

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2005**

I. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

Ms. Roberts called the meeting to order on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Windsor Town Hall.

II. ATTENDANCE

Linda Roberts, First Selectman
Al Regina, Selectman
Kenneth Crouch, Deputy First Selectman
Thomas Sinsigallo, Selectman
Michael Balf, Selectman

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION To add the following agenda item, Section X. New Business, Item F. Renewal of Pawn License.

Made by Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mr. Regina

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED

IV. PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Regular meeting minutes of June 7, 2005

MOTION: To accept the regular meeting minutes of June 7, 2005, as submitted

Made by Mr. Regina, seconded by Mr. Balf

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

VI. COMMUNICATIONS - Distributed and discussed

- A. Housing Authority Picnic invitation
- B. WHP Annual Firemen's Carnival invitation
- C. Connecticut Labor Force Date February, March, April and May 2005
- D. Connecticut River Watershed Council/Membership renewal
- E. Executed Ambulance Contract

VII. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

L. Roberts, First Selectman

- The Baron Institute of Technology opened today, there were some issues with traffic and solutions are being discussed.
- The Board received an invitation to march in Warehouse Point Fire Department's Parade
- The Board also received an invitation for the Wesley Methodist Church's picnic on 8/27/05
- Abandoned Motor Vehicle Committee will meet on August 17, the ZEO will be present
- Scott Haney of Channel 3 news has showcased East Windsor on an upcoming segment of Every Town has a Story, which will be aired Friday starting at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday starting at 7 a.m.
- The Secretary of State awards will be an upcoming event

K. Crouch, Deputy First Selectman

- VETERANS COMMITTEE – The Committee will be at the Senior Center on Thursday offering the Beacon of Light, a project which has already sold a couple hundred lights
- BUILDING COMMITTEE – The Police Department Renovation project is moving along, there are two contractors in place for A/C and electrical. The A/C is now operating

A. Regina, Selectman – No report

T. Sinsigallo, Selectman

- He asked for better communication with the Board and that the Board should be aware of employee terminations, suspensions and/or resignations

M. Balf, Selectman – No report

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATION

A. Vacancies:

American Heritage River Commission:

Six reg. R, D or U vacancies; three vacancies to be filled; one term expiring 11/1/2006 and two terms expiring 11/1/2007; four regular 4-yr. terms available.

Four Alt. vacancies, 4-yr. terms

Cable Television:

One reg. R, vacancy, 2-yr. term

Conservation Commission:

One alt. R & U, vacancy, 4-yr. terms

Economic Development Commission:

Four Reg. R, D or U, vacancies to be filled, two terms expiring 11/1/2005 and two terms expiring 10/1/2007

Municipal Building Code Board of Appeals:

Five Regular Members

Natural Resource Preservation Committee:

Two Reg. R or D, vacancies to be filled, 18 month term to expire 07/31/2006

Property Maintenance Code Bd. Of Appeals:
One Reg. R or U, vacancy, 4-yr. term

B. Resignation:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MOTION: To accept, with regret, the resignation of John Kehoe from the Economic Development Commission.

Made by Mr. Sinsigallo, seconded by Mr. Crouch

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: To accept, with regret, the resignation of Joseph Sauerhoefer from the Economic Development Commission.

Made by Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mr. Regina

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Re-Appointment

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

MOTION: To re-appoint Tom Tyrer to the American Heritage River Commission for a four year term to expire July 1, 2009

Made by Mr. Regina, seconded by Mr. Crouch

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

D. New Appointments, Applications to be considered:

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION

MOTION: To appoint Joanne Drapeau to the American Heritage River Commission filling a vacancy on a four year term to expire November 1, 2007

Made by Mr. Sinsigallo, seconded by Mr. Balf

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

CABLE TELEVISION

MOTION: To appoint James C. Richards to the Cable Television Committee for a two year term to expire July 1, 2007

Made by Mr. Regina, seconded by Mr. Crouch

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed Scenic Road Ordinance (Please review the materials from the June 7th Board of Selectmen's packet)

The broad language of the referenced statutes was discussed. It was felt the Town Attorney needed to review the materials and provide the Board with his opinion.

