

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 9 2018

7:00 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting Room

11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT. 06016

Meeting Minutes

****** These Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting******

Board of Selectmen:

Robert Maynard, First Selectman
Steve Dearborn., Deputy First Selectman
Jason Bowsza, Selectman
Andy Hoffman, Selectman
Charles J. Szymanski, Selectman

ATTENDANCE: Board of Selectmen: Robert Maynard, First Selectman; Steve Dearborn, Deputy First Selectman; Selectmen: Andy Hoffman; Charles J. zymanski.

ABSENT: Selectman: Jason Bowsza.

GUESTS: Members of Boards or Commissions: Board of Finance: Kathy Pippin, Sarah Muska; Historic Preservation Commission: Kirk Monstream, Chairman, Broad Brook Library: Paul Anderson; 250th Anniversary Committee: Rebecca Talamini; Board of Education/Capital Improvement Planning Advisory Committee: Cathy Simonelli, Chairman (both agencies)

Public: Paul Anderson, Bill Loos; John Matthews, Tom Talamini; Keith Yagaloff.

Press: .No one from the press was present.

TIME AND PLACE OF SPECIAL MEETING:

First Seletman 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:

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Everyone present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Agenda, with the addition of a volunteer application from Jack Mannette for inclusion in the Charter Revision Study Committee.

Szymanski moved/Hoffman seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski)

ATTENDANCE: See page 1.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES:

First Selectman Maynard requested everyone to identify themselves before they speak, to be respectful presenting their comments, and to not interrupt others during their comments..

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/6. December 6, 2017, Special Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting dated December 6, 2017 as presented.

Dearborn moved/Hoffman seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/6. December 19, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting dated December 19, 2017 as presented.

Dearborn moved/Hoffman seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski)

COMMUNICATIONS:

First Selectman Maynard reported on the receipt of the following communications:

- Flyer promoted by the East Windsor Public Schools encouraging citizen involvement in a School Marketing Advisory Committee. Meetings are being held Tuesday, February 13, 2018, and Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the East Windsor High School, Room D2, 76 South Main Street, East Windsor, CT. (*See Attachment A*)

Discussion followed regarding the purpose of the committee. First Selectman Maynard felt there is competition between the charter and magnet schools and our local school system. First Selectman Maynard noted his past experience as a member of the Board of

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Education. He suggested while in the past there were problems the high school has recently been recognized by U.S. News and World Report; there has been a vast improvement. First Selectman Maynard felt East Windsor has a good school system but people may not be aware of it; this is an opportunity for people to get involved to promote that message.

- Governor Malloy's announcement that the State has recently awarded \$15 million in grant funding supporting Transit-Oriented Development and responsible growth. First Selectman Maynard noted East Windsor has been awarded a \$123,800 grant to develop a stormwater management plan and establish new zoning recommendations and other guidelines to promote the village-style redevelopment in Warehouse Point. He suggested that the State realizes that East Windsor has been involved in discussion regarding the round-about and that Warehouse Point is part of the Transit-Oriented-Development occurring in Windsor Locks. First Selectman Maynard credited Town Planner Laurie Whitten with submitting the grant request. *(See Attachment B)*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Paul Anderson, 89 Main Street: Mr. Anderson reported the treasure hunt for the piece of the Charter Oak continues. He has contacted John Burnham; the Charter Oak has not been given to the Historical Society as a piece of East Windsor's history. As the Public Works Department repainted and refurbished the Meeting Room Mr. Anderson has sent an e-mail to Joe Sauerhoefer who has not yet responded.

Also, February is Library Month. In an issue somewhat related to the 250th Anniversary celebration 5 local libraries - 2 in South Windsor, 2 in East Windsor, and 1 in Ellington (towns originally part of East Windsor) – are participating in a scavenger hunt. People can visit any of those libraries and do something identified in a booklet; the booklet must be stamped by each participating library. The booklet, and information promoting the event, will be coming out shortly.

Tom Talamini, 23 Rice Road: Regarding the rotary, when the people came through with the last presentation they indicated they would be returning with more information; Mr. Talamini questioned the status of the follow-up presentation? First Selectman Maynard will contact the Planning Department for an update.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/A.

