

The Board of Selectmen will heard Budget Presentations from the East Windsor Historical Preservation Commission and the Warehouse Point Library prior to the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

I. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

Ms. Menard called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 7:05 p.m. at the East Windsor Town Hall

II. ATTENDANCE

Denise Menard, First Selectman  
Mark Simmons, Deputy First Selectman  
John Burnham, Selectman  
Gilbert Hayes, Selectman  
Richard Pippin, Jr., Selectman

III. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS None

IV. PREVIOUS MINUTES

A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2010

**MOTION: To approve the regular meeting minutes of February 16, 2010 with the following corrections: Page 3, 1<sup>st</sup> bulleted item under Richard P. Pippin Jr. the final sentence should say “....but was cancelled *due* to weather.”**

**Page 6, third sentence, remove the duplicate word “not” so the sentence reads “Ms. Menard noted as far as revenues the town is not at the end of the year...”**

**Made by Mr. Pippin, seconded by Mr. Simmons**

**ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Approval of Budget Presentation Meeting Minutes of:

1. MOTION: To approve the February 22, 2010 budget presentation minutes as submitted.

Made by Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Pippin

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

2. MOTION: To approve the February 20, 2010 budget presentation minutes as submitted.

Made by Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Pippin

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

3. MOTION: To approve the February 18, 2010 budget presentation minutes as submitted.

Made by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Simmons

ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Elizabeth Lamb, Commissioner of the Housing Authority wanted to know why public notices are not in the Journal Inquirer they are only in the Hartford courant? Not too many people buy the Hartford courant they buy the JI as it is the local paper – if too expensive for JI couldn't it be put in the Reminder? She cannot get the Hartford Courant and she cannot get it on the computer. Ms. Menard recapped the history of the Board's research for the lowest price at budget time and the Hartford court gave the lowest cost. The Board will look at this again in the future.

Ms. Lamb noted it seems like to her if not put in a local paper, because it costs more, it seems like you don't want the people of east Windsor to know.

Dale Nelson, 51 Omelia Road

Ms. Nelson commended the Board for putting in writing the hiring freeze to be revisited every thirty days. She issued a word of caution while in contact negotiations that not one member of board should venture off with private meeting with any individual.

Jason Bowsza

Mr. Bowsza noted he is in favor of Dale Nelson for appointment to pension board and he thinks she would be a good candidate.

Steve Dearborn 144 East Road

He was reading the paper and read the town news to see what happens in EW. Cromwell had an article, value of taxable property up by 1.23%. Which noted Lowes store a factor for the increase? He noted the article goes on to say Lowes opened up last year and paid town \$531,000 in taxes. That started his blood boiling as East Windsor had a chance with Lowes to come to East Windsor – it took the town over seven months through wetlands and other whatever had to go through – that is way too long for someone like Lowes – those big companies are not going “to wait for little hick town to make up their minds”. Linda Roberts promised to expedite things thru commissions – what came to town while Linda Roberts was running it? He does not know of anything that came to town. It takes so long for commissions, economy downturn and Lowes said forget it and built in Cromwell. If they had been here, business draws business. This town has no business Route Five looks like the old Berlin Turnpike. No one comes here if nothing is moving. Asking this board when Lowes was on board to come here, why didn't the selectmen go to commission and tell commission to move it along, don't jerk them around and get business in town? As far as concerned the commissions stole from taxpayers \$531,000 from town by dragging feet. He hopes the new board will go chat with those boards and tell them “the town is busted we need money”, lets get them in here and move it along before they back out.

He further noted he has the Assessors things and all his properties has gone up – is everyone else going to support the town as we don't want to expedite things to East Windsor? The board needs to do something. The board needs the other groups to run the town in a fashion that is suitable to get the town moving in the right direction. He is upset over this article – that is a lot of money East Windsor lost. If they developed that area others would have come along and it would have cleaned up Warehouse Point – but no one goes in a supermarket and shops if only two things on the shelf. East Windsor has nothing, “it's like a run down old town.”

VI. COMMUNICATIONS The following were for the board's information:

- A. Connecticut Magazine article Pensions and Municipalities
- B. Correspondence from East Windsor Board of Education
- C. Correspondence from North Central District Health Department
- D. Correspondence regarding East Windsor Ambulance Association

VII. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

A. Denise Menard, First Selectman

The office and selectmen have been busy with the budget process.

