

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
11 RYE STREET
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT**

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Robert Maynard called the meeting to Order at 7:01 p.m., in the East Windsor Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, East Windsor, Connecticut.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION made by (Pippin) and **SECONDED** by (Nelson) to approve the Agenda, as set for the April 18, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson, S. Dearborn and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

4. ATTENDANCE

Robert Maynard, First Selectman
Richard P. Pippin, Jr., Deputy First Selectman
Jason E. Bowsza, Selectman
Dale Nelson, Selectwoman
Steve A. Dearborn, Selectman

5. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Mr. Maynard reminded everyone not to interrupt people when they have the floor and only to speak when recognized. Mr. Maynard also reminded everyone that they should treat everyone civilly and respectfully.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION made by (Nelson) and **SECONDED** by (Pippin) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from the March 21, 2017 Board of Selectmen meeting.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson, S. Dearborn and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

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MOTION made by (Pippin) and **SECONDED** by (Nelson) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes from the April 4, 2017 Board of Selectmen meeting.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson, S. Dearborn and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Selectwoman Nelson asked if the Fire Marshall could come in and go over his report and explain a few things. Mr. Maynard stated he would ask him.

First Selectmen, Maynard stated that Parks and Recreation was sponsoring a “Lady In Red” Color Fun Walk/Run on May 13th. To see the flyer it is hereto attached as Attachment A (1 page).

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Maynard went over the rules of speaking during Public Participation for the new people that were present.

Paul Anderson – Stated that in minutes of the Board of Finance Meeting on March 22nd it was questioned in the Building Repair and Maintenance Line that covered all Town buildings. The maintenance of Scout Hall was mentioned and questioned. Mr. Anderson stated that Scout Hall Building Committee is a Lessee and they rent that Town owned property. He states that it is not their responsibility to make Capital Improvements on that property. He stated that the Scout Hall Building Committee submitted a 5 year CIP Plan on September 14, 2016. He is not sure what happened to it after that. He states that because they are a Lessee they are not part of the Budget and can’t ask for Town money. Selectmen Bowsza asked where the plan was submitted because he had not seen it. Mr. Maynard and Mr. Pippin both stated that that they had seen the plan.

Bob Leach – Stated that Scout Hall Building Committee is just a committee that leases the building and that if a CIP request came in it should have been from the Building Department or Public Works for building maintenance. He just wanted to point out it was not the obligation of the Scout Hall Committee.

Selectwoman Nelson - Asked Mr. Leach about the Police Commission regarding what was going on with them in general. He stated that the new hire has graduated the police academy and starts FTO training this week. They put an officer in training similar to SWAT raining.

Selectwoman Nelson – Stated there was an article in the JI on Wednesday, April 12th having to do with the employee health claims with the new State regulated co-op. They switched over to and it saved the Town \$95,000. She gave the article to Mr. Maynard and he stated that they had looked at the plan but thought it was not competitive. He said he would take another look at it.

9. BOARD AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A. Resignations:

NONE

B. Reappointments:

MOTION made by (Pippin) and **SECONDED** by (Bowsza) to accept the reappointment of, Ted Szymanski (D) to the Parks and Recreation Commission, as a regular member for a term expiring 10/1/2022.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson, S. Dearborn and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

C. New Appointments:

MOTION made by (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** by (Pippin) to accept the appointment of, Nicholas Laskos (U) to the Agricultural Commission, as an alternate member for a term expiring 8/1/2018.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson, S. Dearborn and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. East Windsor's 250th Anniversary Commission Report:

Rebecca Talamini reported that the t-shirts should be in on May 4th. They will be having a booth at the walk for Abby's Helping Hand this weekend and will be selling merchandise. She also handed out a tentative calendar for 2018. To see attached calendar it is hereto attached as Attachment B (1 page).

