

# TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 15, 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: Jason Bowsza; Andy Hoffman; Charles J. Szymanski.

**GUESTS:** Representative Christopher Davis, House District 59; Representative Carol Hall, House District 57; Emergency Responders: numerous dedicated members of the Broad Brook Fire Department, Warehouse Point Fire District, and East Windsor Ambulance Association, Wendy Gage, East Windsor Public Schools, Raffaella Coler, Director, DPH Office of Emergency Medical Services and Stacey Durante Region 3 EMS Coordinator.; Town Staff: Recreation and Community Services: Melissa Maltese, Director; Presenter: Barbara Smigiel..

Legal Counsel: Joshua Hawks-Ladds, Esquire, Pullman & Comley.

#### Members of Boards, Committees, Commissions, or Town Entities::

Board of Finance: Jerilyn Corson, Chairman, Kathy Pippin, Sarah Muska; William Syme; Broad Brook Fire Department: Tom Arcari, Chief; Gerry Bancroft, Assistant Fire Chief;.

Public: Paul Anderson, James Barton, Bob Leach, Bill Loos; John Matthews, Kirk Monstream, Glenn Reichle, Randi Reichle, Sarah Reichle, Tom Talamini.

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**Press:** No one from the Press was present.

**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 present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectman Maynard suggested that everyone remain standing after the Pledge of Allegiance to pause and recognize the tragedy that occurred in Parkland, Florida, and remember the lives lost and the people injured, and their families, friends, and teachers.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**MOTION:** To ADD Public Participation after Approval of Minutes.

**Bowsza moved/no one seconded the motion**

First Selectman Maynard reported he has omitted this first opportunity for Public Participation for a reason. He suggested that the heartblood of the community are the people who work in the community and the members of the Boards and Commissions and Committees who volunteer their time and commitment to set the course for the community and move it forward. First Selectman Maynard noted that many of the audience members offer great suggestions and ideas but of late this has been a forum to criticize the workers and the people on the Board. He has decided to return the public participation portion of the meeting to what it was before – people raise their hand and wait to be recognized and take a couple of minutes to comment. The Board won't respond during this meeting; if audience members have questions they can visit First Selectman Maynard in his office. First Selectman Maynard suggested he would like to start the new arrangement this evening. Selectman Bowsza acknowledged First Selectman Maynard's point but suggested the public participation was previously held at the beginning of the meeting so the Board could take comments into consideration when discussing agenda items to follow.

The motion failed to acquire a second, therefore the motion failed.

**ATTENDANCE:** See page 1.

**Presentation of HEARTsafe Community Award:**

First Selectman Maynard welcomed guests to the meeting. He noted Representative Chris Davis and Representative Carol Hall in attendance, as well as many of East Windsor's

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emergency responders. He introduced Melissa Maltese, Director of Recreation and Community Services.

Mrs. Maltese reported that she had recently applied for the Town to be designated as a HEARTsafe community. During the application process, with the assistance of Emergency Services and the School system, she's been able to gather information to see if the Town qualifies for this status, and will be able to maintain that designation. Mrs. Maltese then introduced Raffaella Coler, Director, DPH Office of Emergency Medical Services and Stacey Durante Region 3 EMS Coordinator.

Ms. Coler joined the Board, noting she was present to represent Dr. Pino, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, to present a letter (*See Attachment A*) written to First Selectman Maynard regarding East Windsor's designation as a HEARTsafe community for a three year period beginning January 19, 2018. Ms. Coler then explained the "Chain of Survival", which promotes survival from cardiac arrest; the process begins with a quick 911 call, followed by the administration of effective CPR, having AEDs (automated emergency defibrillators) available to assist people experiencing the emergency, and having an Emergency Medical Service which can quickly transport the person to the hospital for lifesaving support. Ms. Coler noted there are 102 communities in Connecticut that have achieved HEARTsafe status, she then presented First Selectman Maynard with a Certificate (*See Attachment B*) welcoming East Windsor into the HEARTsafe community.

Representative Chris Davis, Representative Carol Hall, and members of the Broad Brook Fire Department, the Warehouse Point Fire District, the East Windsor Ambulance Association, and numerous dedicated volunteers joined the Board for a photo. (*See Attachment C*).