B. Mark Simmons, Deputy First Selectman

PZC has ongoing discussion of farming regulations – if residents are interested as there is public input and it would be beneficial to see where that is going. Next week's meeting is cancelled, but following meeting will have that item.

Veterans Commission meets for first time in 2010 on March 4 to plan the Memorial Day event.

BMX skate board park to have Italian night fundraiser on Saturday, April 10. They will have a possible golf tournament in the future. It is an energetic group

EDC he was unable to attend, but they are a proactive group in promoting business in town.

Movie studio in South Windsor they are working on a partnership so some benefits in East Windsor. Also they are working on a land use approval process guide and the board is working on items to move things along as well

C. John L. Burnham, Selectman

River commission next walk is March 14 and walk the river at 10:00 a.m. contact him if you want to attend.

D. Gilbert R. Hayes, Selectman

BOE had a short meeting their budget presentation is tomorrow night. He asked Tim Howes about accreditation for schools – it has come back to Tim Howes to look over committee reports – to review for errors around mid-April he will have the final report to see where the schools stand on accreditation. Also a benefit for the band on Saturday night and that was a home run and it was a good social night and it was a night of fun for \$10.

E. Richard P. Pippin, Jr., Selectman

WPCA engineering report was accepted by the USDA – there is a meeting on March 9. Feb 10 DEP showed up and inspected the facility unannounced. They did well and were commended for doing well while understaffed. There is a meeting tonight on the sewer service area map. They are looking into the electrical rate contract for savings. There were three qualified applicants for the supervisor positions.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

A. Resignations: None

B. Re-Appointments:

Economic Development Commission

James C. Richards (R) as a regular member to serve a four-year term  
expiring 3/1/2014

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MOTION: To reappoint James C. Richards as a regular member to the Economic Development commission to serve a four year term expiring 3/1/2014  
Made by Mr. Pippin, seconded by Mr. Burnham  
ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Veterans Commission:  
D. James Barton (D) as a regular member to serve a four-year term  
expiring 3/1/2014

MOTION: To reappoint D. James Barton to the Veterans Commission as a regular member for a four year term to expire 3/1/2014  
Made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Burnham  
ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED

C. New Appointments:  
Pension Board  
Dale Nelson (D) as a regular at large member to serve a four-year term expiring 7/1/2010  
MOTION: To appoint Dale Nelson as a regular member to the Pension Board to serve a four year term expiring 07/01/2010.  
Made by Mr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Simmons  
ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED

D. Board and Commission Current Vacancies (See Attached)

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Regional Solid Waste Authority to include a Representative from CRCOG

Jennifer March-Wackers, Sr. Program Manager of Municipal Services, distributed materials to the Board and referenced the board to the website for additional information as well. She is with Capital Regional Council of governments and East Windsor is a member of this 29 town organization. She detailed that 27 of 29 towns are using CRRA which expires soon. CRCOG did a study of what options were post 2012 what to do, how to proceed. The CRCOG 27 towns are within 70 town project so this effects more than CRCOG's direct network. She referenced the Bridgeport project and the Wallingford project. The plant in Hartford goes to CRRA in 2012 and there is no option to buy in. Towns want to know what to do; Ms. March went through the Solid Waste Management Timeline which was part of the information distributed.

It was recommended towns work together rather than individual agreements, which is what EW has now. CRCOG did an RFI to see if there are other solid waste options and it was found there are a variety of public entities and private entities for waste process. It was a good test and showed there is a high level of interest in solid waste and if they wanted to move forward as a group there were avenues to explore. The CRCOG exec committee authorized pursuit of

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regional waste authority – it cannot be just CRCOG – CRCOG is not legally able to pursue it on behalf of the town. CRCOG's legal counsel did its due diligence and research form a regional Solid waste authority pursuant to C.G.S.

Connecticut Solid Waste Authority (CSWA) provides for flexibility. One of the criticism of current arrangements is towns would like more control as currently CRRA has elected by governor. This would be elected officials representing the towns.

