

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
11 RYE STREET
BROAD BROOK, CT 06016
First Selectman's Office – (860) 623-8122**

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members

Bob Maynard – First Selectman
Richard P. Pippin, Jr. – Deputy First Selectman
Jason Bowsza, Selectman
Steve Dearborn – Selectman
Dale A. Nelson – Selectman

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Bob Maynard called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present:

Bob Maynard, First Selectman
Richard P. Pippin, Jr. Deputy First Selectman
Jason Bowsza, Selectman
Steve Dearborn, Selectman

Absent:

Dale A. Nelson, Selectman

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Pippin) to add the email from Mr. Smith regarding a posting in the Journal Inquirer about hiring a town attorney as Agenda Item 10F.

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Pippin) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2016 as presented.

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

MOTION made (Pippin) and **SECONDED** (Bowsza) to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2016 with the following correction: Selectman Dale Nelson was in attendance for this meeting.

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Pippin) to postpone the approval of these minutes because the Board does not have enough members present in order for this motion to move forward since Selectman Nelson is absent.

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS**A. Present Plaque to Frank Gowdy for Service on Planning and Zoning Commission**

The Board of Selectmen presented Mr. Frank Gowdy with a plaque to recognize and honor him for the 20+ years of service he dedicated to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC). Mr. Gowdy stated that he would be remised without thanking Laurie Whitten for her dedication and long hours. He also thanked Joe Ouellette who is the most task-oriented man he's ever seen. He added that the PZC is very fortunate to have those two people.

B. Salute to Female Soldiers Open House Fundraiser Flyer

First Selectman Maynard read the flyer hereto attached as Attachment A and encouraged everyone to attend.

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Pippin) to add Discussion about revenue impacts as a result of reduction in municipal aid as Agenda Item 10G.

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

First Selectman Maynard went over the rules of Public Participation.

Barbara Sherman, 12 Emmett Drive – On May 18 at the East Windsor Lion's Club, they held a memorial service to honor to 2 Lions that recently passed away. She said that together they gave 100 years of service. She thanked Selectman Bowsza for taking the time to talk to the families of the two Lions, he thanked them for the service to the club.

Selectman Dearborn said that he knew Mr. Bartlett all his life and that he was a good man. He also said because he was not able to attend that it does not make him a bad selectman. Selectman Dearborn added that Mr. Bartlett was a really good man and when he owned the package store he was generous and took care of everyone including helping with different events and occasions by giving his products away. Ms. Sherman said that the other Lion was Dan Golden and he was also a volunteer to the Broad Brook Fire Department.

Steve Smith, Cobblestone Drive – WHPFD is having a meeting on Thursday night prior to the budget vote.

Selectman Pippin added that people need to be careful when talking about the Fire District and Department because they are two completely different entities.

Selectman Bowsza responded saying that the meeting is tonight. He asked if any further discussion transpired between town and fire district about remedies moving forward. Selectman Dearborn responded that we had nothing to do with that fire tax. He did not feel there was enough notice to the public.

Bill Loos, Melrose Road – He said the Warehouse Point Fire District meeting is tonight. He has the meeting notice from the paper.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**A. Resignations: None.****B. Reappointments: None.****C. New Appointments:**

MOTION made (Pippin) and **SECONDED** (Bowsza) to appoint Karla Bagdikian (D), as a regular member to the Historical Preservation Commission for a term expiring 11/15/2017.

Discussion: First Selectman Maynard said he personally knows her and that she has a great interest in Historical Preservation and would be a great addition to the commission.

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Parliamentary Procedures**

Bob said that we do not interrupt a person who has the floor and the way to obtain the floor is to be recognized by the chairman.

B. Barber Hill School Update

First Selectman Maynard asked what Selectman Bowsza and Mr. Burnham were collecting signatures for regarding the Barber Hill School. Selectman Bowsza responded that on Friday they spent 3.5 hours explaining the project to residents whose property abutted the four acres. He explained, 10 of the 16 property owners were definitely for this project. First Selectman Maynard asked for a copy of the form they used. Selectman Bowsza agreed to make sure he gets a copy. The form had to be signed by the property owner with two witnesses and then notarized. Selectman Bowsza indicated that the Town Attorney reviewed the form before they went forward. There was a brief discussion.