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- **February 1, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

**MOTION:** To APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen dated February 1, 2018.

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

**VOTE:** In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski  
Opposed: No one  
Abstained: Bowsza

- **February 1, 2018 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes:**
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**MOTION:** To APPROVE the Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education dated February 1, 2018.

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None

**VOTE:** In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski  
Opposed: No one  
Abstained: Bowsza

- **February 6, 2018 Budget Presentation Workshop Meeting Minutes:**

The recording secretary noted several corrections within various budget presentations that she had been requested to correct; she had provided First Selectman Maynard with an AMENDED Minutes document for review by the Board prior to their approval.

**MOTION:** To DELAY APPROVAL of the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Budget Presentation Workshop dated February 6, 2018.

Hoffman moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: See discussion above.

**VOTE:** In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski  
Opposed: No one  
Abstained: Bowsza

- **February 8, 2018 Budget Presentation Workshop Meeting Minutes:**

The recording secretary requested an amendment to the Registrar of Voters Presentation, page 9.

**MOTION:** To APPROVE the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen February 8, 2018 Budget Presentation Workshop as amended: Registrar of Voters Presentation, Page 9, second paragraph, third sentence: “Mr. Sevarino reported he and Mrs. Sinisgallo ~~do not take salaries~~ ARE NOT TAKING SALARY INCREASES.....”

Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: .See comments above.

**VOTE:** In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**MOTION:** To ADD the Broad Brook Fire Department to the Agenda.

Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: None

**VOTE:** In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski

Tom Arcari, Chief, and Greg Bancroft, Assistant Chief, of the Broad Brook Fire Department, joined the Board. Chief Arcari advised the Board that during a fire service call truck 2002 HME

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experienced engine problems/skipping. Fleetmasters made a service call and attempted to diagnose the problem; the vehicle was then diagnosed by Stewart & Stevenson – Atlantic Detroit Diesel-Allison Division, of Middleton. The estimated cost to analyze the problem and to repair this vehicle is \$7,154.32. Mr. Arcari reported the vehicle is 17 years old; this repair is beyond its warranty. The vehicle is unusable, and out of service, in its present state as the engine was disassembled to diagnose the problem. Estimated repair time is a week or more. Chief Arcari noted they have acquired only one quote as Stewart & Stevenson is the single authorized Atlantic Detroit Diesel vehicle mechanic in the State. Assistant Chief Bancroft advised the Board that the Fire Department must call for assistance from surrounding departments while this vehicle is offline.

**MOTION: To REQUEST A Supplemental Appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$7,200 to repair vehicle 2002 HME Fire and send to Board of Finance and Town Meeting.**

**Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION:** Selectman Bowsza questioned how much of the current budget has been expended? Chief Arcari noted they have \$19,000 in the engine budget but need to have three vehicles inspected at an estimated cost of \$5,000 per vehicle. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn questioned the delay of sending this appropriation to Town Meeting; this is an emergency situation as the vehicle is offline until the repair is completed.

First Selectman Maynard RESCINDED his motion, Selectman Hoffman RESCINDED his second.

**MOTION: To REQUEST A Supplemental Appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$7,200 to repair vehicle 2002 HME Fire and send to Board of Finance.**

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

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski**

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/A.**

**Resignation/A. Catherine M. Drouin, Elderly Commissions:**

**MOTION: To ACCEPT, with regret, the resignation of Catherine M. Drouin from the Elderly Commission.**

**Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None**

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski**

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/B**

**Reappointments: .None.**

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**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/C. New Appointments/C. Glenn Reichle, (R), Agricultural Commission, regular member for a term expiring 2/15/2019:**

**MOTION:** To APPOINT Glenn Reichle, (R), to the Agricultural Commission as a regular member for a term expiring 2/15/2019.

**Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION:** Selectman Hoffman questioned if Mr. Reichle's appointment had been discussed with the Chairman of the Agricultural Commission? He noted Mr. Reichle has great credentials for this Commission but the Board had talked about the Chairman being able to review the applications. Kirk Montstream, a member of the Agricultural Commission, was present in the audience, and advised the Board that Mr. Reichle has been attending meetings of the Agricultural Commission and has shown an interest in becoming a member. Mr. Montstream suggested Mr. Reichle is a great farmer; he'll be an asset to the Agricultural Commission.