Resignations: Kathleen Bilodeau, Pension Board:

MOTION: To ACCEPT, with regret, the resignation of Kathleen Bilodeau from the Pension Board.

Szymanski moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski)

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/B

Reappointments: .None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/C. New

Appointments: Broad Brook Mill Site Remediation Committee: 1. Jessica Bottomley (D), 2. Andrew Hoffman, (U), 3. Kirk Montstream (U), 4. Leonard Norton (R), 5. Rand Stanley (U), Tom Talamini (R), and 6. Keith Yagaloff (U), all for a term expiring 7/4/2019:

MOTION: To APPOINT to the Broad Brook Mill Site Remediation Committee: Jessica Bottomley (D), Andrew Hoffman, (U), Kirk Montstream (U), Leonard Norton (R), Rand Stanley (U), Tom Talamini (R), and Keith Yagaloff (U), all for a term expiring 7/4/2019:

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski)

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/C. New

Appointments: Charter Revision Study Committee: 1. Elizabeth Burns (D), 2. John Matthews (U), 3. John R. Mazza (U), 4. Keith Yagaloff (U), 5. William A. Loos (U), Jack Mannette (R), all for a term expiring 7/1/2018:

MOTION: To APPOINT to the Charter Revision Study Committee Elizabeth Burns (D), John Matthews (U), John R. Mazza (U), Keith Yagaloff (U), William A. Loos (U), Jack Mannette (R), all for a term expiring 7/1/2018:

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski)

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

Rebecca Talamini, Chairman of the 250th Anniversary Committee, joined the Board. Ms. Talamini reported on the following:

- Saturday, January 13, 2018, Blood Drive at Scout Hall, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- February 24, 2018, Kids WinterFest at Scout Hall, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; admission is free. Events include crafts, rock painting, cookie decorating, and games. Jim Stremper will provide hayrides if the weather is good.
- February 1st through 28th, Library Month, events described by Mr. Anderson earlier.

Ms. Talamini reported the Masquerade Ball was well attended; the JI printed an article and photos. Raffle items were donated from the Syme Family Farm, Swede Jewelers, Golden Irene's, and MMCT .

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Tom Talamini, 23 Rice Road, noted the New Year's Day Hike went well. The hike was shortened due to the cold.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/B. Casino:

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn reported MMCT is going before the Wetlands Commission to change the wetlands map. Their application indicates the wetlands area has decreased from 6.22 to 4.96 acres. In response to Selectman Hoffman's question regarding a projected start date First Selectman Maynard referenced a recent Hartford Courant article which indicated MMCT has chosen an architectural firm, general contractor, and construction manager for the project.

First Selectman Maynard referenced his draft of the first ordinance regarding the Casino Impact Fund. Discussion followed; Selectman Hoffman questioned when the Board could seek legal review of the document and when this first ordinance could be sent to the voters? First Selectman Maynard indicated he would like this draft reviewed by the Board of Finance (BOF), which meets on January 17th; further action could be considered at the Board of Selectmen's (BOS) January 18th Meeting. Selectman Hoffman felt the Board needs to show progress to the people, and to show that the money will be held in a separate account rather than comingled in the General Fund.

Selectman Dearborn reiterated his earlier opposition to giving money to the Police Department, the Fire Department, or the Schools. Selectman Dearborn indicated he would vote no on the separate fund, as people will say it's their money. Selectman Dearborn wants the money to go into the General Fund; he needs to see a problem before he'll vote to give money to these groups. He noted these are union jobs and cited concern with the Town's ability to eliminate jobs said to be associated with the casino if the jobs are not needed.

Selectman Dearborn continued his opposition to the separate fund, and to the potential funding requests. Selectman Dearborn indicated he didn't want to see taxes going up; he wants to keep taxes flat.

Selectman Hoffman requested Selectman Dearborn review the proposed ordinance and propose changes he could vote for to present at the next meeting. Selectman Dearborn opposed the \$3 million fund balance retention; his preference would be to keep the balance at \$1 million, with any surplus going into the General Fund. Selectman Hoffman noted that the Board isn't obligated to give any specific amount to requesting departments; because the money is being retained doesn't mean it all has to be spent. Selectman Szymanski suggested the need to have something in print that says the \$3 million will go into a segregated account. Selectman

Szymanski had problems with the specificity of the final line; he felt it could be more general, such as – "the direct impact that is caused by the casino and whatever has to be fulfilled." Selectman Szymanski reiterated his support of the money going into a separate fund; he recalled that money from the State lottery was intended to go for education but it went into the General

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Fund; Selectman Hoffman suggested the money then disappeared. Selectman Dearborn continued to cite his concern for the funding request levels already submitted to the Board; Selectman Hoffman suggested the Board has discretion with regard to approval of those funding requests. First Selectman Maynard considered that if the money coming into the Casino Impact Fund accumulates unspent then the Board could return some of the money back to the General Fund. Selectman Szymanski suggested the Board doesn't know what the expenditures will be until the Board has a history of the operating costs. He suggested adding language to the ordinance that if, as the \$3 million comes in, and if the Town is managing with that funding level, then language could be added to return the surplus to the General Fund to reduce taxes. Selectman Dearborn continue to advocate for retaining a \$1 million balance; discussion continued.

Selectman Hoffman reiterated the need for the Board to get something out to the people; they need to see that the Board is putting money aside to deal with the impact of the casino for the Town good. He suggested the second ordinance can deal with how the money is being spent. Discussion continued. First Selectman Maynard will keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Selectman Szymanski recalled that there had been discussion of having someone from MMCT come to a Board meeting to update the Town on their progress; he questioned if a meeting had been requested? First Selectman Maynard noted Dave Cappiello is the current contact; he'll invite him to a future meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/C. Discuss the Board of Selectmen Budget Review Process:

First Selectman Maynard provided the Board with a revised budget meeting/workshop schedule. Discussion followed regarding the budget review process. First Selectman Maynard noted departments are currently submitting budget requests; his support staff will provide the Board with copies of the department's requests, including support documentation, shortly. First Selectman Maynard noted he will be submitting the budget to this Board on February 1st; the Board will subsequently hold workshops to review and discuss funding requests with department heads. On March 21st the BOS and the Board of Education presents the budget to the Board of Finance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/D. Board of Selectmen Plan:

First Selectman Maynard referenced a recent article which appeared in the North Central News regarding local initiatives of importance to officials of surrounding towns. He also noted Selectman Hoffman's list of recommendations provided to this Board. While noting the requirements for posting meetings of 3 members as a Special Meeting First Selectman Maynard suggested the Selectmen interested in a particular item may want to consider meeting to discuss resolutions.

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First Selectman Maynard began reviewing the various subjects. Discussion turned to “reduce opioid use/develop and implement a drug awareness program”. Selectman Dearborn questioned what the Town could do; he suggested people use drugs because they want to or are addicted. First Selectman Maynard suggested the Town can hold seminars to reach out to the community. Perhaps we could bring in people from local hospitals to speak to the public, or post posters in municipal buildings and the schools. He suggested Melissa Maltese, Director of Recreation and Community Services, is a good place to start. Selectmen Szymanski and Hoffman suggested perhaps Mrs. Maltese could put together a list of suggestions for the Selectmen’s February 15th Meeting. Mrs. Simonelli suggested contacting Dr. DeBarge regarding resources available to the school system. First Selectman Maynard noted the Police Department has a good perspective as they respond to the calls, while the schools have a different perspective.

Paul Anderson, 89 Main Street, reported a small drug company recently announced they’ve developed a pain killer which dulls the pain but isn’t addictive. Selectman Dearborn didn’t see how the Town can stop people from using drugs if they want to. Selectman Hoffman felt if the Town stops one person out of 10 or 20 it’s done something positive. Selectman Szymanski recalled that in the 60s there was a huge rise in traffic fatalities and the State Policy put together a film – not taking out any of the carnage – and they visited schools with the film. When the kids saw the consequences of the traffic accidents the number of fatalities dropped.

Tom Talamini, 23 Rice Road, felt the use of Narcan makes it too easy because people know they can be revived. He cited an incident of a family who has purchased the drug to have in the house because their kid is addicted.

Keith Yagaloff: Mr. Yagaloff suggested they want people to make a medical call for assistance. He suggested it’s fentanyl that’s mixed in. The police and the schools have been dealing with this for years; they’ve been educating people for years; Town staff also has programs. The problem stems from getting people to talk about this. It could be people we know. People in the community need to view it as a regular person with a medical issue; we need to take away the stigma of being a drug addict. They are regular people that are struggling with addiction. The goal is to make it a community discussion and point people in the right direction.

Selectman Dearborn suggested he would help anyone who came to him that needed help.

First Selectman Maynard reiterated his suggestion for the Board members to get together to work on the various tasks.

NEW BUSINESS/A. Brochure:

➤ **Website:**

First Selectmen Maynard noted the Town is considering creating a new website to improve communications. Although outreach funding of \$5,000 was deleted from this

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year's budget he referenced a webpage example. First Selectman Maynard requested comments.

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn indicated he likes the current site. Rebecca Talamini offered suggestions regarding visual options. Cathy Simonelli suggested sending a request to the schools to offer suggestions as well.

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn would like to see digital signs in town; he felt they could be done nicely by setting them in fieldstone posts. Cathy Simonelli cited current Zoning Regulations don't allow digital signs. She would like to see the change as well as the Booster Club donated funds for a digital sign at the High School.

➤ **Brochure:**

First Selectman Maynard referenced a copy of a brochure sample provided by Recreation and Community Services Director Maltese. The color brochure could include paid business advertisements to support the production cost. While the sample brochure was essentially recreation programs First Selectman Maynard felt such a brochure might help with economic development as well. The brochure would be sent to 8,000 local households twice a year for an estimated cost of \$8,000.

Selectman Szymanski questioned Ms. Talamini if the 250th Anniversary Committee would be doing something similar; he recalled that during the 1968 anniversary a similar booklet was printed which became souvenirs. Ms. Talamini reported the Anniversary Committee had sent out one mass mailing but the financial return wasn't what they had hoped for.

NEW BUSINESS/B. Tax Refunds:

MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$15,885.44 as identified under Tax Refund Report dated January 2, 2018.

Dearborn moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski)

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/A. Steve Dearborn:

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn noted his earlier comments regarding the casino's appearance before the next Wetlands Meeting.

He hoped everyone had a nice holiday.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/B. Andy Hoffman:

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Selectman Hoffman cited the continuing difficulty of the Economic Development Commission being able to meet. He noted they were unable to hold a meeting this month; the last minutes presented for approval were for July. He noted that South Windsor uses their Economic Development Commission to work on things to assist the Town Manager; East Windsor has only First Selectman Maynard and Town Planner Whitten to do that. Selectman Hoffman suggested if the Town hires an Economic Development Director then this Commission can be more useful.

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

Absent this evening.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/D. Charles J. Szymanski:

- **Warehouse Point Fire District/annual budget:**

Selectman Szymanski reported he attended a meeting of the Warehouse Point Fire District. They cited their November letter to First Selectman Maynard which included a question regarding their inclusion in this year's budget process. First Selectman Maynard indicated he will include them in the budget process for a small amount this year as he did last year; that budget will be provided to this Board shortly for review. First Selectman Maynard cited the larger question of finding a way to solve the problem of equitable funding for both departments. Selectman Szymanski suggested the need for a separate meeting to understand what each department does; he felt there were different needs for each department which might require different levels of funding.

- **Annual Report:**

Selectman Szymanski cited his disappointment that the Selectmen were asked to approve the annual report on short notice in December. First Selectman Maynard reported the annual report is prepared by the Board of Finance; the Charter requires inclusion of the audit which isn't available until mid-December. The annual report is usually prepared by the Treasurer; that position is presently unfilled. Staff prepared the annual report following last year's edition.

Selectman Szymanski also noted that the Warehouse Point Fire District didn't have a page in the annual report; he questioned why? First Selectman Maynard noted they didn't have a page last year either; he felt they could be included. Discussion continued regarding previous funding of both departments, the District taxing history of the Warehouse Point Fire District, an attempt to initiate a separate fire tax for each department as a funding mechanism, and the re-establishment of the current District tax.

Selectman Szymanski suggested the BOS should begin discussion regarding the annual report in the third quarter of this coming year; the report should be informative to the taxpayers.

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- **Charter Revision Study Committee:**

Selectman Szymanski questioned when the meetings would begin for the Charter Revision Study Committee, and how frequently they would be held? Selectman Hoffman suggested letting the committee decide on the meeting schedule after an initial meeting. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn noted he would like to be included when the Charter Revision Commission is appointed.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/E. Robert Maynard:

First Selectman Maynard suggested he had no further comments; he thanked everyone for attending this evening.

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

Paul Anderson, 89 Main Street: Following up on Selectman Szymanski's comments regarding the annual report Mr. Anderson questioned why the Warehouse Point Library had a page in the annual report? He was told by a resident that it was because the Town gives them money. Mr. Anderson cited they were the only entity that didn't say what the funding was spent on. Mr. Anderson wants the Broad Brook Library to have a page in the annual report but noted they were kicked out of the budget last year. Mr. Anderson suggested that perhaps the annual report shouldn't include any non-town entities. Selectman Szymanski suggested the more information we give the people the better. First Selectman Maynard reiterated the Board's suggestion to begin consideration of the annual report in July.

Cathy Simonelli, 71 Depot Street: Mrs. Simonelli indicated she wanted to reiterate comments she's made previously at other public meetings which she feels get lost. Mrs. Simonelli suggested that when the Board considers taking money from the mitigation funding, and the tax money once the casino is here, and then give it to the taxpayers the Board must be mindful that they are operating on a fixed assessment; they're operating on a fixed dollar amount. If the tax rate goes down so does the money they/the casino provides to us. Mrs. Simonelli felt that concept continuously gets lost in discussions. Mrs. Simonelli suggested if the Board gives \$3 million to reduce the tax base it would take a huge chunk from the \$5 ½ million revenue that would be coming in.

Mrs. Simonelli felt that information should stay in the forefront of the minds of the people making the decisions as to the use of that money. Mrs. Simonelli felt we should save the Mitigation Fund until there is a fair amount of money in it; if we don't need it don't spend it. Mrs. Simonelli suggested that we don't know that in 10 years we might need more than the \$3 million, and if we haven't built that fund up to be able to balance what goes on then, over some time, until we have some experience then she feels we are doing ourselves a disservice. She wouldn't put any of it back in the General Fund for a long period of time until we have that history. Selectman Hoffman agreed. Mrs. Simonelli wouldn't throw money to reduce taxes instantly; she suggested that causes a downward spiral – the taxes are less, we get less, so we

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have less to pay out to go to whatever may come. Selectman Hoffman suggested we should be able to analyze that; Mrs. Simonelli agreed but felt the Treasurer was better able to determine that consideration. Selectman Dearborn clarified that he didn't say to use the money to reduce taxes, he said to keep taxes level - so they don't go up.

Mrs. Simonelli suggested that overall we should be saving the Mitigation Fund money for a while; we shouldn't tap it at first, - hang on to it, store it as we need to, then as we gain that experience then maybe you can plan how to expend what we don't need there in other ways. Mrs. Simonelli suggested there may be other things besides the Police; if people come from Ellington maybe the roads will need improvements. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn felt East Windsor has great roads; Mrs. Simonelli agreed that DPW Director Norton does the best job he can with the money we give him but there's constantly a list of roads that need to be fixed. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn suggested the Town needs a new building for the Police Department rather than 14 new police officers.

Selectman Szymanski suggested he would hoard the money for a while as well. He suggested if the average homeowner received a \$5,000 property value reduction, 2% of that is approximately \$100 which wouldn't be a huge reduction, while it would be for the casino. Mrs. Simonelli suggested she returns occasionally with this reminder as she felt the discussion does get lost. First Selectman Maynard encouraged Mrs. Simonelli's continuing involvement.

John Matthews: Regarding the ordinance for the casino fund, he agrees with Selectman Dearborn that the second paragraph wasn't appropriate for this ordinance. Mr. Matthews suggested there are 2 elements to those funds – the receipt of the deposit, and secondly, the appropriation - what will be done with the money. He suggested the first ordinance is at the time of the receipt and deposit of the money; he offered the following language for the second sentence: “the appropriation of these funds will be defined by a separate ordinance.” Mr. Matthews suggested the second ordinance must be defined as well as the Charter defines the budget process – how you accept requests, the screening process, how it goes to the voters, and how it finally is approved. .

Bill Loos: felt the Town needs a Treasurer; the BOS have been dragging their feet; we need to spend the money. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn indicated that no one wants to spend the money; we need to spend money to get good people. Mr. Loos felt we need to put a little more money in there to get a good Treasurer; the Town needs a Treasurer. Selectman Szymanski questioned the status of the Treasurer's position; First Selectman Maynard indicated discussion would occur under Executive Session.

Tom Talamini, 23 Rice Road: Mr. Talamini cited that every year the Town gets \$800,000 in taxes, and the Town will get \$5 million from the casino; he felt the \$3 million shouldn't go into a General Fund. If we have a surplus of \$5 million from the casino taxes then maybe that surplus could go into the General Fund. Mr. Talamini suggested maybe we could freeze taxes for the seniors when they reach 70 so they can stay in town. Selectman Hoffman cited that was done for awhile and then discontinued. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn suggested that with the Town

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getting a fixed amount from the casino if we advertise that people will be keeping their taxes flat it would be a good way to bring businesses to town if their taxes wouldn't be going up for 5 years. He suggested that could be a tool for economic development. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn suggested we should start advertising that now; the guy who brings his business to East Windsor in the first year would get 5 years of flat taxes.

Kirk Montstream, 278 South Main Street: Mr. Montstream thanked the Board for putting together the Mill Committee; he hopes the decision will be acted on quickly. Mr. Montstream suggested he's 100% for preservation but he wants to see a decision made. The mill has been a sore spot in the middle of town for years. Selectman Hoffman noted the issue has been going on for 20 years.

Mr. Montstream agreed with Mr. Matthews regarding the ordinance. While he agreed the Town needs a Treasurer Mr. Montstream felt the \$3 million should be used to hire an Economic Development Director; that person could help with the annual report as well.

Mr. Montstream also advocated for funding for recording secretaries for all Boards and Commissions. He felt with the casino coming there would be more opportunities for grant submissions.

And, with regard to the drug problem, Mr. Montstream didn't know if the BOS should be doing anything but to do nothing would be worse. The BOS need to do something in their name and then support it. Mr. Montstream suggested even if it's only putting up cheap posters in the schools. The deaths are a shame; he would rather see the Town ridiculed for cheap posters than for doing nothing. We need to find some avenue to help these people.

Tom Talamini, 23 Rice Road: questioned the status of Calamar? First Selectman Maynard felt they are ready to go forward.

Paul Anderson, 89 Main Street: Mr. Anderson reported Calamar recently purchased the property.

Tom Talamini, 23 Rice Road: Mr. Talamini also felt the suggestion to mail the brochures was a bad idea. He suggested instead to leave them at Geissler's, Big Y, etc. so people who want them can pick them up. Mr. Montstream suggested the brochure would be a good job for the Economic Development Director.

SIGNATURES FOR APPROVAL OF CHECK RESIGTERS:

The Selectmen reviewed the registers presented and took appropriate action.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/Pursuant to C.G.S. Sec. 1-200 (6)(a) and Sec. 1-210 (b 1, 4)
Employment, Negotiations:**

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MOTION: To RECESS at 9:30 p.m. and to GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:35 p.m. Attending the Executive Session were: First Selectman Maynard, Deputy First Selectman Dearborn, Selectmen Hoffman, and Selectman Szymanski.

Dearborn moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski)

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 11:43 p.m.

Dearborn moved/Hoffman seconded/

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peg Hoffman", is written over a horizontal line.

Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen

You're Invited...

To join our School Marketing Advisory Committee

When: Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
and
Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Where: East Windsor High School, Room D2
76 South Main Street, East Windsor, CT

Why? It's your chance to share your ideas about how we can market the East Windsor Public Schools. Please consider volunteering some time to be part of a group of staff, parents, community members and high school students to help brainstorm ways we can share our fantastic happenings with others and spread the word! We may use a lottery to determine membership – pending interest. Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP to Annie Kalesnik at akalesnik@ewct.org or
(860) 623-3346 Ext. 7404 by Friday January 19, 2018.