C. Discussion of Landscaping a couple locations in East Windsor

First Selectman Maynard said he has not found anyone to mow the skate park. However, Tim Moore said he would do some landscaping around Route 140 and Melrose Road (Welcome to the Town of East Windsor sign). First Selectman Maynard also said that the Town will rent the property for \$1 a year and then the Public Works Director would have his staff mow the property. Selectman Dearborn added that he could provide the mulch for around the sign at no cost to the Town.

D. East Windsor's 250th Anniversary

Not discussed.

***E. South Road Past Due Rent**

Not discussed but remains on the agenda pending receipt of additional information.

***F. Discussion of Opioid Task Force**

Not discussed but remains on the agenda pending receipt of additional information.

***G. Veteran's Memorial Project**

Not discussed but remains on the agenda pending receipt of additional information.

***H. Broad Brook Mill Site Remediation**

Not discussed but remains on the agenda pending receipt of additional information.

***I. Discussion of Sign Policy**

Not discussed but remains on the agenda pending receipt of additional information.

10. NEW BUSINESS**A. American Heritage River Commission (AHRC) Chairman to give update on E-Coli Testing**

Dick Sherman, Chairman of AHRC was present to update the Board on their E-Coli testing. They tested last year and found that they had really bad days which meant that no one should go in the river on those days. He said that this year they are working harder and Dr. Martin from the University of St. Joseph is assisting the commission by performing the water testing. They are testing five places in Town for bad bacteria and E-Coli. He said if anyone wants to find out what the readings are in all of Connecticut, they can send him an email. See document hereto attached as Attachment B. The first test was done two weeks ago. He went over the three signs they will display by the areas of the river they are testing. There will be one at Melrose Bridge, one at the filter bed area, and one will be down on corner of Omelia Road and Cemetery Road. He explained that the red sign means danger and to stay out of the water, the yellow sign means boating only, and the blue sign means that water is safe for all uses. He indicated that with some of the help of the Town and the budget and some of the commission's own money they have paid for testing for two months and once they get into the new budget year they will be able to pay for more.

Selectman Bowsza said he appreciates what they do for the river.

MOTION made (Pippin) and **SECONDED** (Bowsza) to recess at 7:27 p.m. to begin the Town Meeting for 7:30 p.m.

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

There was a brief discussion regarding the E-Coli testing.

B. Revaluation of Assessments

Carol Madore was present to discuss this item. She said they went out to bid and the revaluation is for 2017. They had five bids come in and met with 5 individuals. She added that the low bid was 140k and the high bid 375k. She made a recommendation to the Board as to which company to go with. She said that she did a study of all five companies and knows the people in them and what they offer. She went on to discuss the pros and cons of the companies.

Selectman Pippin asked how long Ms. Madore had this ready. He also asked if we could have more information on this before we vote.

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Pippin) to postpone consideration of this to the June 21st meeting.

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

C. Discussion of General Assistance Liens

Kristen Formanek, Social Services Director and Patti Kratochvil, Tax Collector were present to discuss this item. Ms. Formanek read the attached memorandum hereto attached as Attachment C.

MOTION made (Pippin) and **SECONDED** (Dearborn) that the First Selectman extinguish all general assistance tax liens upon approval of the Town Attorney.

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

***D. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation for Cash Registers**

Kim Lord, Treasurer was present for a one time capital purchase of cash registers for the Building Department, Planning and Development Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and for the Senior Center. She explained that cash management is too relaxed and handled differently in each office. She added that they do get reporting from their software but they like to have an extra layer of internal control with a machine that can print out a report at the end of the day. Selectman Pippin requested to have all the registers the same for consistency. He said it is a much needed layer of protection.

MOTION made (Pippin) and **SECONDED** (Bowsza) to request a supplemental appropriation for the purchase of cash registers for an amount not to exceed \$1,200 and recommend to the Board of Finance and to town meeting.