CSWA executive board membership will be elected at large – they go with tiered voting which seemed a fair way to go for representation. Vast majority of population lives in the capital region – so 5 of the 9 could be from the capital region. Anyone can run, it is an election at large. They thought it important to have a good level of representation on geography and the size of the towns again with the eye toward being fair.

Commitment form is to help with the legal fees, \$500 to draft ordinance; it is now complete. No further obligation by towns. They are in review and asking towns to pass ordinance by June 1, 2010 – to keep the ball moving. This group will have to determine its own avenue; CRCOG helped with the initial set up of the authority, but once it is formed, CRCOG will step away.

Ms. Menard advised the solid waste tipping fee is now \$69 a ton; however with folks doing disposal CRRA going off line, town needs to make some decision thought it was appropriate for board to be educated on what it is they need to aside. CRCOG is forming an organization to go the next step to what needs to be done with waste disposal when CRRA is off line. At this point East Windsor can get on board or decide not too. The beauty of CRCOG is EW has the option – and they are compelling with cooperative efforts and make transitions smooth – the town has to do something in 2012 and it helps to do a cooperative.

This is not about saying not to CRRA – CRCOG is not a political organization – she hopes CRRA will participate in solicitation but if they chose not to that is their choice – but there are other entities who are interested in solid waste as well.

CRCOG is asking Towns to review the model ordinance, but it was noted the ordinance does have to be passed as written, also there is a model resolution on the website – some need Towns need Resolutions to pass ordinances, the Resolution can be changed.

She provided the board with a frequently asked questions sheet and an executive decision sheet that provides points of information on this big issue. The group was formed as soon as two municipalities signed the ordinance. If e.w. is hesitant and wants to wait until the groups bylaws are established, which will be the nitty gritty, that is an option, but she warned that the window closes as time goes on – once solicitations start it would be a good idea to make a decision.

As group moves forward hope to have some sort of decision on next steps shortly after June 1. Need to get moving if there is a solicitation to be done – 2012 is not far away. These are not small documents and it is complicated. The group is going to have to decide its fate and it will have to figure out its financial and contractual obligations.

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Ms. March Wacker noted the background work has been done but there is time for EW to step into the process. The ordinance is in the packet provided and CRCOG's legal counsel drew it up. If there are any questions on the ordinance she can pose the questions to the legal counsel. There are more folks like EW waiting on sidelines to see what happens – no hard feeling either way – EW is a member of CRCOG. It was noted this ordinance is on agendas of many municipalities over the coming weeks.

The towns that committed form and sent \$500 was discussed. Somers and Windsor are not with CRRA but have committed as a member of this process.

This is regionalization of trash disposal only. Collection of waste is a different animal and done on a town by town. One strength CRCOG has is the capital region purchasing counsel – a cooperative purchasing – an 81 group membership with a long history of working cooperatively with purchasing. CRCOG is hoping this is another instance of helping people work together.

Ms. Menard noted the next step to put ordinance on the agenda. CRRA will be sending out their revised municipal services in April for a re-up for five years and the town can go that way but this assists communities if they want to go a competitive process.

The trash contract now is for collection only and delivery to collection facility which disposes of the trash. The trash is processed at a plant in Hartford. The Board was invited to visit the website and look at the executive summary versions of various points of interest regarding this concept.

It was the consensus of the board to put the ordinance on an agenda for discussion. If the ordinance is on the agenda Ms. March Wacker offered to bring in other community leaders as to why they are interested in the ordinance – town leaders can give the reasons why their communities went this route. She invited to Board to call her at any time

B. Tax Amnesty Committee to make recommendations

Jason Bowsza, Claire Badstubner, the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Assessor and Human Services coordinator all came before the Board and provided a lot of background work was done and this committee held two public hearings for input.

Thank everyone a part of this, including Ms. Menards support, and he recapped the two month study and public hearings. The group has decided to go in is a tax deferral program and the town to recoup funds through lien process. There was specific lengthy discussion on the goal of this property tax relief option to be self subsidizing eventually so the town budget contribution over time would be negated in favor the program funding itself. This would be part of the budget process, although not for the current budget negotiations, but a recommendation from the Board of Selectmen to the Finance board of a funding level. The program closely follows the State circuit breaker program which every town is required to have. The intent is to have as little burden on town personnel as possible and that can be accomplished by following an existing format. The Board discussed eligibility of residents for the program.

