

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, October 19, 2023
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
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SCHEDULE OF MOTIONS

Board of Selectmen
Jason E. Bowsza, First Selectman
Marie DeSousa, Deputy Selectman
Alan Baker, Selectman
Sarah Muska, Selectman
Charles Nordell, Selectman

ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Bowsza hosted the in-person meeting. Deputy Selectman DeSousa, Selectman Muska and Selectman Nordell were present at the in-person meeting.

ABSENT: Selectman Baker was not able to attend this meeting as he was out of town.

GUESTS/SPEAKERS in-person: First Selectman Bowsza hosted the meeting.
PUBLIC: Paul Anderson, Patricia Shary.

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

1. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:

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First Selectman Bowsza called the October 19, 2023 Regular Meeting of the East Windsor Board of Selectmen to Order at 7:01 p.m. in the John Daly, Jr. Meeting Room, Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT 06016.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

3. ATTENDANCE:

See Attendance noted at the beginning of the meeting.

First Selectman Bowsza requested the addition of **Item C** under **NEW BUSINESS**, **Annual Fiscal Year 2024 Dial-a-Ride Operating Assistance Grant**.

MOTION: To ADD Item 8C – Annual Fiscal Year 2024 Dial-a-Ride Operating Assistance Grant.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. October 5, 2023 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the Minutes of the October 5, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented.

DeSousa moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: Selectman Muska noted that the October 5th Meeting had been a Special Meeting rather than a Regular Meeting.

Deputy Selectman DeSousa AMENDED her motion, Selectman Muska AMENDED her second.

AMENDED MOTION:

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To ACCEPT the Minutes of the October 5, 2023 Special Meeting as presented.

DeSousa moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

B. October 11, 2023 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting

MOTION: To POSTPONE the Board of Selectmen's Special Meeting of October 11, 2023 until the Board's next meeting.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

7. BOARD AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

A. Resignation: None

B. Reappointments:

1. Rebecca ~~Talamini~~ Davis (U), Inland Wetland Watercourse Agency, regular member for a term expiring November 1, 2027:

MOTION: To REAPPOINT Rebecca Davis (U), to the Inland Wetland and Watercourse Agency as a regular member for a term expiring November 1, 2027.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

2. Russell Williams (U), American Heritage River Commission, regular member for a term expiring November 1, 2027:
3. Deborah Talamini (U), American Heritage River Commission, regular member for a term expiring November 1, 2027:

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4. Abbott Schultz, Jr. (R), American Heritage River Commission, regular member expiring November 1, 2027:
5. Debbie Williams (D), American Heritage River Commission, regular member for a term expiring November 1, 2027:

MOTION: To REAPPOINT Russell Williams (U), Deborah Talamini (U), Abbott Schultz, Jr. (R), and Debbie Williams (D), to the American Heritage River Commission as regular members for terms expiring November 1, 2027.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

6. Leonard Norton (R), Hearing Officer of Towing and Impounding Vehicles for a term expiring December 1, 2024:

MOTION: To REAPPOINT Leonard Norton (R), Hearing Officer of Towing and Impounding Vehicles for a term expiring December 1, 2024.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

7. James Bagdikian (D), Historical Preservation Commission, regular member for a term expiring December 1, 2027:

MOTION: To REAPPOINT James Bagdikian (D), to the Historical Preservation Commission as a regular member for a term expiring December 1, 2027.

Muska moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Muska/Nordell/DeSousa
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C. New Appointments:

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First Selectman Bowsza noted two applicants have applied for membership on the Building Commission, but only one position is available. He suggested the Board choose one of the applicants.

1. **David Swaim (D), Building Commission, regular member for a term expiring August 1, 2026:**
2. **Bob Leach (R), Building Commission, regular member for a term expiring August 1, 2026:**

MOTION: To APPOINT David Swaim (D), to the Building Commission as a regular member for a term expiring August 1, 2026.

DeSousa moved/Nordell seconded/DISCUSSION: Deputy Selectman DeSousa indicated she would be voting for Mr. Swaim as she felt he has a stronger background in budgets and vendors and has 30 years of experience he'll bring to this Commission.

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

First Selectman Bowsza noted that the appointment for the second applicant is no longer under consideration.

3. **Kyle O'Bara (R), Veterans Commission, alternate member for a term expiring January 1, 2024:**

MOTION: To APPOINT Kyle O'Bara (R), to the Veterans Commission as an alternate member for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Muska moved/DeSousa seconded/DISCUSSION: Deputy Selectman DeSousa indicated she looked up the organization Mr. O'Bara mentioned in his application – the Big Red Barn as she was unfamiliar with the organization, and found it to be a National organization to help other Veterans all around the country. She felt Mr. O'Bara will bring new opportunities and fresh ideas to East Windsor as a member of the Veterans Commission. First Selectman Bowsza noted he's a young man with a lot of energy and a lot of ideas and is willing to revitalize the Commission. First

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Selectman Bowsza noted Mr. O’Bara had spoken to him at last year’s Wreath Across America ceremony and had left him many inspirational thoughts.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discuss and Approve Acceptance Certification Section 5310 Grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT):

MOTION: To ACCEPT and APPROVE the Certification Section 5320 Grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) for the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 as presented, and AUTHORIZE the First Selectman to sign the grant documentation.

DeSousa moved/Muska seconded/DISCUSSION: Selectman Muska indicated she’s glad to see this grant opportunity for the Town, she thanked Town Staff for following up on this opportunity. This is a really great opportunity for the Town for \$787.00. First Selectman Bowsza noted Karl Von Eisengrein at the Senior Center. Selectman Nordell questioned that a previous opportunity for funding another Senior bus had occurred, First Selectman Bowsza recalled that another Senior bus had been funded through a Legislative appropriation through the Department of Aging and Disability Services, which was free to the Town. Acquisition of the buses will be staggered. Selectman Nordell questioned that the Town has 2 in service currently, First Selectman Bowsza clarified we currently has 3 in service.

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

B. Tax Refunds:

MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$3,123.82.

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

C. Annual Fiscal Year 2024 Dial-a-Ride Operating Assistance Grant.

MOTION: To AUTHORIZE the First Selectman, Jason Bowsza, to enter into the Fiscal Year 2024 Dial-a-Ride Operating Assistance Grant contract with the vendor.

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

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to C.G.S. 1-200 (6)(b), strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation:

First Selectman Bowsza called for a motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION, noting it would include himself, Deputy Selectman DeSousa, Selectman Muska, and Selectman Nordell; action will likely follow.

MOTION: To GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:30 p.m.

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

LET THE RECORD SHOW the Recording Secretary signed out of the Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

First Selectman Bowsza noted the Board exited the **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 8:47 p.m., with no further business to come before the Board. He called for a motion to **ADJOURN** this meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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

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