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

E. Approval of Tax Refunds

MOTION made (Pippin) and **SECONDED** (Bowsza) to approve the tax refunds dated June 2, 2016 in the amount of \$2,832.32.

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Pippin) to take up Item 10G

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

G. Discussion about revenue impacts as a result of reduction in municipal aid

Selectman Bowsza said he was told that it is up to 20 million dollars in revenue cuts to municipalities. He asked Ms. Lord what the impact would be for us next year. She replied that she has been on the CCM Website to see if there are updates, however, there is no indication of what the impact would be. She said that our revenues are currently up to date, not counting the 20 million dollars.

MOTION made (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Pippin) to move to the call of the agenda, Item 10F.

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

F. Discussion of Email from Mr. Smith regarding a posting in the Journal Inquirer about hiring a Town Attorney

The questions in the email hereto attached as Attachment D were answered by the First Selectman.

1. First Selectman Maynard said it is himself looking for an attorney, not the First Selectman's Office.
2. He said he would be paying for the attorney personally. He now realizes he should have put his home address on it.
3. By Charter the Town Attorney is appointed by the board and the town attorney's opinions would have standing of a town attorney.

11. SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS**A. Steve Dearborn**

Selectman Dearborn wanted to attend the Lady in Red Memorial on June 4th but could not make it. He added that he and his wife gave that woman many rides and she was known by everyone. He said he will make a donation of \$300 to the fund.

He also reported that he went to Melrose for Memorial Day. He was surprised that he did not know that that side of town had their own little parade. He said it was great and the kids marched around and carried a 100 year old flag. He did say that the only reason that he knew about it was because they had lawn signs up at the Melrose School.

B. Jason E. Bowsza

Selectman Bowsza read his report hereto attached as Attachment E.

C. Dale A. Nelson

Selectman Nelson was absent.

D. Richard Pippin, Jr.

He reported on the following:

- Building Committee bids were due. They appointed a special committee to handle the award of bids. They checked with DEEP and a Special Meeting is Thursday at 7.
- He did not make it to Zoning Board of Appeals but Mrs. Pippin attended and told him there was an application for Trolley Crossing and they wanted to eliminate the storage requirement completely. The only problem was that the basement is two feet below and they would have to use sump pumps. It was suggested to raise the building two feet. They denied the application.

E. Robert Maynard

First Selectman Maynard passed out the Fire Marshal's report. He said we will include the Fire Marshal report on the second meeting of each month.

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steve Smith, Cobblestone Drive – Asked the following questions: if First Selectman Maynard's intent is to challenge the Board of Selectmen for their choice for town attorney? Where do you stand on the dissolution of the Warehouse Point Fire Department?

First Selectman Maynard responded to Mr. Smith by saying he is welcome to come to his office anytime he would like to talk to him about any questions or concerns he has and he will answer them. First Selectman Maynard also said he was available by phone. Mr. Smith requested a written response to the questions that he asked.

John Matthews, Melrose Road – Mr. Loos and Mr. Matthews went off to the Warehouse Point Fire District Meeting. He said that we have a budget vote coming up June 14, if it passes it denies Warehouse Point any funds from the Town budget. However, in that Town budget there are funds for Broad Brook Fire Department. He indicated we will have a uniform mill rate across all property owners in Town, which means that Warehouse Point residents will be paying into support the Broad Brook Fire Department but none of those funds that the Warehouse Point taxpayer pays will go into support the Warehouse Point Fire Department. He tried to get an understanding to see if the residents appreciated that. They [from previous meeting] asked him to speak in public participation here so that everyone understands that there is going to be an imbalance between the support of the two fire departments; everyone is paying for Broad Brook, but no one pays for Warehouse Point. He is concerned that we will end up with animosity between the Warehouse Point residents who are paying for Broad Brook and get no support for their fire district. He is afraid this issue will only get worse as the years go on.

Selectman Bowsza said the Board that would have responsibility over that is the Board of Finance. There was brief discussion. Selectman Bowsza said that he 100% agrees with Mr. Matthews that moving forward beyond this budget, we need to find a solution that is workable and fair for everyone. Selectman Bowsza does not want to rush a fix that ultimately will not fit the problem.