B. Broad Brook Mill Site Remediation:

Mr. Maynard stated that they are going to apply for a grant for revitalization of Brown Fields. UTAS gave the Town permission to apply for the grant. It would be anywhere from \$200,000 to \$2 million. One thing that would be done with the money would be a new roof on the main building. Mr. Bowsza asked when DEEP would be coming and Mr. Maynard stated he had not talked to DEEP yet.

C. Discussion of the Casino:

Mr. Maynard stated that there was a public hearing that he talked about and it was in the paper. He stated that on Friday they received a petition to have a Town Meeting on an Ordinance that

involves the casino. He states that they are looking into that. It was given to the Legal Affairs Subcommittee. There were over 20 signatures and they were certified. Mr. Bowsza asked what the next step would be and was told that it would be to see what the Legal Affairs Subcommittee decided to do. Mr. Bowsza stated that the Town Attorney was asked to look at this and it turns out it was more difficult than originally thought. He states there is no case law that has anything to do with this type of referendum. He states that the statutes are silent on it and the Town's Charter is in conflict with itself. He thinks that they absolutely need to certify the petition and send to Town Meeting. April 27th is the last day they can do it. He thinks that they need to hold a Special Meeting on Thursday to give the Town Attorney a little more time to look it over.

MOTION made by (Nelson) and **SECONDED** by (Pippin) to have a Special Meeting Thursday, April 20th at 7 p.m.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson, S. Dearborn and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

MOTION made by (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** by (Pippin) to recess for a Town Meeting at 7:26 p.m.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson, S. Dearborn and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

Mr. Maynard called the meeting back to order at 7:39 p.m.

D. 1% BOE Fund Rules:

Mr. Maynard stated that the Board of Education is looking for MOA that will outline what the 1% could be used for. Mr. Maynard stated that the Board of Finance should be involved in this so a plan can be developed on how to approach the MOA. Mr. Pippin stated that the money should be turned back over to the tax payers if there is a surplus. Mr. Bowsza stated he had asked for information from the BOE and has not received that information yet. He had also asked what they have spent year to date. Selectwoman Nelson stated they spend everything anyways and use their budget to the fullest extent. She thinks they should be budgeting wisely enough to anticipate issues as they arise. Mr. Maynard stated that maybe there needs to be a meeting and it was stated that the request has been brought up before. They promise information and it is not delivered. Mr. Bowsza feels a joint meeting should be held between the BOS, BOF and BOE. It was suggested to have the meeting on May 2nd.

E. South Road Oil Spill and Payment Approval:

The homeowner has submitted a claim to her insurance. The hole has not been filled in but a better fence has been put up surrounding the hole. After a brief discussion it was decided that there is some additional information that needs to be looked into. It was suggested by Mr.

Bowsza that it be put on the agenda for Thursday night's meeting and Mr. Maynard stated he would do that.

11. New Business

A. Approve "National Public Works Week" Proclamation:

MOTION made by (Pippin) and **SECONDED** by (Nelson) to adopt the "National Public Works Week" Proclamation and authorize the First Selectman to sign it.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson, S. Dearborn and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

To see the Proclamation it is hereto attached as Attachment C (1 page).

B. Discussion of Volunteer Incentive Committee:

Selectwoman Nelson stated that both fire departments will have this in their own budget so the committee is no longer needed. They will meet one last time to approve the June invoices.

MOTION made by (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** by (Pippin) to recommend to Town Meeting that the Board repeal Ordinance 09-1 an Ordinance Establishing a Volunteer Incentive Committee.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson, S. Dearborn and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

C. Discussion and Setting of Date for Employee Recognition Ceremony:

This is to recognize Town employees for their longevity, and to have an Employee Recognition Ceremony.