**VOTE:** In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/C. New Appointments/C. Robert Slate, (U), Citation Hearing Officer for a term expiring February 14, 2020.**

**MOTION:** To APPOINT Robert Slate, (U), Citation Hearing Officer for a term expiring February 14, 2020.

**Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION:** Selectman Bowsza questioned what the Hearing Officer does? Discussion followed regarding the (Zoning) violation process, and review of the ordinance establishing the Zoning Violation Citations and Procedure. Discussion included comments regarding a Blight ordinance, and how to incorporate a Blight Hearing Officer into a Blight violation process.

**VOTE:** In Favor: Maynard/Hoffman/Szymanski  
Opposed: Bowsza/Dearborn  
Abstained: No one

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/A. East Windsor's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Report:**

Rebecca Talamini, Chairman of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, updated the Board regarding the following events and promotions:

- Ms. Talamini referenced the painted rock in middle of the table. She noted 25 painted rocks, individually numbered, are available for \$10 each. The rocks have been painted by 250<sup>th</sup> Committee Member Lynn Tracy-Thim. They are available at the Broad Brook Library and the Warehouse Point Library and at the Town Hall. Mr. Anderson noted the significance of the 25 rocks at \$10 each is symbolic of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Rock #1 will go into the time capsule.

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- Kids Winterfest will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 at Scout Hall. Various activities are planned; Jim Stremper will provide a team of horses for a sleigh ride or wagon ride if the weather is cooperative.
- Vintage Tea Party will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:30 to 2:30 sponsored by the Senior Center at the Senior Center; 100 seats are available for the general public. The performer will serve tea and coffee, and also give a fashion show.
- Home Show at old Walmart building, March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11. Merchandise, including the limited edition rocks, and event flyers will be available, as well as the sign-up sheet for the parade.
- Special thanks to the following sponsors:
  - East Windsor PTO sponsoring face painting and balloon animals for Sunday Funday offered through the Parks and Recreation Department.
  - MASScom providing donuts for Kids Winterfest
  - Windsor Federal Savings Bank sponsoring the Vintage Baseball Game.
  - Rotary providing popcorn for the Vintage Baseball Game.
- Mr. Anderson noted that the Love Your Library Scavenger Hunt continues through the end of February; raffle will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> – location to be announced.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/B. Casino:**

First Selectman Maynard introduced a third draft of a proposed Casino Impact Fund Ordinance authored by Selectman Hoffman. Selectman Hoffman explained the intent of his draft was to be simple and understandable when referring the document to Town Meeting. He suggested he has broadened the specific language identifying *public safety, education, and public services*, as the entities for which the funds will be used as the Board may find other needs, such as – the Building Department, the Planning Department to address housing needs or road redesign, Senior Services might need additional transportation or Senior housing may be necessary, the Public Works Department may need assistance with road improvements. Selectman Hoffman noted he has also addressed Deputy First Selectman Dearborn's concern that excess funds should go into the General Fund to stabilize taxes.

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn recalled he had been against specifying specific groups as recipients of the Casino Impact Fund but he can agree to the general language. He felt the stabilization of taxes will promote business development. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn favored excess money going into the General Fund but continued to push for a \$3 million cap.

Discussion continued regarding defining what funding requests the generalized language would address, adding language to identify the entity authorized to make decisions on the funding requests, and consideration of quality of life issues associated with the casino. After some consideration First Selectman Maynard, Deputy First Selectman Dearborn, and Selectmen Hoffman and Szymanski felt "quality of life" should be returned to the ordinance language. The majority of the Board favored moving the ordinance forward.

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**MOTION:** To APPROVE the Ordinance Regarding the creation of the Town of East Windsor Casino Impact Fund, with the following *addition*: 2. The monies in the CIF, including interest earned thereon, shall be expended to ensure the casino has a positive impact on the Town of East Windsor. The CIF shall ensure that issues associated with the casino are dealt with in a manner that supports: its operation, the growth of East Windsor, *QUALITY OF LIFE*, infrastructure and public services.

Szymanski moved/ no one seconded the motion.