Selectman Dearborn respects everyone's opinion. He said we did not create the problem; a handful of people created the problem. He added, if they want the problem to go away, get rid of the crazy tax, the fire districts and then let the Town pay the bill. He feels this should be handled with one fire department for the town.

Selectman Pippin asked, "Do you realize that the Warehouse Point Fire District put no request in for the Town of East Windsor for funding this year, none whatsoever?" He agrees with Selectman Dearborn that we should have one fire department and one budget for the entire town.

Dave Menard, 73 Miller Road – He asked what happened to the proposed tax bills that the tax collector and treasurer put up on the smartboard. Was that put to the wayside? That disappeared? That's not the case anymore? First Selectman Maynard said, yes that is correct.

Bill Loos, Melrose Road – He mentioned the public notice in the paper about the meeting tonight in Warehouse Point to approve the budget, and informed the board and public that only 17 people came to vote. He feels as though they must want to pay the tax. If they do not like it this year, next year they will probably be out to vote.

Denise Menard, 73 Miller Road – She said that she has been really good tonight and exactly what is happening right this minute is exactly what she wants to comment on. She feels that public participations are a mess. And that the First Selectman chooses to answer some questions and allow some selectmen to answer other people's questions. She added that there is no rhyme or reason to what the Board is doing. She also said that there needs to be consistency for the public's side. She explained, the public would like to know what did you do for the town this month? We don't need all this back and forth; they are here to tell their thoughts, concerns, and opinions. She said it is a bit frustrating.

Tom Talamini, Rice Road - Commented that Rice Road has a horrific odor at times too but no one knows where it comes from. It's a different odor than manure and smells like fertilizer, but it smells strong and makes his eyes water.


13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made (Pippin) and **SECONDED** (Dearborn) to adjourn.

In favor: Bowsza, Dearborn, and Pippin. Opposed: None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Schroll".

Amanda Schroll
Recording Secretary

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Attachment B

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Welcome

New England is blessed with an abundance of diverse and beautiful rivers that run throughout urban, suburban and rural landscapes to eventually drain to an abundant and extraordinary resource, the Connecticut River. The Connecticut River is the largest river in New England and is one of 14 designated American Heritage Rivers in the United States.

The designation of the Connecticut River as the first National Blueway in May 2012 was an affirmation that the preservation and restoration of this cultural and environmental asset is strongly intertwined with our quality of life and prosperity. The designation also acknowledges the decades of collaborative efforts of individuals and groups who saw the river's potential and contributed to its restoration-taking it from being coined 'the best landscaped sewer' in the nation to being a nationally recognized treasure. Millions of dollars in public funds have been used to clean up the Connecticut River and its tributaries over the past decade and, as a result, the river is now much cleaner. The Connecticut River is a working river, and we invite others to come enjoy it and help us keep it clean and full of life. Together we have an opportunity to be a model for the nation's rivers.

The information on this website will guide Connecticut River watershed residents and visitors in using the river for recreation and supporting its continued water quality improvement, including information about:

- [River access points for recreation](#)
- [Current water quality data including E. coli bacteria](#)
- [How clean is the river for swimming and boating at specific access points](#)
- [Posted fish consumption advisories](#)
- [Recreational trails in the Connecticut River watershed](#)
- [Studies and research concerning the Connecticut River](#)
- [News about efforts to clean up and improve water quality in the Connecticut River and its watershed](#)

This website is designed to help you get out and explore the Connecticut River watershed. Our hope is you'll love our watershed as much as we do. ENJOY!

Is It Clean?

The Connecticut River and its tributaries are much cleaner than they were decades ago. The Clean Water Act, lots of money, and the hard work of many people have made this happen. But, there are times - particularly after a rainfall event- when our rivers still might make you sick. This website is designed to help you understand water quality patterns at sites you use for recreation.

The map on this page identifies locations tested for *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) bacteria levels during the monitoring season. Click on the blue, yellow, or red flag icons to learn more about bacteria levels at that site and the associated group's monitoring work. Or use the drop-down boxes to search by site name, town, state, water body or monitoring organization.

It is important to note that this information is a snapshot of river conditions at the moment the sample was taken. Please take the time to click through on the pins to look at the data. You will see when the last sample was taken and the historical data will illustrate that most often the site is only not clean after a major rain event.

The monitoring season is typically from late May to October and each group monitors at different intervals and begin at different points in the season. **Be sure take the most recent sample date into account** as well as patterns over time, and recent weather and flow conditions, when deciding whether to swim or paddle.

FLAG	RECREATION THRESHOLD	BACTERIA COUNT
BLUE	Clean for swimming and boating	<235 cfu/100 ml
YELLOW	Clean for boating only	235 - 575 cfu/100 ml
RED	Not clean for swimming or boating	>575 cfu/100 ml
WHITE	Results available – See Link	
GREY	Historical Data	

The different colored flags and bacteria count ranges represent different risk thresholds, which are based on the statistical chances of getting sick if you come in contact with water in these bacteria ranges. Some bacteria, viruses, and other microorganisms ("pathogens") can make you sick with stomach pains, rashes, breathing problems, diarrhea, or other intestinal problems. We test for *E. coli* bacteria in the water as an indicator for all types of other pathogens or "bad guys." For more detailed information about bacteria standards for primary and secondary contact click [here](#).

The data will show bacteria levels for each sampling date and also whether or not it was a wet weather event. Wet weather is often defined as any day in which >0.1" of rain fell within the 48 hours preceding sample collection. Some groups may define this differently. **Bacteria levels are typically elevated during and shortly after wet weather events**, and good precautions to take include:

- Avoid swimming right after a heavy rain
- Avoid contact with the river downstream of a sewage outfall
- Cover open cuts/use ear and nose plugs

In addition to health concerns, swimmers should also be mindful to only swim in areas that match their abilities and be aware of depths, obstructions and tidal influence in the mainstem of the Lower River.

The information on this page would not exist were it not for the many groups and their dedicated volunteers who contribute to this page. Thank you!

We wish you a fun and safe season!

[Connecticut River Bacteria Monitoring Video](#)

[Field Guide to Visual Water Quality Indicators](#)

Historical data coming soon! Until then, make a request via email obtain historical data by [clicking here](#).

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MEMO

To: Joshua Hawks-Ladds
From: Kristen Formanek, LMSW – Director of Social Services
Date: May 20, 2016
Re: Town Administered General Assistance Liens
CC: First Selectman and Legal Affairs Subcommittee

The purpose of this memo is to recommend that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the release (in whole) of all remaining General Assistance liens. In brief summary, the Connecticut General Statute section 17b-125 required General Assistance applicants to provide the Town of East Windsor with an agreement transferring his or her interest in real property for the purpose of reimbursing the town for the General Assistance paid to them plus 4% interest per annum. Prior to the State taking over administration of the General Assistance program, towns would grant General Assistance and pay benefits up front. Towns would submit quarterly expense reports to the Department of Social Services and in turn, the state would reimburse the town for the expenses.

In 1997, the town administered General Assistance program was turned over to the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services. Towns were informed by the Department of Social Services that the State no longer required towns to maintain General Assistance files and towns were no longer required to refund lien reimbursements to the State. In turn, most towns requested permission to dispose of General Assistance files.

My formal recommendation is to release (in whole) all remaining General Assistance liens and this is supported by the fact that the state has reimbursed the Town of East Windsor for the financial assistance granted to clients. There is currently no debt to be collected and the pursuit of reimbursement of the original funds plus interest would essentially be requiring a homeowner to repay a debt that has already been repaid on their behalf. Secondly, all General Assistance liens expire after fifteen years and the majority of these liens are now technically expired.

Connecticut General Statute section 17b-125 does authorize the Board of Selectmen to release such liens without payment of the amount secured, provided this is deemed necessary and beneficial to the town. The release of said liens is beneficial to the town as it would prevent these homes from possibly going into foreclosure. It will also prevent the homeowner from experiencing any delay in selling their property.