MOTION made by (Nelson) and **SECONDED** by (Pippin) to assign Thursday, May 25th, as the Employee Recognition Day at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson, S. Dearborn and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

12. SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORT

- A. **Richard Pippin, Jr.** – Attended all of the Board of Finance Budget Meetings. April 13th he attended the East Windsor Historical Preservation Commission Meeting. The Opera House was discussed and he had heard that they would like to purchase it themselves. The American Heritage River Bridge Project on Melrose was discussed and all of the members present thought it was wonderful. 250th Birthday was discussed and they are thinking of having pictures of before and after. Inland Wetlands Watercourse Agency, 2 applications, and they were both

approved. He stated that the wall at the Osborn House is beautiful and it is made out of salvaged stone.

B. **Steve A. Dearborn** – Nothing to Report.

C. **Jason E. Bowsza** - Hereto attached as Attachment D (2 pages).

D. **Dale A. Nelson** - Hereto attached as Attachment E (1 page).

E. **Robert Maynard** – Nothing to Report.

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Another opportunity for the public to make comments)

Paul Anderson – Gave a brief report of the WPCA. They approved their budget for 17-18 at the last meeting. South Road, a study was done on the sewers and an estimate to repair the sewer for \$84,603.25 and then the WPCA will accept that sewer system and will take on future responsibility for it. May 3rd at 8 a.m. there will be a preconstruction meeting for the repairs for the Scout Hall Pump Station. The Town owns it and will have to pay for it. Mr. Bowsza asked if Len and Joe have been involved at this point, he was told that it was unclear and Mr. Bowsza stated that they should be from here on out. He was told they would be from now on.

Tom Talamini – Stated that April 15th there was a tractor pull and there were many more people than last year. He stated that while driving through Somers there are a bunch of yard signs stating “Not In My Town” and it is a discussion on the Opioids problem. He could not catch the date and time as he drove by.

Bob Leach – Stated he wanted to clarify that the 1% funding is not additional funds for the budget that it is 1% from their actual budget.

14. SIGNATURES FOR APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTERS

Completed

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made by (Pippin) and SECONDED by (Dearborn) that the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200 (6)(A) Employment.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson, S. Dearborn and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

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16. ADJOURNMENT

They came out of Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

MOTION made by (Nelson) and SECONDED by (Pippin) to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

In Favor: J. Bowsza, D. Nelson, S. Dearborn and R. Pippin Opposed: None Motion: PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca D'Amicol, Recording Secretary

Attachment A



We are marking the 1 year anniversary of the passing of our "Lady in Red." Nancy loved East Windsor Park so we are inviting everyone to join us for a Fun Color Walk/Run in her name. Families, sports teams, school and community groups are encouraged to sign up.

Early Registration until May 1st \$20 per person
After May 1st and day of registration \$30 per person
Ages 5 and under Free



Walkers/Runners are encouraged to wear a white t-shirt and sunglasses during the walk/run! Music and water will be provided!!!

Snacks will be for sale to benefit local community groups

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email: _____

I understand that injuries are a possibility because of participation in this activity. I also understand that my own medical insurance will be used in the event of an injury. I agree to hold harmless the Town of East Windsor, the Parks and Recreation Department, it's officers, sponsors, agents, employees and anyone else associated with the program, from any loss, blame, expenses, injuries, property damage and liability whatsoever that may arise from participation in this program.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

**LADY IN RED COLOR
WALK/FUN RUN**

ALL AGES,
TUTUS ENCOURAGED

COURSE IS 3 LOOPS
AROUND PARK FOR 3
MILES. PARTICIPANTS
CAN DO ALL OR PART
OF THE COURSE

MAY 13, 2017
8:30 A.M. CHECK-IN
AND 9:30 A.M.
START

EAST WINDSOR
PARK
27 RESERVOIR AVE
BROAD BROOK, CT

EAST WINDSOR PARKS AND
RECREATION

WWW.EASTWINDSORCT.COM

860-627-6662

Online Registration:

<https://www.activityreg.com/Client/Registration/Registration.aspx?Page=1&wcs?clientid=EASTWINDSOR&siteid=1>



East Windsor 250th calendar of events - 2018 (as of 4/6/17)

