectman Bowsza, Selectman Hoffman, and Selectman Szymanski. No other parties attended the Executive Session.**

**Szymanski moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None.**

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

LET THE RECORD SHOW the Recording Secretary left the Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen came out of executive session at 8:45 p.m.

**MOTION: To approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of East Windsor and Local 818 of Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Supervisors) July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021.**

Szymanski moved/Maynard seconded/

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

Bowsza moved/Maynard seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None

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

Respectfully submitted

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Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen