

# TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 17 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; (arrived at 7:59 p.m.) Andy Hoffman; Charles J. Szymanski.

**GUESTS:** Members of Boards, Committees, Commissions, or Town Entities:  
Board of Finance: Kathy Pippin, Sarah Muska; Assistant Treasurer: Gayle Carolus; East Windsor Public Schools: Christine DeBarge, Superintendent of; Ty, IT Director; 250th Anniversary Committee: Rebecca Talamini, Chairman.; East Windsor Housing Authority: Marie DeSousa.

Public speakers: Paul Anderson, Sarah Andrews, Kate Carey-Trull Marie DeSousa; Bob Leach, Bob Lyke, Kristina Nordell; Fran O'Neill; Richard P. Pippin, Jr.

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

#### TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR 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 ADD the following items to the Agenda:

- After PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Board of Finance request “To send the Board of Education computer purchase to Town Meeting to coincide with your next Board of Selectmen Meeting on June 7, 2018”.
- Under REAPPOINTMENTS: Maria Whelden, (U), to the North Central Health District Committee, as a regular member for a term expiring 4/1/2021.

**Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None  
VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous**

**ATTENDANCE:** See page 1.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**Marie DeSousa, (10 Rice Road)**: Mrs. DeSousa cited that the Charter Revision Commission isn’t listed under Appointments on the Agenda; it’s under Unfinished Business. The names of the applicants aren’t listed; people don’t know who the people are. She knows of two people whose names aren’t included.

First Selectman Maynard reported were are 15 people whose applications were received by May 11<sup>th</sup> - the cut-off date for submission of applications - who will be considered for appointment.

**Sarah Andrews, Main Street, Broad Brook:** Ms. Andrews has attended the meeting to support the Board of Finance motion to move the funding for the computers for the schools; she would like to see the funding moved to Town Meeting.

**Paul Anderson, (89 Main Street):** Mr. Anderson reported the Town owns 5 Schanck Road which it acquired due to tax issues. The property is in horrible shape; there’s no water or utility service except from a neighboring property; it’s on a non-conforming lot. A neighbor wants to buy the property and rehabilitate it. Mr. Anderson is in favor of taking the house down; maybe we don’t want anything there; it’s in a terrible spot. First Selectman Maynard reported he’s working on the issue.

AND

The budget passed on the first try, no doubt in part to the flyer prepared by the Treasurer who presented real numbers. There was nothing to dispute. It’s a benefit to the Town to pass the budget on the first shot.

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When the Selectmen present their reports Mr. Anderson would request that the report be presented in its entirety, without public comment. It throws people's train of thought off and disrupts the report.

**Fran O'Neill, 153 Melrose Road:** Mrs. O'Neill reported she is a member of the Board of Education, but she's here as a parent in support of the request for the computers. Mrs. O'Neill would request that the Selectmen have the Town Meeting as soon as possible so people could vote. The computers need to be available for the kids in the Fall. The current computers are outdated and expensive to repair.

**Bob Leach, 39 Church Street:** Mr. Leach questioned if there would be time to speak in support of the Charter Revision people? First Selectman Maynard replied affirmatively.

**Bob Lyke, (Rye Street):** Mr. Lyke spoke of the dedication of the Veterans Memorial at Tracy Green at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lyke had presented the Selectmen with a memorial coin in appreciation of their support for the Veterans project. Mr. Lyke reported he has presented similar coins to the Tribal Chairmen, Kevin Brown, Mohegan Tribal Council, and Rodney Butler, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Council, and Jill Potter, Director of Communications, and Richard Brunnell, Chief of Staff for MMCT; he noted they were warmly received. They have a positive attitude of the casino project in East Windsor.

First Selectman Maynard thanked Mr. Lyke, and read the inscription on the memorial coin.

**Kate Carey-Trull, 28A Folkstone Road:** Ms. Curry Trull is present to speak in support of the computer request and moving it forward.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/ Regular Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2018,**

**MOTION: To APPROVE the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting dated May 3, 2018 as presented.**

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

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous**

**BOARD OF FINANCE REQUEST TO SEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMPUTER PURCHASE TO TOWN MEETING TO COINCIDE WITH YOUR NEXT  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ON JUNE 7, 2018:**

First Selectman Maynard referenced an e-mail dated May 16, 2018 from Gayle Carolus (Assistant Treasurer) regarding addition to the BOS's Agemda the Board of Finance's motion to send the Board of Education computer purchase to Town Meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> – a date to coincide with the BOS's next meeting date. First Selectman Maynard read the BOF's motions related to the computer purchase:

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*BOF motion regarding forwarding the funding request to Town Meeting:*

“To send the Board of Education computer purchase to town meeting to coincide with your next Board of Selectmen meeting on 6/7/18.”

*BOF motion regarding computer funding:*

“To have a \$219,414.48 additional appropriation from the Fund Balance to Board of Education for computers to go to Board of Selectman for a Town Meeting.”

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn questioned if the \$219,414.48 funding is in the BOE Budget? First Selectman Maynard replied it was not.

Dr. Christine DeBarge, Superintendent of the East Windsor Public Schools, speaking from the audience, indicated the first year of a 5 year lease was in the BOE Budget originally presented to the BOS. They approached the BOF to ask the Town to support the lease payment and the BOF noted there was a \$60,000 savings over the life of the lease and they moved forward with the motion to outright purchase rather than draw out a 5 year lease plan which would have cost an additional \$60,000 over the life of the lease. First Selectman Maynard suggested that by using a supplemental appropriation we don't have to tax for that; it won't be part of the budget. Selectman Hoffman questioned where does the money come from? First Selectman Maynard indicated we have a substantial Fund balance which is in addition to the money set aside to pay for the budget. The Fund balance is the amount that you have above what you expect to spend next year; it's a common practice to keep 2 months of those payments in the Fund – like a savings account. By taking that amount and using it for something like this that will help the schools and not cost the taxpayers money is a good use of the surplus balance. Selectman Hoffman questioned does that mean we could fund the Economic Development professional out of that fund? First Selectman Maynard replied yes, but we like to fund things like capital expenditures, things that are not salaries because that would be setting us up for having to tax next year.

Selectman Szymanski questioned First Selectman Maynard if the computers being discussed were the lower cost computers being used in surrounding towns? Dr. DeBarge indicated she had a copy of the presentation made to the BOF; she offered a copy to Selectman Szymanski. She indicated that Ty, the IT Director, researched several models because the BOF asked for a comparison of devices. Dr. DeBarge suggested if Selectman Szymanski was referencing Chromebooks there are a number of negatives going to that model. That's not the model being used now; there would be a significant turnover of operating systems which would have a cost and time from their staff.

Ty \_\_\_\_\_, later identified as the IT Director, suggested the Chrome was actually \$50 more than the model currently used over the last 5 years. Selectman Szymanski questioned that the Chromebooks cost \$300 to \$400? Ty replied yeah, but when they did the comparison they included a 5 year warranty on each one with accidental damage coverage and the warranty is

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what jacked up the price of the Chromebook. Selectman Hoffman questioned the price per unit? Ty indicated the model they selected is \$603.20; he noted they compared 4 different models, one was \$800, the Chromebook was \$650, the model they have was \$600, the lowest model is \$570. First Selectman Maynard requested clarification of the warranty. Ty suggested it's a 5 year warranty with accidental damage. He reported that the Dell model they have been using, they send techs to the schools to do the repairs on site where the others - they have to be sent out. Ty suggested they can have up to 25 repairs/week. (With the Dell) it's next day on site repair if the parts aren't backordered. Selectman Szymanski requested clarification of the warranty? Ty indicated it's a 5 year warranty if leased or purchased. Selectman Szymanski questioned if there had been any thought into gradually replacing the computers? Dr. DeBarge reported that this is part of a multi-wave replacement; they were purchased in 3 waves with State Grant Money so this is replacing just about 1/3 of our student devices and about 1/3 of the teacher laptops. The issue we have is that the warranty on the current models is running out and they didn't think it was fiscally responsible to not look into replacement to get a 5 year warranty. It would cost about \$75,000/year to replace the current devices at the rate they currently need repair, and the fact that Dell will come on site – the devices are not out of commission for more than a couple of days. Given the fact that the students are using these as their primary instructional, primary mode of output, it's a huge resource reference, many textbooks have been replaced by online resources so the fact that Dell will come onsite and their quick turnaround, it's invaluable to the students and teachers. Selectman Szymanski questioned how many units would be purchased with the \$200,000? Ty indicated 227 student devices and 78 teacher devices. He cited they pulled a report from Dell for the last 12 months and found they have been averaging 50 units/month (to repair). Selectman Szymanski questioned what happens with the 227 and 78 you take in? Dr. DeBarge indicated they'll use them to replace those out for repair or they'll use them for the lower grades K through 2 which currently don't have devices who use them in their classrooms at a less frequent rate and the potential for damage is less because the teachers are next to them. Dr. DeBarge indicated that would allow us to teach to the State Technology standards for grades K – 12. Selectman Szymanski questioned would the 227 cover everyone in the high school? Dr. DeBarge suggested it would cover next year's grades 8, 11, and 12, which were where the first wave of devices were deployed when they started this initiative. TY – their intention is to pull in all that the warranty runs out on by July 1<sup>st</sup>, get them repaired before the warranty is out and use them for spares.

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn questioned what was the increase the BOE received in the budget this year? Dr. DeBarge indicated 4.35%. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn questioned how much money did that amount to? Dr. DeBarge didn't know off the top of her head. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn questioned where the 4.35% will be spent? Dr. DeBarge suggested it will preserve their staff and programs, if the referendum failed and they received a 2% that would have been looking at cutting \$1.2 million – 52 items were on a list for potential reductions, including 15 staff. Selectman Hoffman recalled that the BOE budget presentation included computers. Dr. DeBarge indicated originally the BOE presented a budget request to the Town of a 5.71% increase and that included the 5 year lease, the BOF reduced their budget \$300,000. Discussion continued regarding the sources of funding and the impact on taxes, taxpayers, and the Town's credit rating.

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**MOTION: To SEND to Town Meeting a supplemental appropriation of \$219,414.48 on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/**

**DISCUSSION:** Selectman Szymanski questioned what action would occur on June 7<sup>th</sup>? First Selectman Maynard cited that often the Board of Selectmen hold a Town Meeting in conjunction with a Board of Selectman Meeting; that would be the case with this supplemental appropriation.

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

The motion failed due to the tie vote.

The Selectman agreed to a joint Board of Selectmen/Board of Finance meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Nothing to report.

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

**Resignations:** James M. Halloran, American Heritage River Commission:

**MOTION: To ACCEPT the resignation of James M. Halloran from the American Heritage River Commission.**

**Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/**

**DISCUSSION:** Selectman Hoffman noted the resignation was accepted with regret.

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous**

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

**Reappointments:** North Central Health District Committee, Maria Whelden (U), regular member for a term expiring 4/1/2021:

**MOTION: To REAPPOINT Maria Whelden (U), to the North Central Health District Committee as a regular member for a term expiring 4/1/2021.**

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

**VOTE In Favor: Unanimous**

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/C. New**

**Appointments:**

**1. Planning and Zoning Commission,** Anne Gobin, (D), alternate member for a term expiring 10/1/2019:

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**MOTION: To APPOINT Anne Gobin (D) as an Alternate Member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term expiring 10/1/2019.**

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

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous**

**2. Veterans Commission, Daniel Morgan (U), regular member for a term expiring 5/1/2021:**

**MOTION: To APPOINT Daniel Morgan (U) as a regular member of the Veterans Commission for a term expiring 5/1/2021.**

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

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous**

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

- Rebecca Talamini, Chairman of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, joined the Board with the following event updates:
- May 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Opening of the Bicentennial Time Capsule, 2:30 p.m., inside Town Hall.
- May 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, Dedication of the Veterans Green, 2:00 p.m., Tracey Green.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday, Ribbon Cutting of the new hiking trail at Melrose Bridge.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/B. Casino:**

First Selectman Maynard queried Mr. Lyke if he would like to add any comments; Mr. Lyke responded – man the torpedos, full speed ahead.

First Selectman Maynard reported on May 30<sup>th</sup> the Inland Wetlands Commission will be holding a Public Hearing at Town Hall on MMCT's Wetlands Application. On June 13<sup>th</sup> the Planning and Zoning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing at Scout Hall on the Zoning Application.

Selectman Hoffman questioned when renderings and engineering drawings would be submitted? First Selectman Maynard suggested the engineering drawings would be submitted when MMCT applies for a Building Permit. Selectman Hoffman recalled that Building Inspector Stanley intended to seek assistance from a firm for review of those drawings; he questioned where the funding would come from? Discussion followed regarding options, including additional appropriations.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/C Establish Charter Revision Commission:**

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First Selectman Maynard noted the handout which summarizes the charge to the Charter Revision Commission; he noted the Commission will number 10 members.

**MOTION:** To ESTABLISH a Charter Revision Commission (CRC) consisting of ten (10) members. The CRC shall meet twice per month at a date and place to be determined by the commission. The CRC will elect a chairman and a secretary. The CRC shall review, amend or revise the East Windsor Charter received April 07, 2010 as prescribed by the C.G.S. The CRC shall be charged with addressing the areas numbered 1 through 9 listed in the document titled “Charter Revision Commission charge from BOS May 17, 2018”.

**Dearborn moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION:**

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous**

Various candidates spoke of their desire to serve on the Commission, and their qualifications for service, including:

**Bob Leach:** Mr. Leach reported he’s the Chairman of the Republican Town Committee; Mr. Leach will be speaking about himself and Rachel Safford as candidates for the Charter Revision Commission.

Regarding Rachel Safford, Mr. Leach reported she brings a fresh perspective and a young voice to the Commission; her education and background in research and analysis lends itself well to the work of the Commission.

Regarding himself, Mr. Leach reported he also represents a younger generation, he is the only one of the candidates who has school age children.

**Sarah Andrews, speaking for Tim Dickerson:** Ms. Andrews reported Mr. Dickerson was unable to attend this evening, on his behalf she advised the Board Mr. Dickerson volunteers at the school, he has children, and he is on various boards in his church. He is a dedicated individual, and would be a good voice on the Commission.

**Kristina Nordell:** Ms. Nordell reported she is an educator, and has young children. She would love the opportunity to look at the Charter to see if it meets the current needs of the Town.

**Richard P. Pippin, Jr.:** Mr. Pippin reported he has been in town for 51 years, he served 9 years on the Board of Selectmen, he has knowledge of the Charter as he served on the last Charter Revision Commission and knows the pitfalls; he would like to help correct the faults of the Charter that we have now.

**Marie DeSousa:** Mrs. DeSousa commended the people who served on the Charter Revision Study Committee but she felt it’s important to have a new set of eyes; she would hate to see all



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the same people get on the Charter Revision Commission. Mrs. DeSousa noted the Town voters voted that the school system is important and realtors are starting to look at the importance of education. The youth are the future of East Windsor. Mrs. DeSousa felt we need fresh eyes.

No one else requested to speak.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/D. Appoint members to Charter Revision Commission:**

The Board then voted by ballot. The results of the ballot follows:

✓ <b>Don Arcari</b>	Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski
✓ <b>Cher Balch</b>	Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski
✓ <b>Elizabeth Burns</b>	Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski
<b>Timothy Dickinson</b>	Maynard
<b>Bob Leach</b>	Hoffman
✓ <b>William Loos</b>	Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski
✓ <b>John Matthews</b>	Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski
✓ <b>John Mazza</b>	Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski
<b>Kristina Nordell</b>	Maynard
<b>Richard Pippin, Jr.</b>	no votes
✓ <b>Rachel Safford</b>	Maynard/Dearborn/Szymanski
<b>John Simonelli</b>	Maynard
✓ <b>Charles Szymanski</b>	Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski
✓ <b>Keith Yagaloff</b>	Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski
✓ <b>Bonnie Yosky</b>	Maynard/Dearborn/Hoffman/Szymanski

The members acquiring the most votes are noted by the check mark, and are the members of the Charter Revision Commission

**NEW BUSINESS/A. Youth Services Bureau:**

First Selectman Maynard referenced an e-mail received from Representative Christopher Davis regarding the passage by the House of Representatives of House Bill 5446 which allows towns to establish a Youth Services Bureau. Establishment of such an organization enables the towns to apply for grants; East Windsor would be required to provide a matching contribution of \$14,000 towards establishment of East Windsor's Youth Services Bureau.

First Selectman Maynard reported he and Melissa Maltese appeared before the House to speak in favor of this Bill. He noted that East Windsor previously had a Youth Center, which ceased to operate. A Youth Services Bureau would allow youth to go to the high school and interact with other students.

Selectman Szymanski questioned what additional costs could the Town incur regarding this organization? Selectman Hoffman questioned if the Town's funding is limited to the \$14,000, or

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are additional costs anticipated that wouldn't be covered by this funding? Deputy First Selectman Dearborn questioned who would managed the money? First Selectman Maynard indicated the money would be managed by the Treasurer; Selectman Hoffman questioned that it would be managed by Mrs. Maltese in conjunction with the school system? First Selectman Maynard indicated the specifics hadn't been worked out yet; he had scheduled a conference call with Dr. DeBarge and Mrs. Maltese for the following morning

The Board postponed action on this item this evening; they requested Mrs. Maltese attend the next meeting to update them on this proposal.

**NEW BUSINESS/Approve National Public Works Week Proclamation::**

First Selectman Maynard noted that May 20<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> is National Public Works Week. The National American Public Works Association annually sponsors a week to recognize the contributions made by the Public Works staff to their towns. Attached (*See Attachment B*) is a Proclamation acknowledging the contribution made to East Windsor by members of our Public Works Department; First Selectman Maynard requested the support of the Board for the work accomplished by the Public Works Department.

**MOTION: To APPROVE the Proclamation acknowledging National Public Works Week as May 20 – 26, 2018.**

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

**VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous**

**NEW BUSINESS/Approval of Tax Refunds:**

**MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$601.74 as identified under Tax Refund Report dated May 14, 2018.**

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

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

LET THE RECORD SHOW Selectman Bowsza arrived at 7:59 p.m.

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

Selectman Hoffman reported the monthly meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be held on Monday evening. They are moving forward with the proposal from the research organization; Selectman Hoffman indicated he and EDC Member Bob Lyke are comfortable with the proposal. First Selectman Maynard indicated he and Town Planner Whitten have reviewed the proposal and are comfortable with it as well. Representatives from CERC will attend the EDC Meeting. Selectman Hoffman reported the priorities are to begin by assisting with development of the EDC web page; they would then develop an inventory of available

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properties; and then survey and inventory businesses in town. Discussion continued regarding methods to provide data. Selectman Szymanski cited that the day employees at the Warehouse Point Fire Department are contacting businesses with regard to fire protection services; he anticipates they would be willing to make that information available for this project as well.

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

Selectman Szymanski recalled that he talked about establishing a billboard at Town Hall acknowledging the accomplishments of the students of the schools. He is meeting with Dr. DeBarge on May 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss development of this project.

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

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn had no comments this evening.

**SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/D. Jason E. Bowsza:**

Selectman Bowsza congratulated the people who worked to promote the budget; that doesn't happen without a lot of work and community support.

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

First Selectman Maynard reported he attended the Vintage Baseball Game; it was a great event.

He also reported that the Housing Authority is considering building additional housing on the 7 acres owned by the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority will be working to acquire a grant. Selectman Hoffman and Selectman Szymanski questioned that this project would be at Park Hill, and how many additional units would it provide? Marie DeSousa (member of the Housing Authority) indicated they are just reviewing options and interviewing architects who responded to an RFP. Selectman Hoffman questioned the anticipated cost? Mrs. DeSousa indicated it was premature to discuss the project; they don't know how much land, or useable land, they have available, or what the future holds for that property. First Selectman Maynard suggested the project could be a congregate/assisted living building, or more – perhaps 2 story – apartments.

Selectman Hoffman reported there will be a meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with people from the Shaker Pines Fire District in Enfield; the meeting will be to discuss how the district works, how funding is provided, how the public participates in approving the district budget. First Selectman Maynard reported the meeting has been posted, and is open to the public.

