### **Town of East Windsor**

# Ad Hoc Committee for Opposition to CT. State Police Training Facility Park Hill Rd.

## **Broad Brook, CT 06016**

**Meeting Minutes** 

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Michael S. Scalzo, Chairman

Dale Nelson

Gary Mazzone

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Michael Scalzo on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Park Hill Community Center.

#### 2. ATTENDANCE

Michael S. Scalzo

Dale A. Nelson

Gary Mazzone

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** made by Gary Mazzone to approve the minutes of September 11, 2015 meeting. Motion seconded by Dale Nelson. In Favor: Nelson, Mazzone, Scalzo. Opposed: None

#### 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reviewed Selectman responses on recommendations presented to them at the October 6, 2015 Board of Selectman meeting. (As attached)

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

A) Discussed the appointment of 2 additional Ad Hoc Committee Members. One application has been submitted and is pending approval. N.E.W. has put a search out for a second volunteer.

B) Develop questions for PZC & IWC regarding enforcement issues at targeted site. This is in process and will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen, once completed and prior to their next scheduled meeting.

C) Develop further recommendations for presentation to Board of Selectman. This is in process and will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen, once completed and prior to their next scheduled meeting.

#### 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several residents raised concerns with reference to the ATV activity on the proposed site. Noise, fire danger and possible weapons.

Mr. Turner asked if the CT State Police or the DEEP could be of assistance in this matter.

We have learned that the property owner has granted written permission for some to ride, and there is no permit for after-hours recreation.

We responded that a plan needs to be developed on the ATV activity and how it is related to the CSPFR.

Mr. Turner and Ms. Rogers asked if there was any known environmental issues on the site and if anyone monitored, or took measurements. First Selectman Menard, acting in an advisory capacity advised that the site is certified every year by J.R. Russo & Assoc. civil engineers.

We responded that we need to develop recommendations for an environmental study.

A citizen commented that she knew nothing about the meeting, until she read an article in the newspaper that referenced the Ad-Hoc meeting. This led to further discussion of poor communications from the town. First Selectman Menard advised that all information is available on the town website, and that a Facebook page was being established to increase communications with residents more effectively.

Since not everyone looks at the town website for information, and are still unaware, it was recommended that a written letter from the First Selectman be sent to residents explaining that the CSPFR is "still" an issue in our town.

Jim Richards stated that East Windsor needs to get the attention of the Commissioners involved.

He suggested a rally or other event to remind the community that CT. State Police Firing range is still a real concern, and wasn't voted "away". It was agreed that more publicity is needed, and a recommendation will be made for an event in early Spring.

Bob Turner asked how much noise the nearby residents will have to endure if the CSPFR is sited here. He was told that the noise issue and decibel levels will be addressed by the E.I.E and by the State. The Ad Hoc Committee will further address it in their next set of recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

A Citizen raised issue with regards to the close proximity of the site and schools. N.E. W.'s most recent brochure with a detailed map was passed out to all present. This will be a continued emphasis in conjunction with the ongoing opposition.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Dale Nelson, seconded by Gary Mazzone. Opposed: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa G. Scalzo

**Recording Secretary**