

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 1, 2017

7:00 p.m.

**Town Hall Meeting Room
11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT. 06016**

Meeting Minutes

******* Draft Document subject to Board Review/Approval *******

Board of Selectmen:

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

ATTENDANCE: **Board of Selectmen:** Robert Maynard, First Selectman; Richard P. Pippin, Jr., Deputy First Selectman; Jason Bowsza, Selectman; Dale Nelson, Selectman; Steve Dearborn, Selectman.

GUESTS: See members of the audience identified during Public Participation.

PRESS: Anthony Branciforte, Journal Inquirer.

TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETING:

First Selectman Maynard called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Agenda as published.

Pippin moved/Nelson seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Bowsza/Dearborn/Maynard/Nelson/Pippin)

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ATTENDANCE:

See ATTENDANCE, Page 1.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES:

First Selectman Maynard reminded everyone to be recognized before you speak.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/A. Thursday **TUESDAY, July 18, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes;**

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting dated July 18, 2017, with the following amendments:
Page 1: The day of the Meeting is **Tuesday**, July 18, 2017.
Page 12, NEW BUSINESS/H. Approval of Tax Refunds; **MOTION: To REFUND ~~\$1733.69~~ \$1,738.69** on the Town of East Windsor's Tax List dated July 13, 2017.....

Nelson moved/Bowsza seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Bowsza/Dearborn/Maynard/Nelson/Pippin)

COMMUNICATIONS/A. Department of Children and Families letter regarding Dream Cars for Kid's Dream:

First Selectman Maynard noted receipt of letter from Michelle Sarofin, LCSW, Superintendent, Albert J. Solnit Children's Center regarding appreciation, on behalf of herself and the Center, for First Selectman Maynard's attendance at their 21st annual Dream Cars for Kid's Dreams auto show. (See Attachment A).

COMMUNICATIONS/B. Tax Sale:

First Selectman Maynard noted the receipt of a report from Patricia Kratochivil, Tax Collector, regarding the status of a Tax Sale held on June 29, 2017. A total of 10 properties were offered for sale; prior to the sale 7 of those properties were paid in full, resulting in a total of \$119,642.39 received by the Town. First Selectman Maynard noted the property owners were responsible for attorney fees associated with those properties for which the back taxes were paid. The Town has taken title to 76 Depot Street due to legal issues. (See Attachment B).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Paul Anderson: Mr. Anderson noted at the last Board of Selectmen's Meeting there seemed to be differing recollections of what discussion occurred in the past regarding the Scout Hall Pump Station. Mr. Anderson provided the Board with a document which lists excerpts of minutes of previous Board Meetings, which Mr. Anderson indicated are the official legal record of the

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discussions. Also included are notes from a meeting held on May 8th, 2017 at the Public Works Department; attendees include representatives of the Public Works Department, the Water Pollution Control Authority, the Permanent Building Commission (Permanent), and the Scout Hall Youth Center. *(See Attachment C – 5 pages)*. Mr. Anderson felt the documentation may clarify previous discussions regarding the Scout Hall Pump Station.

Mr. Anderson then asked the Board if they would have any concerns if a full size generator went into Scout Hall without the Town spending any money? First Selectman Maynard questioned if that generator would also run the pump station? Mr. Anderson reported that anything that could run Scout Hall would also run the pump station. He indicated a generator will be installed at the pump station in September one way or another; the generator, which will provide backup power, is a requirement of DEEP.

Selectman Dearborn reported he had heard comments from someone who attends the Scout Hall Meetings which he thought would be beneficial for the Board to hear. He requested discussion of the Scout Hall Pump Station be added to this agenda so the Board can hear those comments. Discussion followed regarding the agenda addition..

MOTION: To ADD AS AN AGENDA ITEM Discussion of the Scout Hall Pump Station.

Dearborn moved/Maynard seconded (for discussion)/

DISCUSSION: Selectman Dearborn requested addition of this discussion tonight so he can present something he was told by someone who attends the Scout Hall Meetings which he thought was a good idea; he suggested the Board didn't have to vote on it, he just wanted to put the discussion on the table. Selectman Bowsza would like to add discussion of the Scout Hall Pump Station to the Board's next meeting agenda; he'd like the specifics of the information before he makes a decision. Deputy First Selectman Pippin agreed with Selectman Bowsza, citing the need to follow procedures. Deputy First Selectman Pippin would also like the information in his packet prior to the next meeting. Selectman Dearborn suggested this was a good idea; Scout Hall would be getting their air conditioning and the pump station would get a generator.

VOTE: **In Favor:** Dearborn
 Opposed: Bowsza/Nelson/Pippin
 Abstained: Maynard

Discussion of the Scout Hall Pump Station will be an agenda item for the Board's August 15th Meeting.

Dick Sherman, 12 Allen Drive: Mr. Sherman reported that last Friday, July 28th, the American Heritage River Commission and the Park and Recreation Department hosted a Paddle and Picnic event in which they met up with members of the Connecticut River Conservancy, out of Greenfield, MA. The purpose of the event was to bring attention to the great resource which is the Connecticut River. Mr. Sherman reported that East Windsor was praised for being the only

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town along the way to have an official commission working towards that goal. Mr. Sherman reported that Selectman Nelson gave a proclamation to the American Heritage River Commission, the Park and Recreation Department, and the Source to Sea /Connecticut River Conservancy for their work.

Selectman Nelson gave First Selectman Maynard a small token – a vial of water taken at the beginning of the Connecticut River in Canada.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/A.

Resignations: None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/B

Reappointments: None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/C: New

Appointments: None.

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

Rebecca Talamini, Chairman of the 250th Anniversary Committee, reported on the following:

- The group continues to work on collecting money; donations are slowly coming in from businesses and individuals.
- August 12th the East Windsor Historical Society will host its Ice Cream Social from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; anniversary merchandise, and the Images of America, East Windsor book, will be available. The authors, Ceil Donaghue and Jessica Bottomley, will be available for a book signing.
- August 19th, the anniversary committee will host a sale table at the Tolland County 4-H Fair.
- The group is working on a float for the 4-Town Fair.
- October 7th the Rotary Club is hosting a wine tasting event at the Second Chance Farm, Rice Road.
- Yard signs (24" x 24"), advertising the 250th Anniversary, are available for a \$50 donation. First Selectman Maynard assisted with a slide presentation of a recent sign painting party. He suggested that Ted Szymanski, of the East Windsor Athletic Club, has indicated the Athletic Club would like to participate in the 250th anniversary as well. Mr. Szymanski also suggested a sign should be posted in each of the 5 villages.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/B. Broad Brook Mill Remediation:

First Selectman Maynard reported that he, Town Planner Laurie Whitten, and Keith Yagaloff, gave a half hour presentation to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) on the grant for refurbishing the mill.

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First Selectman Maynard also reported he received a phone call from a representative of AECOM's historic properties division. UTAS is applying for a permit involving the Army Corp of Engineers; under Federal Statute 106 it requires that any permit for the U. S. Government which involves an historic site must go through a review by the Advisory Council on Historical Preservation. *(See Attachment D – 15 pages)*. The review will require the public and some stakeholders to be involved; the representative will be sending information to Kirk Monstream, of the East Windsor Historical Preservation Commission, Michael Hunt, of the East Windsor Historical Society, First Selectman Maynard and Town Planner Whitten. First Selectman Maynard suggested there will be an opportunity for public participation shortly.

Noting the time the Board paused to hold the Town Meeting.

MOTION: To TAKE A RECESS at 7:28 p.m. to hold the Town Meeting.

Pippin moved/Nelson seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Bowsza/Dearborn/Maynard/Nelson/Pippin)
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

The Board RECESSED at 7:28 p.m. to hold the Town Meeting, and RECONVENED the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 7:37 p.m.

First Selectman Maynard called the Board of Selectmen's Meeting back to order at 7:37 p.m.

First Selectman Maynard reopened discussion on the Broad Brook Mill Site. He noted that Town Planner Whitten had prepared a memo regarding possible uses of the Broad Brook Mill *(See Attachment E – 3 pages)*. First Selectman Maynard read the memo, noting various areas and potential uses for each area. Attached to the memo were two illustrations depicting the various areas/uses.

Deputy First Selectman Pippin suggested that the plan depicts pretty much what he proposed in his motion made at the previous meeting (which failed for the lack of a second). He noted that the area along the mill stream could be used for commercial development. The area of the mill was previously an industrial site; that option could be explored as well.

Selectman Bowsza suggested this memo and plan represents a substantial step towards proposing reuse of the site. Discussion continued regarding the preservation of any portion of the existing mill buildings vs. demolition. It was noted the Permanent Building Commission had visited the site; their assessment was it was cost prohibitive for the Town to undertake renovation of the site. Discussion continued regarding the potential for renovation of any portion of the building to return it to the Grand List. Deputy First Selectman Pippin felt his earlier motion would enable reuse of the site and return tax revenue to the Town. First Selectman Maynard suggested UTAS would like to cap the site with 18 inches of soil and be done with it. Deputy First Selectman Pippin indicated he wasn't in favor of capping the site. Selectman Dearborn questioned who would own the property under the plan proposed? He felt the Town should hold a harder line

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with UTAS. Selectman Bowsza reiterated this is the Town's opportunity to weigh in with DEEP; a remediation plan has been submitted and there is a public comment phase, which is occurring currently. Selectman Bowsza suggested the plan is a substantial step to meeting the opportunity the Town has to opine on the plan submitted by AECOM. He suggested Town Planner Whitten's plan is a very forward thinking proposal, but he questioned the style and presentation of the rendering. He questioned if perhaps a GIS presentation could be submitted? First Selectman Maynard suggested forwarding this rendering to Maurice Hamel and Bill Penn to see their initial response to these recommendations. Deputy First Selectman Pippin reiterated he would like to see the property remediated to the point of reuse; he hates to lose property in the center of town. He felt once it was capped what will it be – a parking lot or a ballfield? Deputy First Selectman Pippin felt the land was too valuable to cap.

MOTION: To REMEDIATE the Mill Site east of the access road to the point of being useable for future commercial development – not capped.

Pippin moved/Bowsza seconded/

DISCUSSION: Selectman Bowsza felt this is a road map for them. DEEP may incorporate some of this plan and UTAS may not agree with the proposal but the Town is putting forth its intention for future use of the site. Selectman Bowsza felt this plan does that. See amendment below.

AMENDMENT: Selectman Bowsza would also like this plan, with a GIS map, submitted to DEEP.

Depute First Selectman Pippin agreed to the amendment.

VOTE on the amendment:

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Bowsza/Dearborn/Maynard/Nelson/Pippin)
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

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Pippin moved/Bowsza seconded/

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Bowsza/Dearborn/Maynard/Nelson/Pippin)
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/C. South Road:

First Selectman Maynard showed various slides of the contaminated dwelling site, including the containment vessel, the original removal of the contaminated soil, and the site today after

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remediation. He cited various problems with the current ownership situation, and opened discussion to potential solutions. He queried the Board for their opinions.

Deputy First Selectman Pippin suggested researching the legal options for seeking variances to create individual lots, accepting the road, and let the people buy the lots their houses are sitting on. Selectman Dearborn felt we should give them the land and be done with it. Selectman Bowsza suggested the property should be turned over to a non-profit agency who specializes in affordable housing which is what the deed restriction says should happen to it. He suggested maybe the people should look into forming such a non-profit themselves; First Selectman Maynard suggested he had considered that option as well. Selectman Nelson agreed with Selectman Bowsza; it needs to go to a non-profit. If they do their own non-profit then she felt we could give them the land.

Joe Malenfant, owner of the home at 4 South Road, joined the discussion. Mr. Malenfant reported he read the letter from the lawyer after reading previous minutes; Mr. Malenfant suggested the attorney didn't say it was impossible for them to get the land. Based on what you're saying it has to stay low to moderate income housing. If you want to divide the land there are lines that are legal lines on the warrantee deeds for every house. If you did that and take control of the road in the center, as long as they have the restriction that it can only be sold to a low to moderate income buyer it would be ok. This way the Town would be getting the taxes for the land instead of getting the rent, which to him is like paying taxes of \$750/year.

Mr. Malenfant reported he also did some research and he felt if you talked to the Connecticut Department of Housing and if the town has enough low to moderate housing then they could release that from being restricted. Mr. Malenfant suggested the Town could get a grant to repair the sewer; the Town has been taking care of the road for 25 years. Mr. Malenfant suggested if it goes to a non-profit the Town won't get the taxes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/D. State of East Windsor July 2017 Report:

First Selectman Maynard reported he didn't add discussion of blighted properties on the agenda because he didn't discuss it in this report, but, he talked to Rand Stanley, who handles blight issues. Mr. Stanley will attend the Board's next meeting; he doesn't feel the current ordinance is strong enough.

Selectman Nelson reported Windsor Locks has the same problem. They have a Blight Officer, and they have police patrols. They also post signs on the property citing a \$10,000 State fine. Selectman Nelson also reported Eversource has been asked to provide better lighting, and Windsor Locks has removed their collection bins to discourage dumping.

With regard to the dumping occurring along Route 140 near the Scantic River, First Selectman Maynard reported the Town has picked up the mattresses and other debris. Mr. Sherman, speaking from the audience, suggested the people from the WPCA (Water Pollution Control

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Authority) had said they could put lights on the side of the collection bins, and a bracket for a camera.

With regard to other issues for the July 2017 report Selectman Nelson reported she attended the TOD Workshop; it was very good. The workshops open people's eyes that it's not just Windsor Locks; things will be happening in East Windsor as well. She also liked the traffic studies.

Deputy First Selectman Pippin noted the recent article in the Journal Inquirer regarding legislative approvals for the casino; it's now off to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for their comments.

NEW BUSINESS/A. Discussion of current and proposed personnel policies:

First Selectman Maynard noted that at a prior meeting the Board had said they wanted to review and approve the various policies before sending them to the Town Attorney for review. Amanda, our Human Resources Specialist, has provided two packets, one of existing policies, and the second packet is proposed policies which she continues to work on. Amanda has suggested that some of the existing policies should be updated.

Deputy First Selectman Pippin referenced the Zero Tolerance Policy specific to the Tax Department should be generalized for all departments; Selectman Nelson concurred.

Selectman Bowsza suggested the policies should be reviewed for consistency of format. Some policies are presented in an outline format while others are narrative. He felt the outline format was easier to read. Selectman Nelson would like to see effective or approval dates on the policies. Selectman Bowsza suggested the Board select a couple of policies to review at each meeting

NEW BUSINESS/B. Route 140 and Yosky Road:

First Selectman Maynard reported he met with Lou Reale, the resident who spoke of the problems at this location at a previous Selectmen's Meeting. First Selectman Maynard noted the key to the problem is the sightline coming out of Yosky Road. Vehicles are moving very fast on Route 140, and the curve is a location for advertising signs. When he and Mr. Reale met the State had been through and had trimmed some of the trees. First Selectman Maynard reported there is a sign on the curve heading towards Warehouse Point, but there is also a hedge of trees on the Yosky property which reduce noise. First Selectman Maynard reported he will be contacting Mr. Yosky.

NEW BUSINESS/C. Discussion of 70 Year Anniversary of Southern Auto:

Selectman Nelson noted that there is a sign in front of the Southern Auto Auction location citing their 70 year history but she would like to see the Town give this business a plaque. He's been a good taxpayer while in business, and he's been a good citizen of the Town. Selectman Nelson

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suggested the Board could invite the owner to a Selectmen's Meeting and present him with a nice plaque; he deserves the recognition.

NEW BUSINESS/D. Discussion of Treasurer Position/Vacancy:

First Selectman Maynard reported the interview team has interviewed 5 candidates for the Treasurer's position; some didn't have any municipal experience. They made an offer to one individual, who turned down the offer based on the salary offered relative to the work schedule. That individual made a counter offer to the Town suggesting a revised work schedule but the team wasn't agreeable to the counter proposal. First Selectman Maynard indicated he would like the Board to consider raising the salary based on qualifications for this position.

Discussion continued regarding the present salary level in comparison to salary levels in surrounding towns, the use of the salary point as a negotiation point, and the Town's history of salary levels. Discussion also included the importance of attracting qualified candidates, and the impact of the salary level on the applicant pool. First Selectman Maynard suggested he would like the Town to look into self-insuring as a cost savings measure. Selectman Dearborn requested First Selectman Maynard to provide a comparison sheet of salary levels for a treasurer's position for surrounding towns.

NEW BUSINESS/E. Approval of Tax Refunds:

MOTION: **To APPROVE tax refunds in the amount of \$3,198.76 dated 7/27/2017.**

Nelson moved/Bowsza seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: **In Favor: Unanimous (Bowsza/Dearborn/Maynard/Nelson/Pippin)
(No one opposed/No abstentions)**

(See Attachment F)

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/A. Steve Dearborn:

Selectman Dearborn reported he attended the DOT thing about the train station development and what they think it will do for East Windsor. Personally, the stuff they presented he saw before, and he didn't like it then. The only way to get things done in Warehouse Point is to have the Chicago fire and then rebuild. Regarding putting sidewalks on South Water Street to get to the river....., the Planning Department mentioned making South Water Street into a one way street – he scoffed at that being another good idea. Selectman Dearborn reported he spoke to the young people handling the presentation; they had no idea of what went on here years ago. Selectman Dearborn suggested he made it clear we don't want the rotary in East Windsor. He noted they talked about the foot traffic; that will never happen. Selectman Dearborn gave the Board examples of the traffic in Windsor Locks in the 70s, when a thousand people worked in

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one of the buildings over there. Selectman Dearborn wasn't convinced the Windsor Locks development will benefit East Windsor.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/B. Jason E. Bowsza:

(See Attachment G -2 pages)

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/C. Dale A. Nelson:

Selectman Nelson reported on the following events:

- July 26th – The Board of Education Meeting was cancelled.
- July 27th - She attend the DOT presentation here in the Meeting Room.
- July 28th: She attended the American Heritage River Commission event - Source to Sea/Paddle and Picnic - co-hosted with the Connecticut River Conservancy

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/D. Richard Pippin, Jr.

Deputy First Selectman Pippin attended the following meetings/events:

- July 27th: He also attended the TOD presentation meeting. He agrees with Selectman Dearborn; people won't walk across the bridge - maybe with a shuttle bus. He suggested the real issue is the railroad crossing. He offered as an alternative that Ahlstrom repair their crossing which has deteriorated. Deputy First Selectman Pippin also felt South Water Street should be left alone. He felt the rotary will increase pollution from the trucks; the turn is too tight.
- July 24th: He attended the Building Commission.
 - The floors in the school must be entirely replaced as they can't match existing tiles.
 - The concrete work is being redone.
 - The Middle School roof deck is really bad; the anticipated cost of the extra work is \$178,500 but that money was built into the price originally approved so we should be ok.
 - The window abatement is done; they are waiting for the gym doors. Hopefully school will start on time.
 - The landscaping is another issue.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/E. Robert Maynard:

First Selectman Maynard felt another problem with the railroad crossing - with the development of the Montgomery Mill the people coming from Windsor Locks will increase the traffic problems. Selectman Dearborn and Deputy First Selectman Pippin recalled that Amtrak ran two sets of tracks several years ago. Deputy First Selectman Pippin suggested the crossing could be eliminated by putting an aqueduct over the canal or putting a bridge over the railroad tracks.

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First Selectman Maynard also noted on Saturday, August 12th, from 1:00 to 3:00 the East Windsor Historical Society will hold its annual ice cream social, which will include a tour of the Osborn House. The authors of the book, East Windsor, will also participate in a book signing.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Another opportunity for the public to make comments:

Bob Leach, 39 Church Street, Chairman of the Republican Town Committee: Mr. Leach offered a written copy of his comments regarding “this November’s Election Charade. (See Attachment H). Mr. Leach reported he is petitioning to primary for a seat on the Board of Selectmen in the November election.

Dick Sherman, 12 Allen Drive: suggested one thing everyone is missing in discussion of the traffic circle is if you have been on either side and there is an accident on I-91 you will have a bigger problem, unless you go to Enfield or Wilson. This should be considered in their dissertation.

Rebecca Talamini, Chairman, 250 Anniversary Committee:

- October 7th: The Rotary Club is holding a wine tasting from 1:00 to 4:30 at Second Chance Farm, Rice Road.
- Ms. Talamini questioned what’s the status of hiring a Wetlands Agent? First Selectman Maynard noted the Zoning Enforcement Officer, who will also be the Wetlands Agent, will start in the beginning of September.
- Regarding the Broad Brook Mill Site, could you put the numbers for the percentage of usage on the screen at the next meeting? First Selectman Maynard noted the attachment (Attachment E) will be included in the Minutes.

Tom Talamini, Rice Road: reported in South Windsor the Council members have the minutes and support documentation available for the public; it’s great.

Joe Malenfant, 4 South Road:

- Regarding the rotary, it sounds like it’s going to be tight; it sounds like they’ll be tearing up the road, how many times will they repair it?
- Regarding South Road, he appreciates the Board of Selectmen giving them the land and getting it on the tax rolls but for the Selectman who wants to go the easy way and selling it to a non-profit, he referenced the size of his home and it’s assessed value, citing it isn’t worth anything. He suggested rather than pawning them off on to another non-profit he suggested reviewing the attorney’s letter regarding them having the land. Mr. Malenfant would appreciate the Selectmen doing anything they can to give them the land, rather than throwing them aside as they have in the past.

SIGNATURES FOR APPROVAL OF CHECK RESIGTERS:

The Selectmen signed the checks presented to them this evening.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to C.G.S. 1-210(b)(1) Negotiations:

MOTION: To GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:55 p.m. Attending the Executive Session were: Robert Maynard, First Selectman; Richard P. Pippin, Jr., Deputy First Selectman; Jason Bowsza, Selectman; Dale Nelson, Selectman; Steve Dearborn, Selectman.

Pippin moved/Nelson seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Bowsza/Dearborn/Maynard/Nelson/Pippin)
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

LET THE RECORD SHOW the recording secretary left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

The recording secretary was advised the Board came out of Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Nelson moved/Pippin seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Bowsza/Dearborn/Maynard/Nelson/Pippin)
(No one opposed/No abstentions)

Respectfully submitted


Peg Hoffman, Substitute Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen

COS-8/1/2017 Attachment A



Joette Katz
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT of CHILDREN and FAMILIES
Making a Difference for Children, Families and Communities



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July 17, 2017

FIRST SELECTMANS OFFICE

Mr. Robert Maynard
First Selectman of East Windsor
11 Rye Street
Broad Brook, CT 06016-9553

Dear Mr. Maynard:

On behalf of the Albert J. Solnit Children's Center and myself, I wish to extend my sincere thanks and great appreciation for attending our 21st annual *Dream Cars for Kid's Dreams* event. The annual car show has been an East Windsor tradition for 21 years and brings the surrounding community together in support of our youth. Each year we have been fortunate with a great turnout and many loyal repeat car presenters and families attending. We are so glad that you were able to be a part of this wonderful East Windsor community event.

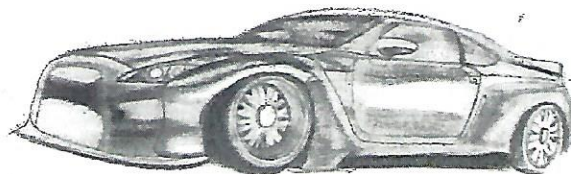
This year's show raised over \$5,395.00! These funds will provide many outside learning, socialization and skill-building opportunities for our youth to enable them to explore their potential and prepare them for the next step.

Thank you again for attending. We appreciate your support and hope to see you next year as well!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Sarofin".

Michelle Sarofin, LCSW
Superintendent
Albert J. Solnit Children's Center



Artwork drawn by a Solnit youth



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MARY ANN SIMMONS
FINANCIAL CLERK

To: Board of Selectmen
Board of Finance

From: Patricia Kratochvil
Tax Collector

Date: July 20, 2017

Re: June 29, 2017 Tax Sale

A tax sale was conducted on June 29, 2017. There were a total of 10 properties up for tax sale. Prior to the sale date, seven properties were paid in full. On the date of the sale two properties were sold. One property the town has taken title, 76 Depot Street. When the attorney returned to his office, the one property was redeemed at the exact same time of the sale. The other property was redeemed in full with interest one day after the sale. I was pleased with the results of the tax sale.

Of those properties sold here are the results:

Property	Total Recovered
3 Bayberry Lane	\$ 7,079.96
5 Bayberry Lane	\$ 6,545.81
Wells Road (Macbeth)	\$ 1,893.28
13 Spring Street	\$ 8,385.47
2 properties East Road	\$ 1,848.41
32 Julia Ct & Garage	\$11,099.90
178 Main St.	\$13,922.00
29A Pasco Drive	\$ 5,749.67
9 Thompson Road	<u>\$63,107.89</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$119,642.39</u>

76 Depot Street - I thought the buyers were going to show at the sale. They did not. In order to extinguish the IRS liens and all other liens, I decided to have the town take title. After the six-month redemption period, the town may sell the property to the highest bidder through a town authorized realtor without the encumbrances of the liens.

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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.

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B. WPCA to Discuss Pump Station Repair at Scout Hall:

The WPCA came and spoke about the Scout Hall Pump Station. There were many questions about ownership of the pump station since public has hooked into the line. The pump system needs to be replaced so that the WPCA can take it over. The WPCA got an estimate to replace the pump for \$25,141 which includes everything needed. They will be doing the labor themselves. If they didn't the estimate would double or triple. They are receiving payment from the people that are hooked into the system of about \$1,500 a year. After a very lengthy discussion and many differing opinions on ownership Mr. Bowsza asked that this be revisited in 2 weeks and during that time the WPCA and the DPW get together and try and come up with a plan for the pump station.

MOTION made by (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** by (Pippin) to postpone Agenda item 11

WPCA to Discuss Pump Station at Scout Hall, until the May 16, 2017 meeting.

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

To see the letter it is hereto attached as Attachment B (4 page)

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B. WPCA to Discussion Pump Station Repair at Scout Hall:

Mr. Anderson came and gave a brief report about the Scout Hall Pump Station. To see the report it is hereto attached as Attachment C (1 page). The WPCA will pay to have the pump station upgraded. If the existing generators are fine then the Town will install them. A new generator may be needed and the two existing may be able to be traded in towards a new one. Mr. Maynard agreed that a MOU should be written. More information is needed about the existing generators and if a new one needs to be purchased or if it would be just installation. That information was not available at the time of the meeting. Mr. Bowsza wanted to recognize the fact the WPCA and DPW got together in a timely manner and came up with an agreeable solution to the problem and he wanted to thank them

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B. Discussion and Approval of Scout Hall Generator Proposal:

Mr. Norton stated that they have looked into the generators at the Scout Hall and got an estimate for a new generator that would run the pump station and the whole most of the building. The estimate for the generator was \$56,245. A lengthy discussion followed about the existing generators and buying a new one. Mr. Pippin stated he felt that it was a veiled approach to get a generator of Scout Hall and not just the pump station. He said if it was going out to bid they would need at least 2 more bids. Mr. Dearborn stated that with the size of the generator that they want to get it would make the building self-sustainable. He stated that if that was the case then the building should become an emergency shelter. He feels that it should be done right the first time around and no to try and half fix things. Selectwoman Nelson agreed with Mr. Dearborn. Mr. Pippin feels it should not be a shelter and it is a waste of money, there are other shelters in Town.

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Public Participation

Paul Anderson, 89 Main Street, Broad Brook: Mr. Anderson noted the meeting agenda lacks an item for discussion of the pump station or generator at Scout Hall. As Chairman of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) he was asked to work with DPW and the Building Commission regarding these issues. The resolution was that the WPCA would upgrade the pump station while the Town would take care of the generator. Mr. Anderson cited the need for discussion to create an MOU (Memo of Understanding). Selectman Pippin suggested the Building Committee was to be involved in the project; they have not yet met this month.

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NEW BUSINESS B. Discussion of Scout Hall Pump Station:

Paul Anderson, Chairman of the Water Pollution Control Authority joined the Board. Mr. Anderson reported he asked the Superintendent to look at what it would take to install a generator for the Scout Hall Pump Station. Because of the low demand on the pump you would need a small generator. He has received an estimate from Powers Guaranteed Generators who have recommended a propane-fueled generator at an estimated installation price of \$21,000 to \$23,000. The price of a similar diesel-fueled generator would be \$27,130. A small generator which was originally purchased by the Scout Hall Building Committee (SHBC) and installed at Scout Hall is now being sold by the SHBC as it can no longer support Scout Hall; that generator was initially offered to the Town. Selectman Dearborn questioned where the proceeds of that sale are going; Mr. Anderson didn't know. Mr. Anderson suggested if the goal is to put a generator at the pump station only then there would not be a generator for Scout Hall. Discussion followed regarding the specifics of each model of generators. Mr. Anderson reported they also looked at the cost to eliminate the pump station and put in a sewer line 1900 feet down to Route 5; the estimated cost for that project is \$300,000. Mr. Anderson referenced page

93 of the POCD (plan of Conservation and Development), noting a goal is to protect the Town from natural disasters by recommending that all municipal buildings should have generators. Selectman Bowsza questioned if there are any Emergency Management Grants available for this purchase; Mr. Anderson indicated he was told the Town would pay for the generator. Mr. Anderson reported the WPCA would own the pump station and maintain it, he understood the Town would provide a generator to power Scout Hall which will power the pump station, and Scout Hall will pay the electrical bills to power the pump station.

Discussion followed regarding the proceeds of the sale of the Scout Hall generator. Mr. Anderson reiterated that generator had been purchased by the SHBC; he didn't know where the proceeds would go. First Selectman Maynard felt the WPCA had said it would sell the 2 generators and the proceeds would go towards this purchase; Mr. Anderson didn't respond. Mr. Anderson suggested that at this time the Town owns the pump station; the pump station will be rebuilt because it's a safety issue. DEEP required that a generator will power the pump station when the WPCA takes over ownership of the pump station. First Selectman Maynard suggested if the Town invests \$56,000 (*see Attachment C*) we get a generator that will run the pump station and Scout Hall and it could then be used for an emergency facility; he suggested this is actually a capital improvement item which should be funded under the CIP. Mr. Anderson cited the need to sign a MOU regarding this issue.

Deputy First Selectman Pippin cited that there are 3 people hooked up to this pump station for sewers and wells; Mr. Anderson indicated that one, Windsor Show Stables will be installing their own ~~pump station~~ generator soon. Deputy First Selectman Pippin cited concern for the source of the funding for this purchase; he noted the CIP list has already been submitted. He cited there are other municipal buildings, the Broad Brook Fire Station and the Town Hall, which have new generators and could be used for emergency shelters. Discussion continued.

MOTION: To APPROVE an added appropriation not to exceed \$56,000 for a generator to power the pump station and Scout Hall.

Bowsza moved/Dearborn *seconded*/DISCUSSION: Selectman Bowsza noted the approval of the added appropriation is to be referred to the Board of Finance and sent to Town Meeting.

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Bowsza/Dearborn/Nelson

Opposed: Pippin

Abstained: No one

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Discussion of Scout Hall Pump Station:

First Selectman Maynard recalled the Board's previous discussion of the purchase of a new generator for the Scout Hall Pump Station; the result of those discussions was a motion by this Board to recommend to the Board of Finance (BOF) to purchase a new generator for \$56,000. Since that vote this Board has initiated a spending freeze until the Town knows what funding will be coming from the State. First Selectman Maynard queried the Board regarding their intention to send that recommendation to the BOF.

MOTION: To RECONSIDER an added appropriation not to spend \$50,000 to power Scout Hall.
Bowsza moved/Nelson seconded!

DISCUSSION: Deputy First Selectman Pippin noted that originally 2 generators had been offered to the Town to run the pump station; he also felt a new generator could be purchased for less than this Board approved. Selectman Bowsza noted the Board had asked Town Engineer Norton and Operations Manager Sauerhoefer to report back to the BOS with a recommendation. Town Engineer Norton clarified that they had been asked to provide information regarding the cost of a generator of the size necessary to run the building; that was the estimate for \$56,000. They did not recommend that the Board make that purchase. Town Engineer Norton also noted they looked at the other 2 generators and they were not sufficient to run the building. Discussion followed regarding use of the building for an emergency center; it was noted that the high school had been used previously and the Broad Brook Fire Station can now be used as an emergency center. Returning to the issue of the cost for a generator to power the pump station only, Mr. Anderson recalled a quote of \$22,000 to \$25,000. Deputy First Selectman Pippin felt the purchase request should have been made through the CIP funding; he also felt the Permanent Building Committee should be involved in this decision as well. Operations Manager Sauerhoefer recalled that members of the Building Committee had been present during a staff meeting regarding the generator specifications. Mr. Anderson advised the Board of the need for an MOD (memo of understanding) to clarify ownership of the pump station. Town Planner Whitten questioned if Scout Hall had been included as an emergency center in the Emergency Management Plan; if so grant funding might be available for this purchase. Mr. Anderson indicated Scout Hall is not currently part of that plan. The consensus of the Selectmen was to do nothing until the State budget is approved.

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Bowsza/Nelson/Pippin

Opposed: Dearborn

Abstained: No one

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Mtg at Public Works

Len Norton, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer/Tree Warden

Joe Sauerhoefer, Operations Manager

Permanent Bldg Commission

Al Rodrigue, Chairman

Jim Thurz, V Chair

Tom Talamini

WPCA

Art Enderle, Superintendant

Ed Alibozek, Chief Operator

Paul Anderson, Chairman

SHYC

Paul Anderson, V Pres

WPCA will upgrade Pump Station and pay for it.

Town will install generator and pay for installation.

Scout Hall will donate generator.

Possible trade-in of 2 existing generators to purchase a larger one.

Memo of Understanding. (1 page)

WPCA to take on full responsibility of the pump station at 28 Abbe Road ('Scout Hall Pump Station')

The Town to install an emergency generator for the Scout Hall Youth Center at 28 Abbe Road, capable of supplying power for the entire facility.

Electricity and Gas cost to be borne by the Town or its designated lessee.

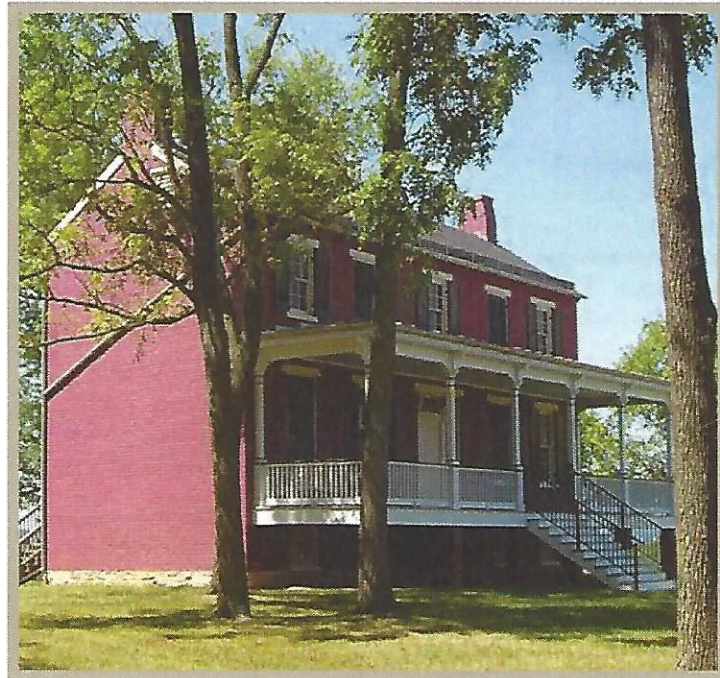
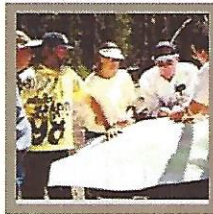
Signed by First Selectman and Chairman, WPCA.

Protecting Historic Properties

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Protecting Historic Properties:

A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO SECTION 106 REVIEW



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COVER PHOTOS:

Clockwise, from top left: Historic Downtown Louisville, Kentucky; Section 106 consultation at Medicine Lake, California; bighorn sheep petroglyph in Nine Mile Canyon, Utah (photo courtesy Jerry D. Spangler); Worthington Farm, Monocacy Battlefield National Historic Landmark, Maryland (photo courtesy Maryland State Highway Administration).

About the ACHP

The mission of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is to promote the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of the nation's historic resources and advise the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy.

The ACHP, an independent federal agency, also provides a forum for influencing federal activities, programs, and policies that affect historic properties. In addition, the ACHP has a key role in carrying out the Preserve America program.

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Introduction

Proud of your heritage? Value the places that reflect your community's history? You should know about Section 106 review, an important tool you can use to influence federal decisions regarding historic properties. By law, you have a voice when a project involving federal action, approval, or funding may affect properties that qualify for the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's official list of historic properties.

This guide from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), the agency charged with historic preservation leadership within federal government, explains how your voice can be heard.

Each year, the federal government is involved with many projects that affect historic properties. For example, the Federal Highway Administration works with states on road improvements, the Department of Housing and Urban Development grants funds to cities to rebuild communities, and the General Services Administration builds and leases federal office space.

Agencies like the Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Defense make decisions daily

about the management of federal buildings, parks, forests, and lands. These decisions may affect historic properties, including those that are of traditional religious and cultural significance to federally recognized Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Projects with less obvious federal involvement can also have repercussions on historic properties. For example, the construction of a boat dock or a housing development that affects wetlands may also impact fragile archaeological sites and require a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit. Likewise, the construction of a cellular tower may require a license from the Federal Communications Commission and might compromise historic or culturally significant landscapes or properties valued by Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations for traditional religious and cultural practices.

These and other projects with federal involvement can harm historic properties. The Section 106 review process gives you the opportunity to alert the federal government to the historic properties you value and influence decisions about projects that affect them.

Public Involvement Matters



Dust from vehicles may affect historic sites in Nine Mile Canyon, Utah. (photo courtesy Jerry D. Spangler; Colorado Plateau Archaeological Alliance)

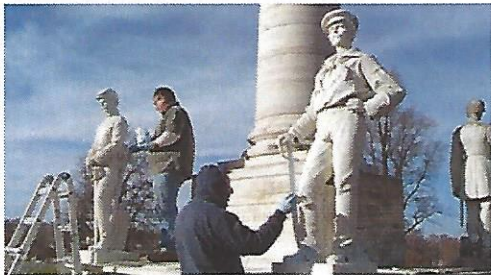
What is Section 106 Review?

In the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), Congress established a comprehensive program to preserve the historical and cultural foundations of the nation as a living part of community life. Section 106 of the NHPA is crucial to that program because it requires consideration of historic preservation in the multitude of projects with federal involvement that take place across the nation every day.

Section 106 requires federal agencies to consider the effects of projects they carry out, approve, or fund on historic properties. Additionally, federal agencies must provide the ACHP an opportunity to comment on such projects prior to the agency's decision on them.

Section 106 review encourages, but does not mandate, preservation. Sometimes there is no way for a needed project to proceed without harming historic properties. Section 106 review does ensure that preservation values are factored into federal agency planning and decisions. Because of Section 106, federal agencies must assume responsibility for the consequences of the projects they carry out, approve, or fund on historic properties and be publicly accountable for their decisions.

Conservation



The National Soldiers Monument (1877) at Dayton (Ohio) National Cemetery was cleaned and conserved in 2009 as part of a program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. (photo courtesy Department of Veterans Affairs)

Understanding Section 106 Review

Regulations issued by the ACHP spell out the Section 106 review process, specifying actions federal agencies must take to meet their legal obligations. The regulations are published in the Code of Federal Regulations at 36 CFR Part 800, "Protection of Historic Properties," and can be found on the ACHP's Web site at www.achp.gov.

Federal agencies are responsible for initiating Section 106 review, most of which takes place between the agency and state and tribal or Native Hawaiian organization officials. Appointed by the governor, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) coordinates the state's historic preservation program and consults with agencies during Section 106 review.

Agencies also consult with officials of federally recognized Indian tribes when the projects have the potential to affect historic properties on tribal lands or historic properties of significance to such tribes located off tribal lands. Some tribes have officially designated Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), while others designate representatives to consult with agencies as needed. In Hawaii, agencies consult with Native Hawaiian organizations (NHOs) when historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them may be affected.

To successfully complete Section 106 review, federal agencies must do the following:

- ▶ gather information to decide which properties in the area that may be affected by the project are listed, or are eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places (referred to as "historic properties");
- ▶ determine how those historic properties might be affected;
- ▶ explore measures to avoid or reduce harm ("adverse effect") to historic properties; and
- ▶ reach agreement with the SHPO/THPO (and the ACHP in some cases) on such measures to resolve any adverse effects or, failing that, obtain advisory comments from the ACHP, which are sent to the head of the agency.

What are Historic Properties?

In the Section 106 process, a historic property is a prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. This term includes artifacts, records, and remains that are related to and located within these National Register properties. The term also includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization, so long as that property also meets the criteria for listing in the National Register.

The National Register of Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of properties recognized for their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. It is administered by the National Park Service, which is part of the Department of the Interior. The Secretary of the Interior has established the criteria for evaluating the eligibility of properties for the National Register. In short, the property must be significant, be of a certain age, and have integrity:

- ▶ **Significance.** Is the property associated with events, activities, or developments that were important in the past? With the lives of people who were historically important? With distinctive architectural history, landscape history, or engineering achievements? Does it have the potential to yield important information through archaeological investigation about our past?
- ▶ **Age and Integrity.** Is the property old enough to be considered historic (generally at least 50 years old) and does it still look much the way it did in the past?

During a Section 106 review, the federal agency evaluates properties against the National Register criteria and seeks the consensus of the SHPO/THPO/tribe regarding eligibility. A historic property need not be formally listed in the National Register in order to be considered under the Section 106 process. Simply coming to a consensus determination that a property is eligible for listing is adequate to move forward with Section 106 review. (For more information, visit the National Register Web site at www.cr.nps.gov/nr).

When historic properties may be harmed, Section 106 review usually ends with a legally binding agreement that establishes how the federal agency will avoid, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effects. In the very few cases where this does not occur,

the ACHP issues advisory comments to the head of the agency who must then consider these comments in making a final decision about whether the project will proceed.

Section 106 reviews ensure federal agencies fully consider historic preservation issues and the views of the public during project planning. Section 106 reviews do not mandate the approval or denial of projects.



SECTION 106: WHAT IS AN ADVERSE EFFECT?

If a project may alter characteristics that qualify a specific property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property, that project is considered to have an adverse effect. Integrity is the ability of a property to convey its significance, based on its location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

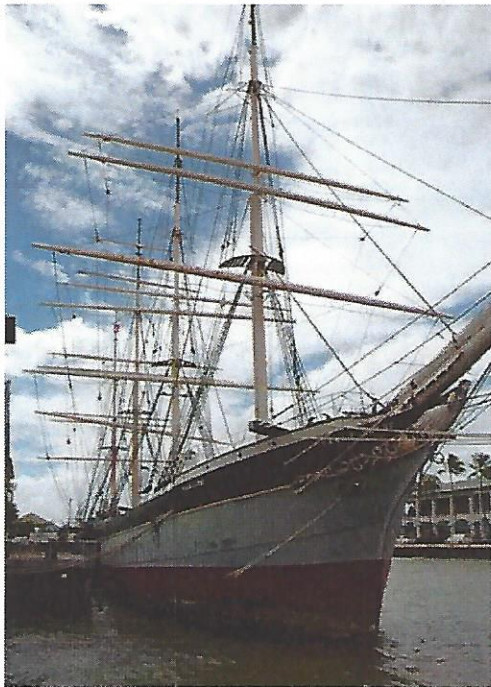
Adverse effects can be direct or indirect and include the following:

- ▶ physical destruction or damage
- ▶ alteration inconsistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties
- ▶ relocation of the property
- ▶ change in the character of the property's use or setting
- ▶ introduction of incompatible visual, atmospheric, or audible elements
- ▶ neglect and deterioration
- ▶ transfer, lease, or sale of a historic property out of federal control without adequate preservation restrictions

Determining Federal Involvement

If you are concerned about a proposed project and wondering whether Section 106 applies, you should first determine whether the federal government is involved. Will a federal agency fund or carry out the project? Is a federal permit, license, or approval needed? Section 106 applies only if a federal agency is carrying out the project, approving it, or funding it, so confirming federal involvement is critical.

Historic



Falgout, in Honolulu, Hawaii, is the last surviving iron-hulled, four-masted full rigged ship, and the only remaining sail-driven oil tanker. (photo courtesy Bishop Museum Maritime Center)



IS THERE FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT? CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES:

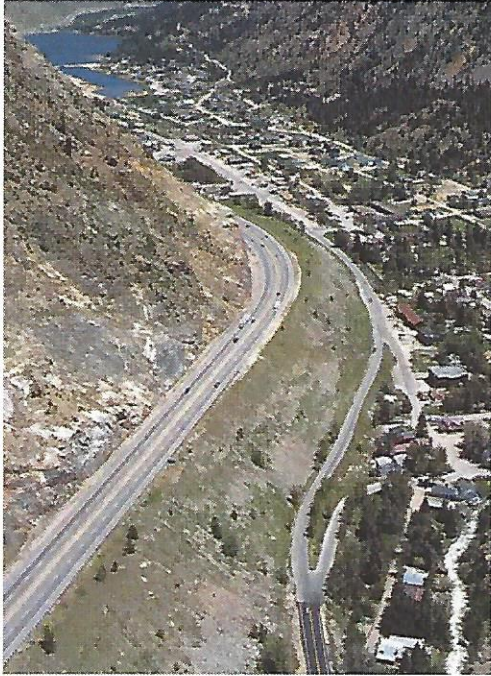
Is a federally owned or federally controlled property involved, such as a military base, park, forest, office building, post office, or courthouse? Is the agency proposing a project on its land, or would it have to provide a right-of-way or other approval to a private company for a project such as a pipeline or mine?

Is the project receiving federal funds, grants, or loans? If it is a transportation project, frequent sources of funds are the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Federal Railroad Administration. Many local government projects receive funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Federal Emergency Management Agency provides funds for disaster relief.

Does the project require a federal permit, license, or other approval? Often housing developments impact wetlands, so a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit may be required. Airport projects frequently require approvals from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Many communications activities, including cellular tower construction, are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. Hydropower and pipeline development requires approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Creation of new bank branches must be approved by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Federal Funds



Interstate 70 at the Georgetown-Silver Plume National Historic Landmark, Colorado (photo courtesy J.F. Sato & Associates)

Sometimes federal involvement is obvious. Often, involvement is not immediately apparent. If you have a question, contact the project sponsor to obtain additional information and to inquire about federal involvement. All federal agencies have Web sites. Many list regional or local contacts and information on major projects. The SHPO/THPO/tribe, state or local planning commissions, or statewide historic preservation organizations may also have project information.

Once you have identified the responsible federal agency, write to the agency to request a project description and inquire about the status of project planning. Ask how the agency plans to comply with Section 106, and voice your concerns. Keep the SHPO/THPO/tribe advised of your interest and contacts with the federal agency.

MONITORING FEDERAL ACTIONS

The sooner you learn about proposed projects with federal involvement, the greater your chance of influencing the outcome of Section 106 review.

Learn more about the history of your neighborhood, city, or state. Join a local or statewide preservation, historical, or archaeological organization. These organizations are often the ones first contacted by federal agencies when projects commence.

If there is a clearinghouse that distributes information about local, state, tribal, and federal projects, make sure you or your organization is on its mailing list.

Make the SHPO/THPO/tribe aware of your interest.

Become more involved in state and local decision making. Ask about the applicability of Section 106 to projects under state, tribal, or local review. Does your state, tribe, or community have preservation laws in place? If so, become knowledgeable about and active in the implementation of these laws.

Review the local newspaper for notices about projects being reviewed under other federal statutes, especially the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Under NEPA, a federal agency must determine if its proposed major actions will significantly impact the environment. Usually, if an agency is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement under NEPA, it must also complete a Section 106 review for the project.



Working with Federal Agencies

Throughout the Section 106 review process, federal agencies must consider the views of the public. This is particularly important when an agency is trying to identify historic properties that might be affected by a project and is considering ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate harm to them.

Agencies must give the public a chance to learn about the project and provide their views. How agencies publicize projects depends on the nature and complexity of the particular project and the agency's public involvement procedures.

Public meetings are often noted in local newspapers and on television and radio. A daily government publication, the *Federal Register* (available at many public libraries and online at www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html), has notices concerning projects, including those being reviewed under NEPA. Federal agencies often use NEPA for purposes of public outreach under Section 106 review.

Federal agencies also frequently contact local museums and historical societies directly to learn about historic properties and community concerns. In addition, organizations like the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) are actively engaged in a number of Section 106 consultations on projects around the country. The NTHP is a private, non-profit membership organization dedicated to saving historic places and revitalizing America's communities. Organizations

like the NTHP and your state and local historical societies and preservation interest groups can be valuable sources of information. Let them know of your interest.

When the agency provides you with information, let the agency know if you disagree with its findings regarding what properties are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or how the proposed project may affect them. Tell the agency—in writing—about any important properties that you think have been overlooked or incorrectly evaluated. Be sure to provide documentation to support your views.

When the federal agency releases information about project alternatives under consideration, make it aware of the options you believe would be most beneficial. To support alternatives that would preserve historic properties, be prepared to discuss costs and how well your preferred alternatives would meet project needs. Sharing success stories about the treatment or reuse of similar resources can also be helpful.

Applicants for federal assistance or permits, and their consultants, often undertake research and analyses on behalf of a federal agency. Be prepared to make your interests and views known to them, as well. But remember the federal agency is ultimately responsible for completing Section 106 review, so make sure you also convey your concerns directly to it.

Learn About the Project



Hangar I, a historic dirigible hangar at Moffett Field at NASA Ames Research Center, California

Influencing Project Outcomes

In addition to seeking the views of the public, federal agencies must actively consult with certain organizations and individuals during review. This interactive consultation is at the heart of Section 106 review.

Consultation does not mandate a specific outcome. Rather, it is the process of seeking, discussing, and considering the views of consulting parties about how project effects on historic properties should be handled.

To influence project outcomes, you may work through the consulting parties, particularly those who represent your interests. For instance, if you live within the local jurisdiction where a project is taking place, make sure to express your views on historic preservation issues to the local government officials who participate in consultation.



Residents in the Lower Mid-City Historic District in New Orleans express their opinions about the proposed acquisition and demolition of their properties for the planned new Department of Veterans Affairs and Louisiana State University medical centers which would replace the facilities damaged as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

You or your organization may want to take a more active role in Section 106 review, especially if you have a legal or economic interest in the project or the affected properties. You might also have an interest in the effects of the project as an individual, a business owner, or a member of a neighborhood association, preservation group, or other organization. Under these circumstances, you or your organization may write to the federal agency asking to become a consulting party.



WHO ARE CONSULTING PARTIES?

The following parties are entitled to participate as consulting parties during Section 106 review:

- ▶ Advisory Council on Historic Preservation;
- ▶ State Historic Preservation Officers;
- ▶ Federally recognized Indian tribes/THPOs;
- ▶ Native Hawaiian organizations;
- ▶ Local governments; and
- ▶ Applicants for federal assistance, permits, licenses, and other approvals.

Other individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the project may participate in Section 106 review as consulting parties "due to the nature of their legal or economic relation to the undertaking or affected properties, or their concern with the undertaking's effects on historic properties." Their participation is subject to approval by the responsible federal agency.

When requesting consulting party status, explain in a letter to the federal agency why you believe your participation would be important to successful resolution. Since the SHPO/THPO or tribe will assist the federal agency in deciding who will participate in the consultation, be sure to provide the SHPO/THPO or tribe with a copy of your letter. Make sure to emphasize your relationship with the project and demonstrate how your connection will inform the agency's decision making.

If you are denied consulting party status, you may ask the ACHP to review the denial and make recommendations to the federal agency regarding your participation. However, the federal agency makes the ultimate decision on the matter.

Consulting party status entitles you to share your views, receive and review pertinent information, offer ideas, and consider possible solutions together with the federal agency and other consulting parties. It is up to you to decide how actively you want to participate in consultation.

Get Involved



Section 106 consultation with an Indian tribe

MAKING THE MOST OF CONSULTATION

Consultation will vary depending on the federal agency's planning process and the nature of the project and its effects.

Often consultation involves participants with a wide variety of concerns and goals. While the focus of some may be preservation, the focus of others may be time, cost, and the purpose to be served by the project.

Effective consultation occurs when you:

- ▶ keep an open mind;
- ▶ state your interests clearly;
- ▶ acknowledge that others have legitimate interests, and seek to understand and accommodate them;
- ▶ consider a wide range of options;
- ▶ identify shared goals and seek options that allow mutual gain; and
- ▶ bring forward solutions that meet the agency's needs.

Creative ideas about alternatives—not complaints—are the hallmarks of effective consultation.



How the ACHP Can Help

Under Section 106 review, most harmful effects are addressed successfully by the federal agency and the consulting parties without participation by the ACHP. So, your first points of contact should always be the federal agency and/or the SHPO/THPO.

When there is significant public controversy, or if the project will have substantial effects on important historic properties, the ACHP may elect to participate directly in the consultation. The ACHP may also get involved if important policy questions are raised, procedural problems arise, or if there are issues of concern to Indian tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations.

Whether or not the ACHP becomes involved in consultation, you may contact the ACHP to express your views or to request guidance, advice, or technical assistance. Regardless of the

scale of the project or the magnitude of its effects, the ACHP is available to assist with dispute resolution and advise on the Section 106 review process.

If you cannot resolve disagreements with the federal agency regarding which historic properties are affected by a project or how they will be impacted, contact the ACHP. The ACHP may then advise the federal agency to reconsider its findings.



CONTACTING THE ACHP: A CHECKLIST

When you contact the ACHP, try to have the following information available:

- ▶ the name of the responsible federal agency and how it is involved;
- ▶ a description of the project;
- ▶ the historic properties involved; and
- ▶ a clear statement of your concerns about the project and its effect on historic properties.

If you suspect federal involvement but have been unable to verify it, or if you believe the federal agency or one of the other participants in review has not fulfilled its responsibilities under the Section 106 regulations, you can ask the ACHP to investigate. In either case, be as specific as possible.

Collecting Comments



A panel of ACHP members listen to comments during a public meeting.

When Agencies Don't Follow the Rules

A federal agency must conclude Section 106 review before making a decision to approve a project, or fund or issue a permit that may affect a historic property. Agencies should not make obligations or take other actions that would preclude consideration of the full range of alternatives to avoid or minimize harm to historic properties before Section 106 review is complete.

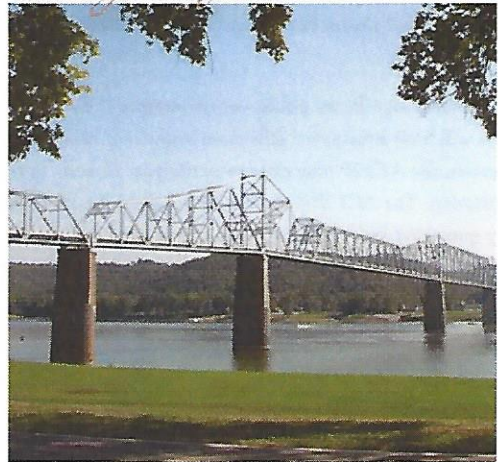
If the agency acts without properly completing Section 106 review, the ACHP can issue a finding that the agency has prevented meaningful review of the project. This means that, in the ACHP's opinion, the agency has failed to comply with Section 106 and therefore has not met the requirements of federal law.

A vigilant public helps ensure federal agencies comply fully with Section 106. In response to requests, the ACHP can investigate questionable actions and advise agencies to take corrective action. As a last resort, preservation groups or individuals can litigate in order to enforce Section 106.

If you are involved in a project and it seems to be getting off track, contact the agency to voice your concern. Call the SHPO or THPO to make sure they understand the issue. Call the ACHP if you feel your concerns have not been heard.

Following Through

Stay Informed



Milton Madison Bridge over the Ohio River between Kentucky and Indiana (photo courtesy Wilbur Smith Associates/Michael Baker Engineers)

After agreements are signed, the public may still play a role in the Section 106 process by keeping abreast of the agreements that were signed and making sure they are properly carried out. The public may also request status reports from the agency.

Designed to accommodate project needs and historic values, Section 106 review relies on strong public participation. Section 106 review provides the public with an opportunity to influence how projects with federal involvement affect historic properties. By keeping informed of federal involvement, participating in consultation, and knowing when and whom to ask for help, you can play an active role in deciding the future of historic properties in your community.

Section 106 review gives you a chance to weigh in when projects with federal involvement may affect historic properties you care about. Seize that chance, and make a difference!

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Beneath the Surface



Ohio Department of Transportation workers made an unanticipated archaeological discovery while working just north of Chillicothe along state Route 104. It is a remnant of an Ohio & Erie Canal viaduct. (photo courtesy Bruce W. Aument, Staff Archaeologist, ODOT/Office of Environmental Services)

TO LEARN MORE

For detailed information about the ACHP, Section 106 review process, and our other activities, visit us at www.achp.gov or contact us at:

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TOWN PLANNER LAURIE WHITTEN, CZEO, AICP

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, Vacant, CZEO

MEMORANDUM

TO: East Windsor Board of Selectman
FROM: Laurie Whitten, CZEO, AICP
DATE: August 1, 2017
SUBJECT: Broad Brook Mill Possible Uses

Based on the discussion that the BOS held at their meeting of July 18, 2017 regarding the Broad Brook Mill, I have derived the following comments.

1. The TOEW does not want to own the property.
2. The TOEW does not desire that the site be capped, and left vacant.
3. **AREA #1:** It would be optimal for Broad Brook's heritage if the Mill can be feasibly be preserved. If not, the TOEW would prefer to see the Mill removed, but a building site remain for new construction. Such location would need to be moved further away from the brook. (10-15% +/-)
4. If the power house can be renovated and reused, that would be beneficial. Otherwise, if it is to be removed, that area should be designated as park/playground/ballfields.
5. **AREA #2:** The existing access drive should remain, with a possible extension to the strip mall for exiting. Parking should designated along both sides. A parking lot area should be dedicated just west of the strip mall to be used for Broad Brook Village Parking. (15-20% +/-)
6. **AREA #3:** The area south of the proposed parking lot to Mill Street, on the east side of the existing road should be prepared for new buildings and possibly an outside patio/sitting area. (20-30% +/-)
7. **AREA # 5:** The area west of the existing road, outside of the fill zone could be used as an amphitheatre. (20-30% +/-)
8. **AREA #4:** The remainder of the site should be "green " in use, with play grounds, picnic areas, ballfields or other similar uses, as the area will also be encumbered by wetlands and floodzone. (20-25% +/-)



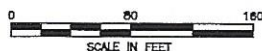
- ② ACCESS & PARKING
- AREA OF FILL
- ④ PARK/PLAY/BALLFIELDS
- ⑤ AMPHITHEATRE
- ③ PROPOSED AREA FOR BUILDINGS & OUTDOOR SITTING AREA
- ① EXISTING BUILDINGS TO BE SAVED OR DEMOLISHED
- PROPERTY LINE

LEGEND

---	PROPERTY LINE
---	EDGE OF PAVEMENT
---	EXISTING STRUCTURES
---	FENCE
---	EDGE OF BROOK

NOTES:

Existing structures, property lines and reference elevations were obtained from the map entitled Grading Plan - Millbrook - Section 666 - Phases 5,6 - Property of CJP Incorporated" by Dubiel Associates, Scale 1" = 40', Revision July 1990. The revised property boundary location is obtained from Dubiel Associates drawing dated May 26, 2004.



SCALE: AS SHOWN
DATE: MAY 2006
PROJECT NO.: 73282
CLIENT: HSC/UTC
DRAWN BY: NRS
CHECKED BY: JMP
PROJ. MGMT. APPROVAL: MM



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DESIGN
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TITLE:

SITE MAP
BROAD BROOK MILL SITE, EAST WINDSOR, CT

DRAWING NO.

FIGURE 1

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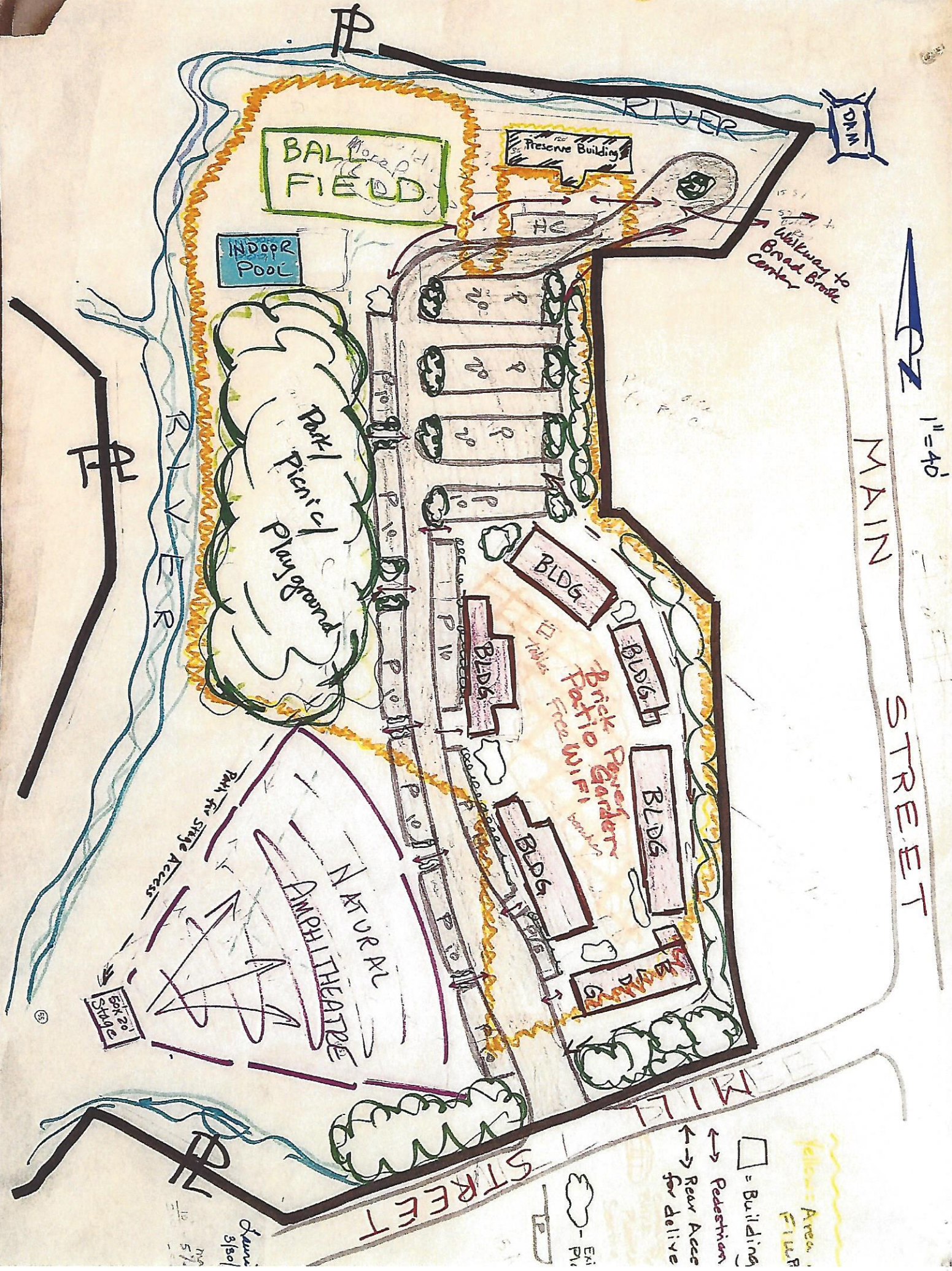
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1"=40'