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The group had four town employees input so as to provide consistency of information and the process using knowledge of the tax collector, assessor, treasurer and human services. The Assessor has ear on the ground for the perspective of how many residents would qualify and how it would give a boost to those in need. The Assessor current administers the circuit breaker program..

The lien would be in effect 15 years and property. It was noted all taxes and liens drop off after 15 years. The benefit and the numbers, including the relative minimal amounts, were discussed in detailed. The lien is not interest bearing and won't grow. Any participant has option of not participating if no want lien. It was felt this would possibility give some older residents one additional little piece of something to save money and at same time allow town to get monies back eventually through lien process – after sale money back into tax amnesty fund account so eventually it would be self funding. There will be a panel to check every year and make recommendations to board and to determine how the benefit is working.

While it was noted it is not appropriate to institute this benefit in this budget year, and in fact next year may not be appropriate either, Mr. Bowsza felt it was important to get something on the books – then it can be considered in future budget deliberations. This is essentially putting a piece of tax bill on pause.

The Board discussed its concerns with taxability of a given year being shifted to other residents and if the program is not working it can be taken off the books. Mr. Bowsza noted this program was the best compromise to be able to address the concern of initial funding passed to all but eventually it can be self sustaining. It was asked if could find what other towns are using for funding to start this program. Mr. Bowsza went through what he has provided for information in that regard in past presentations.

It was inquired why the lien interest free? It was noted this is not free taxes, but a figure, such as \$150 off their taxes. It is an effort to show the town has an awareness of those in disadvantaged position but they do not want to dissuade people from what little they have left to their children with the idea of interest owed. The amount to fund the benefit depends on how many people qualify – there is a per person maximum to protect the town.

The next step is for the ordinance process to commence. It was the consensus of the Board that they are interested in pursuing the ordinance. Mr. Burnham was interested in additional information regarding other towns' success or failure with such a program. It was noted the State allows the town to do this as a local benefit but the State does not require town to do it or continue it once started – it can end at any time. That is where a panel will be effective in monitoring the program. The committee is no longer a committee and ended march 1.

It was the general consensus that the next step to get proposed ordinance drafted.

C. Update from Housing Authority regarding Grant

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Jennifer DiMauro, Executive Director of the Housing Authority came before the board. She provided the Board with specific information and what the small cities grant would do for the Park Hill Complex.

Ms. DiMauro noted she got the information on the February 24 meeting from a neighboring town, called to get in on the meeting and was on waiting list initially and was able to get in.

They have hired an architectural consultant with extensive experience with house authorities, including a similar project in West Hartford. State Representative Graziani has toured Park Hill and has witnessed first hand the issues. He is supportive of their proposal and will do what he can to help. She noted she is ready to get the documents, including bids and specs which have been asked for by April 15, which she has every intention of getting done. She noted it is one proposal due by the town by 2:00 p.m. on June 3.

She was before the Board to recap their work to date and was hoping the Board would support the project. She noted it had been promised that the Town would step aside if the Housing Authority was ready and Ms. DiMauro stated they are more than ready to go. She again reiterate she went to the information meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> and was lucky she was able to get in. She also let everyone know the Town has to make a decision and write letter of intent choosing one of the two projects by March 5.

Ms. Menard noted that Len Norton, Director of Public Works, Town Engineer is here to provide information to the Board for town project as well and everything is in place.

Ms. Menard noted she has spoken to Larry Wagner a number of times, as recently as today, and while he did not state anything about March 5, he did say the Board needs to make a decision. Mr. Wagner and Leroy Smith are concerned that the Housing Authority will not be able to get everything they need for deadline. Ms. Menard reiterated that is not her speaking but relaying what they said and she has to go by the experts. Ms. Menard noted she was cautioned as housing authority has not done one of these proposals before, the added time of a year would be beneficial to get proposal done thoroughly.

Ms. Boutin met with consultant and he noted the Housing Authority is ahead of schedule and they are ready to go. The consultant they hired has gotten all bids, got all specs, doors, roofs.