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BOS - 1/9/2018 - Attachment B 1

The Office of Governor Dannel P. Malloy

Press Releases



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
GOVERNOR DANIEL P. MALLOY

12/27/2017

Gov. Malloy Announces State Grants to Encourage Transit-Oriented Development and Responsible Growth Across Connecticut

\$15 Million Will Support Eleven Projects in Towns and Cities Throughout Connecticut to Help Generate Economic Activity and Create Jobs

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Malloy today announced that eleven projects in towns and cities across Connecticut will receive \$15 million in funding under a competitive grant program that supports transit-oriented development and responsible growth in the state and is targeted at boosting economic activity and creating jobs.

The grants come under the state's Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development Grant Program, which is administered by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and relies on a combination of funding from the Responsible Growth Incentive Fund and the Transit-Oriented Development and Pre-development Fund.

"Transportation isn't just about cars, trains and buses – it's about building vibrant communities and continuing to make Connecticut a more attractive place to live, visit, and do business," Governor Malloy said. "Today's grant awards will build upon the smart, targeted investments we have made in recent years, which have already lead to significant growth in transit-oriented development across the state."

"I am pleased to move forward with these important and worthwhile investments," OPM Secretary Ben Barnes said. "Until recent years, Connecticut ignored forward-looking projects to foster growth in our local economies. These grants will strengthen our cities and the state and – more importantly – will do so responsibly."

Earlier this year, OPM released a Request for Applications for the grant program, and the State Bond Commission approved a total of \$15 million to be used – comprised of \$5 million from the Responsible Growth Incentive Fund and \$10 million from the Transit-Oriented Development and Pre-development Fund. Following that, OPM – with input from other state agencies – reviewed, rated, and ranked each of the proposals.

The following projects were approved to receive the grants:

- **Berlin – Property Acquisition for Transit-Oriented Development:** \$536,884 to acquire property at 861 Farmington Avenue and the rail spur property adjacent to the Berlin Steel Site. These acquisitions are intended to assist in environmental cleanup efforts underway by the town and to expand redevelopment opportunities in the vicinity of the train station.
- **Clinton – Wastewater System Design for Former Unilever Factory:** \$55,000 to design an on-site wastewater disposal system for the former Unilever Factory property, a 300,000 square-foot facility on 25 acres directly adjacent to the Clinton Train Station, which serves Shore Line East. This funding will enable the surveying, testing, design, and engineering of a wastewater disposal system intended to facilitate a transit-oriented development-style redevelopment of the property.
- **East Windsor – Planning for Storm-Water Management and Village Center Redevelopment in Warehouse Point:** \$123,800 to develop a storm-water management plan and establish new zoning recommendations and other guidelines to promote the village-style redevelopment in Warehouse Point. The resulting storm-water master plan will inform land use and zoning recommendations intended to promote village-scale improvements based on conventional complete streets and smart growth principles. A portion of this funding is dedicated toward providing public workshops and additional outreach to keep citizens informed throughout the process.
- **Madison – Bradley Road Pedestrian Improvements:** \$200,000 to construct pedestrian infrastructure improvements along Bradley Road extending from the train station to Wall Street, including new sidewalk construction, sidewalk widening, accessible curb ramps, and marked crosswalks. Madison received a 2016 Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development Grant award for improvements to the Tunxis Walkway, and the small section of Bradley Road connecting the walkway to the train station. These two grant awards, combined with other improvements, will create a contiguous sidewalk network in a large portion of Madison Center and the area surrounding the train station.
- **New Britain – Columbus Boulevard Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements:** \$1,999,500 to continue with Phase VII of the city's planned, multi-phased redevelopment of the business district area adjacent to the downtown CTfastrak station. This phase will extend pedestrian infrastructure improvements along a portion of Columbus Boulevard and Chestnut Street, including sidewalks, lighting, and way-finding.
- **Norwalk – East Avenue Transit-Oriented Development Plan:** \$125,000 for analysis and development of a Transit-Oriented Development Plan for the area surrounding the East Avenue rail station. The planning study will analyze existing conditions, opportunities and constraints in order to develop a clear framework and vision for the future of the area, and establish guidelines for design and development.
- **Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments – Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan:** \$239,050 to develop a unified pedestrian and bicycle improvement plan for the region that