New Year's Eve - Masquerade Ball (December 31, 2017)

January:

1st - First Day Hike (American Heritage River Commission)

February:

Winter Festival w/outdoor winter activities

March:

21st - Victorian Lady Tea party (EW Senior Center)

April:

May:

5th - Vintage Baseball Exhibition Game (EWHS)

19th - Open Bicentennial Time Capsule

?? - Blues, Brews and BBQ

26th - Memorial Day

June:

3rd - CT Trails Day Hike (American Heritage River Commission)

9th & 10th - House/Garden Tour (EW Garden Club)

16th - Food Truck Fest and Reenactment

30th - Cardboard Boat & Rubber Duck Races (American Heritage River Commission/BMX)

July:

15th - Sundae / Fun Day at The East Windsor Park (EW Park & Rec / Youth Center)

August:

4th - East Windsor Day at CT Trolley Museum

?? - Historical Society's Ice cream social

September:

22nd - Community Day/Parade/Picnic/Fireworks

Check out our Website for the latest 250 happenings: <http://ew250.com/>

East Windsor 250 Anniversary Celebration



Attachment c

Town of East Windsor Proclamation

Whereas, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

Whereas, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public building, and solid waste collection; and

Whereas, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

Whereas, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, are vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

Whereas, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform,

*Now, therefore, I Robert Maynard
First Selectman of the Town of East Windsor
Do hereby proclaim the week of May 21 – 27, 2017 as*

"National Public Works Week"

In the Town of East Windsor and I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life.

*Given under my hand and Seal of the Town of East Windsor
Connecticut, this 18th day of April, 2017*

Robert Maynard, First Selectman

Selectmen's Report - April 18, 2017

On April 5, I attended the Board of Education meeting. I was extremely disappointed that the Board allowed the superintendent to unilaterally commit the Town to sending more students to more out of district schools, without a vote of the Board. The superintendent gave her word to a handful of parents that something was going to happen, and it was then represented to the Board that "we don't want to go back on her word." This is nothing short of a usurpation of democracy.

After discussions I had with state Department Education representatives and reviewing Connecticut General Statute 10-65(b), it is clear that this is a policy decision that commits the town for many years to come (at least 7). This should have been voted on by the elected board, not decided by staff. I even went back to review meeting minutes from past BOE meetings where this was discussed, only to find that there was only one instance where it came up, and still NO VOTE by the elected board members.

I am thoroughly disappointed, but not at all surprised at the outcome.

This is one reason why voters in town don't have faith in town officials. They assume that everything has been cooked up in the back room beforehand and outside of the democratic process. Unfortunately, tonight, it sure appears that they are right.

On April 11, the Planning and Zoning Commission met. The commission held a public hearing on a proposal to resubdivide a lot on Scantie Road. The current owners plan to sell off at least one of the building lots, or leave them to their children.

Commission also reviewed the Town's aquifer protection regulations. Commissioners asked pointed questions about the application fees and renewal fee structures. Commissioners noted the frustrations felt by many businesses already, and that in order to achieve business retention in town, we should be more aware of the excessive fees already placed on businesses. It was noted, unfortunately, that many of the fees imposed on local businesses are set by either state statute or regulations. They discussed a streamlined, layman's terms flow chart for the aquifer review process.

Commissioners also discussed the concept of implementing an overlay zone over some parts of the Route 5 corridor intended for development according to the Town's POCD. This would allow property owners to retain their existing zoning, but also allow those properties some flexibility as to future use of the properties. This would allow for development in conjunction with the POCD, whether that is a casino or some other economic development. It would streamline the development process for anyone within the zone boundaries, and doesn't create a hardship for anyone. The overlay zone is a business friendly concept. Commissioners were comfortable allowing staff to move forward with a more fully developed proposal for a future meeting. Any such proposal would need to go through the normal public hearing process.