Discussion continued. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn wanted reference to a \$3 million cap included in this ordinance language; he didn't want this fund to continue building up a significant balance. Discussion continued regarding the timing of the receipt of the casino funding vs. the timing of knowing or understanding the impacts associated with development of the casino. Selectman Szymanski felt the Board should consider setting up a fund, as South Windsor recently did, to stabilize taxes. Discussion continued regarding which entity will ultimately handle distribution of the funding requests. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn suggested adding a timeframe for review of the fund balance. First Selectman Maynard suggested revising the final paragraph of bullet #2 as follows: Monies will be reviewed annually and money deemed in excess shall be transferred to the General Fund for the purpose of stabilizing taxes.

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Maynard moved/Szymanski/*DISCUSSION*: None.

**VOTE:** In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski  
Opposed: Bowsza  
Abstained: No one

*(See Attachment D for complete revised ordinance)*

**NEW BUSINESS/A. Barbara Smigiel, 250<sup>th</sup> presentation::**

Barbara Smigiel joined the Board.



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She began by presenting the Selectmen with six framed photographs, taken by a professional photographer, of buildings representative of six of the major sites in the Melrose Historic District. She noted the photos are a gift for the Town, the Selectmen, and the citizens – to be displayed in a place of their choice. Ms. Smigiel noted that for many years she Chaired the Historic Preservation Commission; one of the things she is most proud of is that they established the National Register Historic District in Melrose. She noted that the buildings located within the Melrose Historic District are reflective of the history of the Town; if you took a tour from one end of the Melrose Historic District to the other you would pass through the centuries by viewing the architecture and the history of the town. Ms. Smigiel felt it's a big asset of the town that we have so many beautiful historical buildings that tell the story of the town. Ms. Smigiel noted there are 8 to 10 buildings within the Melrose Historic District. She noted an historic district must be established by a connection; for the Melrose Historic District it's about agriculture. Referencing the photos presented to the Selectmen Ms. Smigiel gave the Board a brief explanation of the criteria for inclusion in the National Register.

Ms. Smigiel noted the house/farm/garden tour being promoted by the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. The windshield tour (Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>) is a drive through the Melrose Historic District. The brochure associated with the tour contains an architectural and an historic explanation of each of the six buildings in the photographs presented to the Selectmen. Ms. Smigiel gave the Selectman a copy of the brochure which would guide a participant through the tour.

Ms. Smigiel offered the Board a brief history of the establishment of the Village of Melrose. The discussion occurred during various parts of her presentation; it's offered here as background for Ms. Smigiel's proposal for the William H. Thomson Farmstead. Ms. Smigiel indicated that Margaret Thomson, a widow with 9 children, arrived in America in 1720. She was granted a parcel of land in Melrose by the Reverend Bartlett, who got land grants from the King of England and distributed them to settlers. The parcel Margaret Thomson received contained 9 "mile long lots", and ran from Ellington to the Scantic. Margaret Thomson is the foundress of Melrose; her original business was the cider mill located further down Melrose Road. Margaret Thomson was the Great Great Great Grandmother of William H. Thomson. William H. Thompson sold his property to the Pease Family; John Burdett Pease was a dairyman. His sister, Seba, was a schoolteacher in the 9<sup>th</sup> District Schoolhouse located on its original site as an accessory building to St. Catherine Church. Seba Pease lived in the bungalow which is part of the William H. Thomson Farmstead. The William H. Thomson Farmstead property is presently owned by Ms. Smigiel.

Ms. Smigiel then referenced a second brochure, which promotes a proposal she would like to make to the Town for use of the William H. Thomson Farmstead as an historical and educational site. Ms. Smigiel indicated she's been working with Historic New England, (formerly the Society for the Preservation of New England, a charitable non-profit historical preservation organization headquartered in Boston) that has several sites across New England. They would assist her develop this program; if the site became a full-fledged educational museum they would assume responsibility of the property upon Ms. Smigiel's death. The site is one unified site,

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which made it attractive to Historic New England; the site contains two residences, the brown bungalow, which is 100 years old, on the north side of Pease Road, and the Greek Revival residence owned by William H. Thomson, which is on the south side of Pease Road. Mr. Thomson was a selectman, a legislator, a tax collector, and a conscriptor for the Lincoln Administration in the Civil War. Mr. Thomson was also a founding elder of the Broad Brook Congregational Church. The site contains 35 acres, which includes a pond, and farmland which is currently farmed with tobacco. The Farmstead also includes an historic 19<sup>th</sup> Century barn containing an unusual brick foundation and flooring.