Ms. Menard noted that even if the housing authority gets the project they are a sub-recipient of the town – the meeting Ms. DiMauro is referencing, in order for the Town, for either project, to apply for the grant, someone needed to attend the meeting, not someone from the subrecipient organization, someone from the Town. Ms. Menard again noted she does not know the fine points of the grant, that's why town has grant writer. Ms. Menard also noted a February 23 letter notes that Ms. DiMauro "is wondering why we even need a grant writer" which shows she has been challenging the process.

Ms. DiMauro reiterated the challenges in completing the Housing Authority tasks if she does not know the meeting and dates and noted she does not have the same benefits the Town has.



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Ms. Menard noted it is the town that gets the money for housing authority. The Town still has to qualify and do the application, resolution ordinances – the housing authority is subrecipient of grant – town has to attend the meetings. Becky MacDonald attended the meeting so town gets 25 points to grant. Mr. DiMauro attending does not mean the Housing Authority get 25 points, and Ms. Menard takes offense at the implication she is hiding something.

Ms. DiMauro stated of the 100 towns 25 to 50 housing authorities were there. The town was to send someone to qualify for the grant. Ms. DeMauro noted at the last meeting she was asking for deadlines. There was a meeting scheduled and she was not told. Ms. Menard noted that Larry Wagner's timeline is not set by Ms. Menard.

Ms. DiMauro stated it was answered tonight the town's project is the one selected to move ahead? Menard stated she has not said that and it is the Board's decision. Ms. DiMauro noted she has been before the Board three times and she has done everything she can to make the proposal happen.

Throughout the meeting audience members, many of whom were Park Hill residents, contributed to the ongoing discussion in support of the housing authority getting to apply for the grant and the ongoing need. Some residents questioned one town agency getting the funds two years in a row.

Mr. Simmons inquired about the completeness of the application for Larry Wagner. Mr. Norton is ready to go – he was ready to go last month. Ms. DiMauro countered that Mr. Norton is spending money from last year's grant. Mr. Norton indicated the following items are complete plans for phase two, the engineering estimate, the technical specs, and the permits are secured permits and he could put out to bid if had money now.

Ms. Menard noted the gentlemen from State commented the town would be well advised to finish second part of prospect hill grant before they start another project. This is second part of same project.

An audience member asked isn't tax money from people supposed to take care of town roads? Ms. Menard noted the bad situation in Park Hill and the coordination with the Connecticut Water Company and it is better to finish phase II directly after phase I taking into consideration the water lines and the roads during construction.

Resident of park hill provided detail on the dire conditions, including low income and high cost of electric bills, the air leaks through the windows and doors in the summer and winter. The resident asked the board consider their situation on a human to human level to stop and think about what effect this "tap dancing with dates" is affecting people who live up there in buildings ready to fall apart as not attended to.

Ms. Boutin inquired if there is a way to split the funds to support both Phase II and the Housing authority project. Ms. Menard will look into the possibility.

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An audience member questioned – say town gets grant again, what happens if one of ceilings fall in what happen to people in particular unit. Park Hill finally has someone to stand up for the residents. A lot of people badly handicapped have to have companions and nurses – how do they get out of wheelchair to put stuff around the doors? It was noted the disrepair did not happen overnight and the Housing Authority should be queried as to how it got to this point. It was stated there has been no money to fix it and the next step to help residents is to raise the rents. There area at least 25 people there for 25 years who have small retirements. Ms. Menard reiterated that she will investigate if the funds can be split between two projects.

Mr. Burnham inquired of Ms. DiMauro where the March 5 date came from. She noted that Larry Wagner and Becky MacDonald were there. It was noted Mr. Wagner can only work on one project but he needs to get a packet for a project to proceed.

Ms. DiMauro gave the history of the initial meeting and her January inquiry to Mr. Wagner for deadlines. Mr. Burnham read the language from a letter about the February meeting which provided that a member of the Town must go to and attendance by housing authority is optional language. The Town sent someone and go the appropriate points for an application to be filed. Ms. DiMauro did not have to attend, but she did go. Mr. Burnham asked if the Authority has an energy audit. Ms. DiMauro noted yes they are waiting for the report. Mr. Burnham emphasized the point that yes it's done, "but" they are still waiting for something. Ms. DiMauro emphasized that the application is not due to State until June 3 and that 100 towns are just getting started and she should not be accused of being behind.