The commission also considered making changes to regulations pertaining to earth excavation. They considered things like hours of operation, daily trips, minimum acreage, and so on.

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Im very pleased that tonight's Town meeting passed an ordinance waiving building fees associated with the replacement of crumbling foundations. This is some that I've been advocating for since last summer, and is long overdue. Hopefully, this will provide some comfort and relief to families afflicted by this devastating occurrence.

On April 22, Abby's Helping Hands will be holding its annual Walk for Abby. It will step off at 10am at the East Windsor Park. Come out and support this great cause. It is a truly wonderful day to be a part of our community. It really is my favorite day of the year to be from this town.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason E. Bowsza
Selectman

4/5/2017 Board of Education – Auditorium 7:30 PM
Outstanding students – Gianna Hutchins BBES, Allison Bancroft EWMS, and Isabella Puziewicz, EWHS. **Limerick Contest** there was 65 entries with 4 winners (tie in the 2nd to 4th grade). **Public Participation** – Emily Syme spoke to the board about supporting EWHS and the Rockville Agri-Science Center; sending students to Suffield will be detrimental to both programs. She also stated she gets on the bus at 5:55 am and arrives at school at 7:20 am (the travel time on the bus should not exceed one hour). What will happen when the Students going to Suffield (14 miles from Emily's home) and Rockville (4 miles) have to use the same transportation (it was stated by Dr Kane this would cost neutral)? There were 3 parents that spoke in favor and a letter read from Lois Noble. **School reports** – BBES Empathy and Giving- goal was to teach and model empathy and sense of giving, this is completed through school wide charitable acts (Veteran's and Valentine Day letters to the Veterans, Visiting nurse association food drive, Can tabs for Shriner's Hospital, Concert for the Senior Center, and hat and mitten drive for Five Corner Cupboard). EWMS supported National History Day. Community Partnership award was approved by all. The last day of school is June 15th. **Unfinished Business** – BBES Window project are due in mid May, the abatement only requires plastic barriers, planting and sidewalks need to be completed as well. Alliance Capital Grant #2 has been delivered and it will take about 30 days – this is not CIP projects but must do issues. It was noted that the last BOE meeting the school budget was set at a 2% increase in spending. There were microphones set up at the head table, however I could not hear (3rd row on the left center); I did hear something from Dr Kane about a FOI request if the BOE was discussed and not properly put on the agenda. She also stated something about either a vacation or leave of absence – again it was not clear. The trip to London, England will take place. There was a lot of discussion regarding a policy for the Agri-Science program – at this time Dr Kane committed to the parents that the 5 students will attend Suffield.

4/8/2017 Rotary/Park & Rec Bunny Breakfast 9:00 AM
Pasta Supper for BB Junior Firefighters 5:00 PM
4/10/2017 Volunteer Incentive Committee 7:00 PM

BBFD had 137 calls this quarter. The total of \$26,343.75 was paid out for drills, calls, training, and officer pay. Next quarter there will be an additional training fee of \$3750.00 for training 5 junior firefighters. Ron will check with the treasurer about the fee being charged for cutting checks.

4/17/2017 Legislative Office Building 11:00 AM
An Act concerning a request for proposals for a casino gaming facility in the state bill number HB 7319. Bob Maynard gave testimony not supporting the bill.

Housing Authority 7:00 PM
The board continues have a favorable financial position and the budget is set to send to CHFA. There was a lot of discussion regarding the Drug & Alcohol policy so this was postponed. **Critical Needs** funding has been approved by the Ct Housing Finance Authority. **Small cities grant** is anticipating the work will begin next week, **matching cities grant** work will begin the week of April 17th. PILOT was discussed as the Housing Authority would like to attend our May 2nd meeting to discuss keeping the payment at 7%.

4/22/2017 WALK FOR ABBY – Reservoir Rd registration begins at 8:30 AM

Respectfully submitted
Dale Nelson, East Windsor Selectwoman