Ms. Smigiel indicated she has no heirs; she is the last of her line. Ms. Smigiel indicated she wants to do this to honor the Thomson, Pease, and Smigiel Families. Ms. Smigiel suggested history is about people; this property has an important story to tell.

Ms. Smigiel reported she came to this meeting dressed as a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Schoolmarm as she used to be an educator and presently volunteers in Enfield as this historical character. Ms. Smigiel presented the Selectmen with an invitation to come to the William H. Thomson Farmstead to see it firsthand. The invitation is for a luncheon on May 12<sup>th</sup>, which also corresponds to the actual date of the incorporation of the Town of East Windsor in Hartford. Ms. Smigiel suggested the invitation is to celebrate the role the selectmen play. She feels the Farmstead can be used to teach the role of civics; how people should step forward and serve their community, as William H. Thomson did.

Ms. Smigiel has joined the Board this evening to ask the Selectmen to support this project. She will be going to the Planning and Zoning Commission; she's looking for a letter of support approving the use of the William H. Thomson property as proposed. East Windsor is where she wants to leave her legacy.

First Selectman Maynard suggested Ms. Smigiel visit his office for further discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS/B. Adopt and approval of the "Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Resolution":**

First Selectman Maynard explained that East Windsor is holding \$52,000 generated through funding over the years under the Small Cities Grants Program. As a result of earlier discussions it was decided to use this balance towards the renovation of a portion of the showers at units at Park Hill. In September 2015 the BOS began the process to move this project forward; approval of the Resolution before the Board is the next step towards initiating this project.

Selectman Bowsza questioned if the Housing Authority had been spoken to; First Selectman Maynard replied affirmatively. This project will enable the renovation of a portion of the bathrooms at Park Hill to be made ADA compliant.

**MOTION: To ADOPT the Resolution for the Use of Program Income,**

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**Whereas, the Town of East Windsor has received funds under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing, pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended; and**

**Whereas, the Town of East Windsor has expended those funds pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Code of Federal Regulations, and the Assistance Agreement, and**

**Whereas, those funds received by the Town of East Windsor have generated Program Income,**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN (See Attachment E)**

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

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski**

**NEW BUSINESS/C. Discussion of the Kogut Property:**

Joining the Board were Glenn, Randi, and Sarah Reichle. Selectman Hoffman noted this item is on the Agenda at his request. He felt that the Kogut property could be used for better purposes than the current farm lease, which generates \$2700 per year in revenue to the Town of East Windsor for the 52 acres leased to Mr. Reichle. Selectman Hoffman felt it was the responsibility of the Board to generate the most income for the property. The property was originally purchased to create a municipal campus to include a school, Town Hall, Police Station, and ball fields. Selectman Hoffman felt if the Town was looking at the property the Reichles should be aware, and it should be clear there is no intent to harm Mr. Reichle as a farmer, or financially. Selectman Hoffman suggested the Board should review the purchase agreement for the Kogut property, and the lease agreement with Mr. Reichle, and proceed from there.

Lengthy discussion followed. Mrs. Reichle cited they rent 52 acres while the property contains 150+ acres. She cited they have a 16 year lease with the Town; the Reichles feel they are constantly harassed about their use of the Kogut property. The Reichles feel the Town continually takes their land from them, citing the addition of the Dog Park and the Community Garden. The Reichles explained the work involved in clearing the acreage they lease, and explained their contribution to the community via involvement in Foodshare, and other programs. Discussion continued; Mr. Reichle would like to meet with Selectmen Hoffman and Szymanski to give them a better understanding of the work and cost contributed through clearing the land. Selectman Hoffman reiterated he felt it was the responsibility of the Selectmen to

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consider the best use for this land; he noted if the land was marketed the acreage leased to the Reichles might not be the target of another user.

Selectman Bowsza felt there is a utility above and beyond the highest and best use; he cited the long history of agriculture in the community. He also suggested different valuations would be generated if marketed by a commercial realtor vs. a residential realtor vs. the Natural Resources Conservation Service. He also suggested the Town should consider involving a soil scientist.