Mr. Burnham noted Ms. DiMauro is telling the Board a decision needs to be made by March 5, but the Authority does not have the energy audit in hand. Ms. Boutin clarified the energy report does not have to be submitted until June 5 at 2:00 p.m. Ms. DiMauro stated everything on the list Mr. Wagner asked for will be turned in on time. Ms. Boutin noted both wells were tested.

An audience member (Dale Nelson) inquired why the grant writer felt the Town Phase ii would be in a better position. Ms. Menard recapped that the Town project paperwork is completed stamped ready to go and even though the Authority thinks they can get paperwork in, it's not in. Ms. Menard recapped the process of the Town qualifying for the grant, whether it's for a Town project or a subrecipient, the Town representative needs to qualify for the top layer.

An audience member commented that of course Mr. Norton has is all set project started last year and the town resources were commented on. At this point in the meeting, Len Norton spoke and reiterated that he is not the bad guy here. He does his job, goes to work every day and does his job for the Town. If he could give the Housing Authority \$500,000 initially received, he would, but he cannot do the first phase and rip up development and leave it ripped apart. If that happens he is going to have 200 people calling for one year wanting to know why the Town did part of project with some water line done and roads ripped up.

An audience member Ms. Lamb stated she was not blaming him, but blaming the board.

Mr. Norton stated in September when Mr. Wagner said had to do a,b,c he did what he was told to do. Wagner said get plans ready for phase ii, he did the plans.

**MOTION: To take a five minute break at 9:00 p.m.**  
**Made by Mr. Pippin, seconded by Mr. Hayes**  
**ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

Returned to order at 9:10 p.m.

Mr. Hayes contributed to the conversation about homes in disrepair and the necessity to sometimes use equity to fix it or to borrow money. He noted this is not the only grant opportunity. The Prospect Hill project is started and it needs to be finished.

And audience member, Resident, asked what's more important fixing roads or keeping the elderly warm? Ms. Menard noted there is an infrastructure and basements are flooding in that residential area.

Ms. Boutin provided detail on other grants and stimulus monies, as well as challenges with Section 8 housing qualifications, which they do not have. They have several possibilities they have researched and are awaiting information on.

Barbara Lemay of the Housing Authority noted they not here to cause grief or problems – there to present needs of people if there is a grant available and can be part of it. They are not here to create problem in any way, here to simply let all know that need some assistance and if there is grant available would like to know.

**MOTION: To direct Ms. Menard to submit the Small Cities grant funds to be used for the Prospect Hill Project**

**Made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Burnham**

Discussion: Ms. Menard will investigate the inquiry if the funds can be split between two projects. Mr. Simmons noted if there is a March 5 deadline what else can be done. He feels badly for the tenants and the buildings need to be repaired. Mr. Pippin agreed and noted maybe they could be first in line next year, but it would depend as maybe they will have gotten monies by then through their other efforts.

Ms. Pippin wanted to know from the Len Norton, what problems would arise if half of Prospect Hill done and then on hold. Mr. Norton noted it would be a big problem if construction started and a portion done. He further explained that Phase I is the smaller portion of the project than Phase II. The Connecticut Water Company project includes Phase I and II (they are opening the bids tomorrow and the town bids are the next day) The Water Company has 85 taps in their Phase I and Mr. Norton is working with the water company about what type of asphalt patches will be used and that the Town is coming in right behind them so it has been discussed that very good temporary patches can be used. Mr. Norton has been coordinating this project for a while and it would be a big thin if this is started and not done including many angry residents.

Mr. Burnham questioned if there are only two phases to the project. Mr. Norton noted that there will be probably be a third phase which will be smaller but include Cricket Road. Mr. Norton relayed the work with Phases I and II and noted if there is a break between the two phases and the Small Cities opportunities dries up next year the Town would be on the hook to complete this

partially completed project. Also it was noted if there was a break between the timing of the two phases there would be at least \$7,000 of legwork, such as surveys, that have to be redone. It was noted Phase I \$500,000 has been awarded and the pending grant would be awarded the following year, the next construction season.

**ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Approval of Tax Refunds

**MOTION: To approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$16,050.20 as recommended by the tax collector.**

**Made by Mr. Simmons, Seconded by Mr. Hayes**

**ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Board of Selectmen's Priorities

It was noted that the board will address up to three of these priorities per meeting. Ms. Menard reviewed the listing and how it is updated and the second page which is the completed items.