MOTION: To refer the proposed Scenic Road Ordinance to the Town Attorney for review.

Made by Mr. Regina, seconded by Mr. Crouch

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

- B. *Ethics Ordinance
- C. *Charter Revision

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Set Salaries for 2005-2006

MOTION: To set salaries for 2005-2006 as presented, effective July 1, 2005.

Made by Mr. Regina, seconded by Mr. Balf

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

- B. Cancel August 2, 2005 Board of Selectmen's meeting

MOTION: To cancel the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen scheduled for August 2, 2005.

Made by Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mr. Balf

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

- C. Natural Resource Preservation Committee report

Linda Kehoe, Albert Grant and George Grant came before the Board and presented a status report of what they did as the former Farmland Preservation Committee and where they are currently directing their efforts with their Committee of five members and five volunteers. They are busy with their agenda to get the bond authorization set to obtain land in the future on the November ballot. "In order to preserve working farms and our rural character, shall the Town of East Windsor issue up to \$5,000,000.00 in general obligation bonds for the purchase of land and land preservation agreements?"

The Committee is seeking to put the question on the November ballot to avoid referendum costs. What they are seeking is not for a bond to be issued, but to be authorized, it does not allocate money anywhere, but it puts the Town in a better position to meet State programs if land becomes available. It allows for immediate action if land becomes available, authority to purchase goes to Town Meeting.

The Committee is working with the Town Planner to develop and inventory of conservation easements and open space.

The variety of land and potential uses for the Town, including maintaining farming rights or restricting use of a property, or even leasing property to farmers was discussed. It was also mentioned that the Governor is working on a proposal regarding farmland. Again the idea gives the Town authorization to borrow, it was felt it was important for the Town Attorney and the

Financial Advisor to review the language of the referendum question to ascertain the appropriate language is in place to make any potential authorization effective. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the idea.

The time frame was discussed, once the decision on verbiage is received from the town attorney and the financial advisor, the Board needs to make a decision at the second meeting in August.

MOTION: To send the question, as presented, to the Town Attorney and the Financial Advisor for review and comment.

Made by Mr. Regina, seconded by Mr. Sinsigallo

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Review of Town Departments and services provided

Similar to what was done with the Town agencies in the past year, the Board will invite Town Departments to discuss their function, questions and concerns with the Board. Although some offices are statute driven and function in that regard, the Board is interested to get an idea of the office responsibilities for the departments and administrative duties. It was felt at budget time there is no time for the Board to field these questions due to time constraints. Ms. Roberts will draft up the appropriate materials to circulate to the departments.

E. Tax Refunds

MOTION: To approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$2,956.77 as recommended by the Tax Collector

Made by Mr. Sinsigallo, seconded by Mr. Balf

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED

F. Renewal of Pawn License

MOTION: To renew the pawn broker license for Roberts Trading Post

Made by Mr. Regina, seconded by Mr. Crouch

In favor: Regina, Crouch, Sinsigallo, Balf

Abstained: Roberts

MOTION CARRIED

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. In accordance with Connecticut General Statute Section 1-200 (6) (b)
Pending Litigation

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m., in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200 (6)(b), to include the Assessor.

Made by Mr. Regina, seconded by Mr. Crouch

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION: To come out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.
Made by Mr. Regina, seconded by Mr. Crouch
ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION: To approve the settlement for tax appeal on property #00262500 as presented
by the Assessor.
Made by Mr. Regina, seconded by Mr. Sinsigallo
ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: To adjourn at 8:45 p.m.
Made by Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mr. Sinsigallo
ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted

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Cynthia D. Croxford
Recording Secretary

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