Discussion continued regarding the State's purchase of Development Rights, which requires that the land continue in an agricultural use for perpetuity, and possible Conservation Easements.

**NEW BUSINESS/D. Tax Refunds:**

**MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$7,936.91 as identified under Tax Refund Report dated February 12, 2019.**

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

**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski**

**SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/A. Steve Dearborn:**

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn reported the following:

- Attended a Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) Meeting. The casino came in with a preliminary presentation to get information from the Commission to assist with development of the property.
- Attended the Wetlands Meeting; the casino people came in for the redelineation of the wetlands on the property so they continue to develop their plans.
- Regarding an article he recently saw, Simsbury recently went from a Board of Selectmen to a Town Manager; they kept the BOS to act like a Town Council; the Town Manager must answer to the BOS, and the salary is \$153,000/year plus incentives based on accomplishment of specified goals. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn summarized some of the job responsibilities, including writing grants. He requested First Selectman Maynard to get that job description and the job posting to pass on to the Charter Revision Study Committee. Discussion followed regarding the salary paid, East Windsor's salary history for professional staff, job qualifications, and if the Simsbury required added support staff.

**SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/B. Andy Hoffman:**

Selectman Hoffman reported the EDC has not yet met for this month.

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

Selectman Bowsza offered the following:

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- Progress continues to be made regarding negotiations on pension contracts; he expects the Town will realize a savings at the end of negotiations.
- Abby's Helping Hand Spring Gala is being held this Saturday evening at Maneeley's. Tickets are still available.
- MMCT unveiled the first reiteration of their plans, which include 2200 parking spaces; Selectman Bowsza is looking for the detailed plans. Selectman Hoffman cited the plan referred to other Selectmen was a plot plan which represented a rough idea of what they plan to do. He reported that during a recent discussion with David Cappiello he anticipates it will be another three months or more before they return with engineering drawings and architectural plans. Demolition is anticipated to occur by the end of February. On a side note Selectman Bowsza noted a bill was introduced in the Legislature today for a third casino in Connecticut.

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

Selectman Szymanski reported on the following:

- Attended a recent meeting of the Warehouse Point Fire District; they raised several issues: they will be coming in to talk about the budget; they questioned why they weren't included in the Annual Report last year – the BOS need to resolve that issue this year; their fee schedule is different from Broad Brooks – WHPFD Fire Marshals charge an inspection fee for new building inspections while Broad Brook doesn't; general discussion was held regarding one district encompassing both the WHPFD and the BBFD.
- Regarding the BOS's requested Broad Brook/Town Fire Marshal report, while the January report included information listing the calls, it didn't reflect inspections performed, status of violations (if any) and proposed resolution, and it didn't include a FY 2018/2019 calendar reflecting scheduled inspections.
- Selectman Szymanski would like to have a meeting scheduled with the BOS and the Police Chief and others to discuss what type of response plan East Windsor has for an emergency such as the Parkland tragedy; they probably already have that plan but the BOS should know. Selectman Bowsza suggested the Board should also reach out to the Board of Education; the meeting should be held in Executive Session.

**SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/E. Robert Maynard:**

First Selectman Maynard reported on the following:

- Attended the Board of Education School Marketing Advisory Committee Meeting. They identified stakeholders in the community, and barriers to communication. The purpose was to bring the school and the town together. He'll attend the next meeting scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- On February 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a ceremony to initiate demolition of the Showcase Cinema building. The specific time for the ceremony hasn't been announced. Selectman Hoffman suggested asking MMCT if they would put up a sign announcing "the Future Home of the Casino".

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

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**Jerilyn Corso:** Mrs. Corso wanted to make quick correction. At the last meeting it was mentioned that certain Board of Finance meetings were cancelled. The only meeting that was ever cancelled was November; that was due to the newly elected people being sworn in. Other than that they have had every one of their meetings.