The Board discussed the 150' wetland regulated area and the possibility of the Commission changing the regulation to ease up on the range. It was noted the wetland review area is an area outside rim of wetlands slows process down and its costs residents' money. Ms. Menard is not comfortable with proposed change and felt the 150' parameter did not slow the process down. If the Board members felt strongly she suggested that they do a letter. Mr. Pippin noted 50' is the state standard for health and sanitation and usually that is more than adequate and with the amount of wetland soils in town 150' becomes unmanageable. Ms. Menard noted as two of the board members develop property they may see this at a different angle. Mr. Pippin noted he is in favor of preserving wetlands. Len Norton, the town engineer contributed to the conversation. He noted, referencing his experience in working with other towns and wetlands, that the E.W. process is not as slow as you might think and if you were to go across a few borders it is much slower. Mr. Norton noted the boards here have mandates and he provided some of the timeframes but noted it can be frustrating working with other towns in their process. He noted that he does not think having to attend wetland meeting a burden. Also he noted a resident earlier in the meeting was upset about Lowes. Mr. Norton noted there was a lot of land disturbance at sight and he does not think it would have been any quicker at a surrounding town. As far as regulated area 150' vs. 50' he clarified for the board that they need to understand it is a regulated area therefore you need permit to work in area. To go with 50' area will consider it a buffer and you cannot go in a buffer and by changing it you may hurt more than help.

The Board discussed its jurisdiction in this regard and how it acts accordingly if it sees something egregious in the process. Ms. Menard meets with staff and is the voice for proposed

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improvements the Board is seeking, but if the members personally want something addressed in regulations that is not Board of Selectmen role, but a personal role.

Mr. Hayes will give his additions to the priority list. The board will take a month of discussing the priority list as it is budget time.

B. \*Discussion of current Property Maintenance Code

XI. BUDGET MATTERS

A. Discussion of 2010-2011 Budget – no action

B. Updated Budget Town Comparisons Spreadsheet

Capital region capital area economic development region profile for 2010 was distributed. If no problems with sheet it can go on the website so it compares East Windsor to other towns. The 2007 date was discussed as it is the information gathered by the State CT Economic Resource Center. Mr. Pippin felt the net grand list figures might be of interest for the sheet. This is budget information comparison and the mil rate comparison to other towns. The first time this was done – in 2008 – residents loved it. The Board discussed the comparative communities. The general consensus to put this on the website but Mr. Burnham did not agree as he felt the information is confusing.

It was the consensus to work on the line item budget until 10:00 p.m.

1055 Probate was an increase and it was the best the presiding Judge could do. The combining of the probate courts was discussed. 4% increase total \$4,386.00

1065 Pension

This is for a quarterly recording secretary in the past they took money from office supplies. Last year the Board started a policy of meeting quarterly as the pension fund had not been looked at consistently and it was not up to where it needed to be.

1070 Advertising and printing

This remained at \$4500 which is the same as last year. The Board discussed the annual report and they cannot consolidate legal ads into this line town wide as different departments have different needs.

1085 Vehicle maintenance not funded last year but needs funds this year for the white car. The board had a detail as to what each line item is.

1086 Building Committee

This budget was reduced. This Committee has not met as there are no funds currently for projects.

EDC 1115 no increase

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ZBA 1120 they requested more for recording secretary but the board reduced this to a status quo budget at \$850.

1123 PZC no increase

1124 Planning Department the revised budget zero increase from last year budget with incorporated raises, including the consensus to add 2% as decided at 2/27. Board wanted a list of what is included in dues and subscriptions and also wants information on conference and training.

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200 (6) Personnel Matters (CORRECTION \*as noted by Ms. Menard this should read Contract Matters)

**MOTION: To go into Executive session pursuant to C.G.S Section 1-200 (6) Contract matters at 10:00 p.m.**

Made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Burnham

**ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION: To come out of Executive Session at 11:07 p.m.**

Made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Hayes

**ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

**No action**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: To adjourn at 11:07 p.m.**

Made by Mr. Burnham, seconded by Mr. Pippin

**ALL MEMBERS IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia D. Croxford

Recording Secretary

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