MAIN STREET

- = Building
- ↔ Pedestrian
- ↔ Rear Access for delivery

Yellow Area = Field



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To: Amanda From: Heidi

7-27-17

DN- 8/1/2017 -

Attachment F

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR

Print Date: 07/27/2017 Page: 1

Process Refund Record (s)

Bill	Dist/Susp/Bank	Name	Address	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	UniqueID/Reason	Paid Date	Tax	Int	I/F	Total Adjusted	Overpaid Tax
2009-04-0080866		HUGHENAHALL/MARUTHI BALA			2005/645XVF/KMHDN46D55U073266	7/22/2017	95.55	0.00	0.00	95.55	
Y		3908 NAPOLEON CT			80089100		335.65	113.23	0.00	448.88	-240.10
TS		VESTAVIA AL 35243-5467			Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.						
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		600 CORPORATE PARK DR			53388		327.55	0.00	0.00	327.55	-300.36
2015-03-0059360		SAINT LOUIS MO 63105-4204			Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.						
N		SADOSKY LAURA K			2006/953RVZ/JNKC5V1F26M608018	6/21/2017	17.14	0.00	0.00	17.14	
TS		40 OLCUTT STREET			59554		242.81	37.13	-36.51	243.43	-225.67
2015-03-0060411		MANCHESTER CT 06040			Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.						
		SUDANAGUNTA SRIDHAR			2012/IAPRA9/2T3DF4DV7CW224041	8/30/2016	109.65	0.00	0.00	109.65	
2015-03-0060411		12370 ALAMEDA TRACE CIR			60399		438.59	13.16	0.00	451.75	-328.94
2016-02-0040696		AUSTIN TX 78721-6458			Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.						
1		MCLADDEN RESTAURANT GROUP			160 BRIDGE ST - UNIT #310	7/20/2017	223.16	0.00	0.00	223.16	
		160 BRIDGE ST - UNIT #310			41406700		347.52	0.00	0.00	347.52	-124.36
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1		ZALESKI NINA			8 GOLDFINCH COURT	7/17/2017	26.92	0.00	0.00	26.92	
		8 GOLDFINCH COURT			41604400		53.84	0.00	0.00	53.84	-26.92
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		9798 SW TRUMPET TREE CIRCLE			54307		158.08	0.00	0.00	158.08	-26.40
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		WETHERSFIELD CT 06109			57734		364.16	0.00	0.00	364.16	-364.16
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		EAST WINDSOR CT 06088			57989		70.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	-8.24
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		236R SCANTIC RD			2003/840XHK/1C2WK52J53F137867	7/26/2017	54.66	0.00	0.00	54.66	
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		PO BOX 23590			2015/C027802/5TFDY5F10FX485635	7/17/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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		EAST WINDSOR CT 06088-9116			61222		161.28	0.00	0.00	161.28	-147.90
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FIRST SELECTMANS OFFICE

Selectmen's Report - August 1, 2017

I had a constituent recently approach me with an observation that the area around the Mill Pond is overgrown and in need of groundskeeping. I've asked the First Selectman to ask DPW to look into this.

On July 9, I attended the card board boat/rubber ducky races at the filter beds on Mill St/Scantic Road. They had another great turnout and wonderful summer weather again this year, and they raised some money for local charities. Congrats to the organizers and participants both!

Prior to the last selectman's meeting, I had a lengthy discussion with Maurice Hamel of DEEP regarding the ongoing remediation project at the Old Broad Brook Mill. Mr. Hamel explained that an amendment to the initial application was filed by United Technologies Aero Space, and that he expected the amended remediation plan to be reviewed and approved/denied sometime in September. Prior to that, the Town has an opportunity to weigh in with I asked if he'd be willing to come and explain the whole process at a selectmen's meeting in October, and he agreed. His will be a welcomed opportunity for the public to hear from state officials and the property owner.

On July 19, the Pension Board met. The town's investments continue to perform well, with a 10.7% return on the year (up 25 basis points against the benchmark and 17 basis points against the benchmark since inception.)

That same night, the Board of Finance met and discussed ways to encourage the regionalization of services such as the senior center, tax collector, IT services, animal control officers, the school district, and others. While I disagree with many of these ideas, some of them strongly, I do think that the town should be thinking in ways that allow us to realize economies. As the state budget situation remains unsettled, it is incumbent upon local leaders to be thinking creatively and doing the necessary leg work now to prepare for changes later, if needed.

On July 20, I was proud to represent the Town at the ceremonial bill signing for the legislation that will allow for the development of MMCT's casino in East Windsor. It was truly a historic day for the town. About 40 people joined me behind the Governor as he signed the legislation, including legislators, local leaders, tribal council members, and union workers.

On July 27, I attended a Citizens Stakeholder Meeting sponsored by the Planning and Zoning Commission to continue discussions about Transit Oriented Development opportunities that we may see as a result of the potential train station in Windsor Locks. While there is certainly some significant potential to redevelop Warehouse Point, it is extremely important to heavily weigh the thoughts and concerns of the property owners there. No one should lose sight of the fact that this development directly impacts their homes, and their input is key.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason E. Bowsza
Selectman

Sent from my iPad

BN- 8/1/2019- Attachment H

This November's Election Charade (A Systemic Election Problem)

This November each Town Committee (the East Windsor Democratic Town Committee, EWDTC and the East Windsor Republican Town Committee, EWRTC) will put two or three endorsed candidates on the ballot for the BOS and four candidates will be elected. Who do you think will be chosen? Of course, all four of the candidates the Town Committees put on the ballot. So, unless something unusual happens, the municipal candidates chosen by the Town Committees will be the BOS members. Thus, these Town officials elected do not represent the residents, they represent the Town Committees. The only way candidates that represent voters can be put on the ballot is to either through a primary or a petition. This intrinsic election aberration could and should be corrected. The respective Town Committees should change their bylaws to allow all registered party members to participate in a caucus to choose the municipal candidates, but for now the Town Committees limit the selection process to themselves. If East Windsor is going to be strong, party caucuses must be returned to the candidate selection process. Attend a Town Committee meeting and tell them you want the ability to caucus and participate in choosing municipal candidates.

Any registered Republican may be endorsed by the party...any! Just the same as caucus simply arrive and be nominated... by anyone.

The bylaws adopted by the RTC are fully accepted by our Government, in fact the Secretary of State's office has a basic version of the exact bylaws adopted by the RTC.

Selection by committee is typically done in towns that suffer from 'good ole boy' small town politics where the only people to ever be endorsed are those who are members of the special interest groups that create runaway caucuses.

The Republican town committee had to change its bylaws to protect the process of candidate selection from special interest groups.

Special interest groups, such as the one the first selectman is beholden to.

Special interest groups DO NOT SERVE the community, the town or its people. They exist to serve only their own selfish interests.

Of course party endorsed candidates typically go on to win election, that's the whole reason for party affiliation.

The only aberration here is the group of people that meet Friday nights on Ellington road to continue their own agenda.

Hello Pot, meet Kettle, I find it amazing that the one calling for a change to bylaws is one that belongs to a good ole boy special interest group...that's an intrinsic aberration if I ever saw one. Talk about charades eh?

Bob Leach

Chairman, East Windsor Republican Town Committee