About that first public participation, Mrs. Corso felt that's kind of disheartening because, just because we don't like what we hear doesn't mean that people should be stopped from saying what they are feeling and what they believe. We all volunteer, or get paid, by the taxpayer, and if they need to say something they should be allowed to say something. On the old adage – if you can't take the heat get out of the kitchen – we all volunteer for this, and everyone knows they are in a public position. Mrs. Corso suggested she doesn't like sitting during BOF public hearings and have people yelling at them; she doesn't like reading in the JI article a comment that was made by the Charter Committee, well, you know, those BOF people, it's not like they run multi-million dollar business – Mrs. Corso suggested a few of them do. Mrs. Corso felt if you don't like hearing that stuff - we put ourselves in this position so we have to suck –it - up.

And, the other thing, seeing that the Kogut property was on the agenda again is just disheartening. She agreed with Mr. Anderson – No Farm – No Food!. Mrs. Corso indicated she didn't get it, there are so many bigger fish to fry in town that we need to do, there are so many things we need to look at, this is like the last of it. Let's get focused, and stop continually poking and poking and poking at some member of the community. It's just sad.

First Selectman Maynard thanked Mrs. Corso.

**Sarah Muska: 25 Maple Avenue:** I received a letter last week from a sitting selectman in my mailbox in my private residence. In that letter I was told the person didn't agree with the comments I had made in public participation. The comments that I made was about the selectmen attending other meetings to familiarize themselves with other boards and commissions about policy and procedures, specifically being the CIP. I was also told that I will have – quote “my turn” to speak when the BOS presents the budget to the board that I sit on, which is the Board of Finance, and that I should not be participating in any BOS workshops because I will slow the process down and hinder it. In my opinion upon reading this letter I felt talked down to, I felt the intention was to keep me from expressing my opinion and intimidate me, however, that is not going to happen. It concerns her that this happened because I thought you valued public participation and if a selectman wants to address my comments he should do so publicly. I just found it really inappropriate. This is the forum to address it.

First Selectman Maynard thanked Ms. Muska. Ms. Muska said you're welcome.

**Paul Anderson, 89 Main Street:** The discussion of the Kogut property rubbed him the wrong way; he cited the property was purchased at a Town Meeting for the Town's use; not to turn it into anything else. He felt commercial development in that area wasn't appropriate; he isn't in favor of selling Town property. It's only money; he felt the Town should follow the POCD recommendation; if we don't follow it then we've lost the whole battle. Mr. Anderson suggested

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we lease that land only because it's a useful purpose and it's land sitting idle. Mr. Anderson didn't want to say any more; it's ridiculously late to have a meeting.

First Selectman Maynard thanked Mr. Anderson.

**Jerilyn Corso:** Mrs. Corso suggested what Ms. Muska brought up was harassment.

**Jim Barton, 108 Main Street:** Mr. Barton indicated he is speaking as a resident. Regarding the casino money, he's noted that during the meetings the BOS always talk about the \$3 ½ million, you never speak about the \$5 ½ million. Mr. Barton suggested the \$5 ½ million should be used for the taxpayers; the \$3 ½ million should be used for services. When the new businesses come to East Windsor there will be increased demand on services. Mr. Barton suggested the Board needs to split out the two sources of funding; to use the impact money to sustain taxes is not what it's for.

**Bob Leach, 39 Church Street:** Mr. Leach reported the Police Commission discussed the incident in Parkland, Florida at their meeting held last night. They do have response plans in place.

**Kirk Montstream, 278 South Main Street:** Mr. Montstream suggested Ms. Smigiel is a true original; to know her is to love her. He has worked with her on the Historic Preservation Commission. Her heart and soul is with this town. With regard to her presentation, Mr. Montstream felt Ms. Smigiel has put together a home run for the town.

**SIGNATURES FOR APPROVAL OF CHECK RESIGTERS:**

The Selectmen reviewed the registers presented and took appropriate action.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/Pursuant to C.G.S. 1-210 (b-1) (b-4) Litigation & Negotiations:**

**MOTION:** To TAKE A FIVE MINUTE BREAK at 10:25 p.m. and immediately following GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to C.G.S. 1-210 (b-1) (b-4) Litigation & Negotiations. Attending the Executive Session were First Selectman Maynard, Deputy First Selectman Dearborn, Selectman Bowsza, Selectman Hoffman, Selectman Szymanski, Assessor Madore, and Town Attorney Joshua Hawks-Ladds.