Robert Maynard

Attachment D

From: Steve Smith
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 12:04 AM
To: Robert Maynard
Cc: Jason Bowsza; Dale Nelson; Steve Dearborn; Richard Pippin; James Richards; Steve Smith; William Syme; Cynthia Herms; Jerilyn Corso; Kathy Pippin; Paulette Broder
Subject: Request for Added Agenda Item for June 7, 2016 Board of Selectman Meeting at 7PM about JI Town Attorney Ad placed on May 30, 2016
Importance: High

First Selectman Maynard,

I am requesting to add to the Board Of Selectmen Meeting an agenda item to discuss of an attorney ad placed in Journal Inquirer on May 30, 2016, since this ad indicated that the attorney is for Robert Maynard and the address to send resumes is the East Windsor Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, East Windsor, CT, 06016.

The items I request to be discussed as part of this agenda item are:

1. Why is the First Selectman's office soliciting resumes for an attorney?
2. Is this attorney to serve only the First Selectman's Office OR is this to replace the existing town attorney?
3. If the intent is to serve only the First Selectman's Office and there is a conflict in legal opinions between the First Selectman's attorney and the town attorney, which attorney has binding legal opinion for the town's direction?
4. If the First Selectman's Office is soliciting resumes, does this violate the Memorandum Of Understanding amongst the BOS members and the First Selectman?
5. If the attorney is for the First Selectman's Office, who is responsible for paying for this attorney and which budget line item does the First Selectman and the BOS recommend that the money come from?

The first four questions above are policy issues to be decide by the Board Of Selectmen. As a Board Of Finance member I question the fiscal need for an attorney for the First Selectman's Office or the cost to change to another town attorney given the limited town financial resources.

For those on CC: the text of the Attorney Ad in the Classifieds posted to the JI on May 30, 2016

Robert Maynard is seeking an attorney with expertise in Municipal law, FOI and Parliamentary Procedures. Representation will require quick response to inquiries and may include attending public meetings. Please send resume, contact information, and appropriate background documentation to: Robert Maynard, First Selectman, 11 Rye Street, East Windsor, CT 06016

Sincerely,

Steve Smith
Board Of Finance

Selectmen's Report - June 7, 2016

Tanya Unsworth, president of the PTO, reached out to me after the most recent failed referendum with similar concerns that many of us feel - when you have less than 10% turnout, not enough is being done to let people know about the vote. She pointed out that more needs information is available about safe graduation than about a vote for investment in the town's infrastructure and future. Joel Whalen echoed Mrs. Unsworth's comments in an email to the whole board. I am hopeful that the Town would heed these concerns and make some strides towards improving communication about the next vote.

I asked what progress has been made towards finding a workable solution for the warehouse point fire district taxing issue for the next budget cycle, which starts in six months. According to the first selectman, no conversations have been had yet.

On May 18, I had the honor of attending the East Windsor Lions Club bench dedication. They commemorated two Lions who had recently passed away who together contributed more than 100 years to the lions and the community. Quite a service!

On May 25, the Agriculture Commission met. There is some conflicting news about whether the farmers' market will be happening this year or not. I certainly hope it will, but will keep folks posted.

The commission will be hosting a Pollinator health program on Tuesday, 6/14 at Scout Hall at 6pm.

The commission voted to draft a letter of support for the purchase of development rights for a community farm in Windsorville.

I've certainly heard from folks about the odor issues along Rye Street. I'll also be asking the first selectman what the Town is doing about these complaints?

It was great to attend the Memorial Day festivities over the holiday weekend. For those folks who have attended either the Melrose celebration or the Warehouse Point ceremony, they really are a treat (even if it rains.)

Lastly, on Saturday, June 4, I had the honor of reading the Town's proclamation dedicating a new bench at the East Windsor Park in honor of Nancy Fortin, our "Lady in Red." It was a fantastic event, with more than 100 people in attendance. She will be missed by many, but never forgotten.

People interested in working on the 250th celebration for the Town of East Windsor have been invited to attend the Toll and Celebration Committee's meeting on June 16 at 7pm at the Tolland Recreation Center. Kirk Monstream and I will be attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason E. Bowsza
Selectman