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

**VOTE:** In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:57 p.m.

**MOTION:** To hire Helen Tetz as Town Assessor.

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Maynard moved/Szymanski/DISCUSSION: None

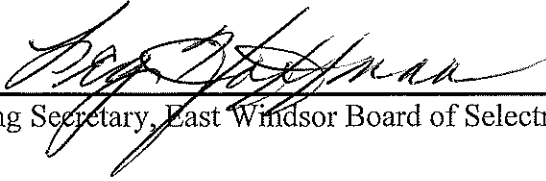
**VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Hoffman/Szymanski**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 12:00 p.m.**

**Szymanski moved/Dearborn seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted

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

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Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen



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# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



Raul Pino, M.D., M.P.H.  
Commissioner

Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor  
Nancy Wyman  
Lt. Governor

January 19, 2018

Robert Maynard, First Selectman  
Town of East Windsor  
11 Rye Street  
Broad Brook, CT 06016

Dear Selectman Maynard:

On behalf of the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the American Heart Association, congratulations to your community for having met the requirements of a designated HEARTSafe community.

This three-year designation, effective January 19, 2018, recognizes your community's commitment to provide improved cardiac response and care to the residents of your community utilizing the "Chain of Survival" of early 9-1-1 access, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, defibrillation and advanced care.

We commend you on your efforts to save lives and improve the health of your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raul Pino".

Raul Pino, M.D., M.P.H.  
Commissioner



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# State of Connecticut Department of Public Health

## The Office of Emergency Medical Services

In recognition of community efforts to improve survival from sudden cardiac arrest,  
the town of

# East Windsor

has met the criteria for designation as a

# HEARTSafe Community

Presented this 19th day of January, 2018



Raul Pino, MD, MPH  
Commissioner of Public Health





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*BN 2/15/2018 Attachment D*

Draft East Windsor Casino Fund Ordinance

**Town of East Windsor**

The following ordinance was adopted at a Special Town Meeting duly warned and held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

**'ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CREATION OF THE TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR CASINO IMPACT FUND'**

1. Pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, there shall be established a Casino Impact Fund ("CIF").
  - a. Such CIF shall be a non-lapsing, revolving fund of the Town of East Windsor outside of the General Fund.
  - b. The \$3,000,000 up-front payment and any subsequent annual impact payments received from MMCT Venture, LLC as required by Section 1, a, and b of the Development Agreement between the Town of East Windsor and MMCT Venture, LLC dated February 28, 2017, shall be deposited 100% into the CIF not more than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt.
2. The monies in the CIF, including interest earned thereon, shall be expended to ensure the casino has a positive impact on the Town of East Windsor. The CIF shall ensure that issues associated with the casino are dealt with in a manner that supports: its operation, the growth of East Windsor, quality of life, infrastructure, and public services.

Monies will be reviewed annually and money deemed in excess shall be transferred to the General Fund for the purpose of stabilizing taxes.

**RESOLUTION FOR THE  
USE OF PROGRAM INCOME**

Certified a true copy of a resolution adopted by of the Town of East Windsor at a meeting of its Board of Selectmen on ( Date ) and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

(Seal)

Whereas, the Town of East Windsor has received funds under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing, pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended; and

Whereas, the Town of East Windsor has expended those funds pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Code of Federal Regulations, and the Assistance Agreement, and,

Whereas, those funds received by the Town of East Windsor have generated Program Income.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions for the use of Program Income as prescribed by Title 24, Part 570, Section 489(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations.
2. That it realizes Program Income is governed by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
3. That it may use Program Income only for the following activities:
  - a) The activity that generated the program income if the activity continues to meet the requirements of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.
  - b) Any additional activity that meets the requirements of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act if the Town receives DOH's written approval to fund it with Program Income.
4. That it may use Program Income to fund Administrative and Program soft costs within the following limits:

Administrative Costs	8%
Total Administrative and Program Soft Costs (Housing Rehabilitation Activities <u>Only</u> )	12%
Total Administrative and Program Soft Costs (All Activities <u>Except</u> for Housing Rehabilitation)	20%
5. That it is hereby amending the Program Income Plan(s) that was adopted for the original activity that generated the Program Income to permit the funding of additional activities from that Program Income.