Selectman Bowsza cited he would like to reopen discussion on moving the computer purchase to Town Meeting.

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**MOTION: To MOVE TO RECOMMEND to send the Board of Education computer purchase to town meeting to coincide with your next board of selectmen meeting on June 7, 2018:**

**Bowsza moved/Szymanski seconded/**

**DISCUSSION:** First Selectman Maynard indicated there was a lot of discussion on this topic; those that voted no were not comfortable with the way the money was taken from the fund balance. Selectman Hoffman indicated he voted no; it sounds like the Board is gaming the system. The School system budget is large; finding \$250,000 in the school budget is doable.

Assistant Treasurer Carolus noted that if the Town has a Fund balance too high it can prevent the Town from getting grants, so they wait until the end of the year and create a list of items that don't create ongoing costs and the Selectmen send them to Town Meeting. It's a way of giving money back to the taxpayers, and they have the authority of voting on the items. It's a way to prevent taxing to pay for them. Assistant Treasurer Carolus cited that last Fiscal Year they have paid \$900,000 for projects like the Pumper Truck. You save money for the Town and extended the life of the Pumper Truck for 15 years rather than having to pay for a new truck; the Selectmen send those projects to Town Meeting and the voters vote on them. . Assistant Treasurer Carolus cited other projects that would be coming to the Board of Selectmen for consideration, such as the oil tank at the Middle School, and the Pumper Truck She noted the other way of giving that money back is the offset to the budget; we did a couple of hundred thousand dollars this year. She reported the reason for singling out this project was the time constraints of getting the computers in and operable for next year . Selectman Hoffman indicated he understands the tax advantage from the standpoint of having an acceptable balance in that fund but the Board hasn't discussed other things . This came as a surprise to him that this was going to be added to the agenda tonight. Are there other items that will be equally worthy of consideration; if there are he doesn't even know what those are. Assistant Treasurer Carolus suggested that's the point of the dual meeting with the BOF and the BOS; they will be bringing things for consideration. Selectman Hoffman felt then the Board shouldn't approve this at this point in time. Assistant Treasurer Carolus suggested that was one of the items taken out of the BOE budget because there was a savings of about \$70,000 by purchasing this outright rather than leasing.

Selectman Bowsza questioned how much (money) will lapse back into the General Fund? Assistant Treasurer Carolus noted they were still getting cuts from the State; she cited the cut for the TAR Fund. Selectman Bowsza requested a guess? Assistant Treasurer Carolus indicated a totally rough guess would be possibly about \$500,000. Selectman Bowsza cited that would be twice the cost of this.

First Selectman Maynard suggested he felt there was a big difference to him between taking the Fund balance and spending it on one time things that the Town needs and calling it revenue for the year. We took \$450,000 for the budget this year and called it revenue and lowered taxes by \$50,000 and that's ok but there will come a time when we won't have that \$450,000 and would

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need to tax taxpayers. If you pay for something you need that's a good thing; you're not setting yourself up for future expenses.

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn suggested the BOE increase was 4.5% over what they get every year. That's over \$920,000; take the money from that and buy the computers. He felt the BOE feels they never have enough money for the school system. With this request they received

over a million dollar increase; he suggested they take the money out of \$920,000 budget increase and pay for the computers.

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

**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), Sec. 1-210 (b-1) (b-4)**  
**Litigation, Negotiations & Employment:**

**MOTION:**    **To TAKE A FIVE MINUTE BREAK (at 8:28 p.m.) and then GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. Attending the Executive Session were First Selectman Maynard, Deputy First Selectman Dearborn, Selectman Hoffman, Selectman Szymanski, and Selectman Bowsza.**

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

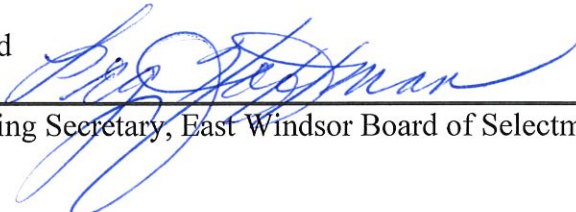
The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:**    **To ADJOURN this Meeting at 8:58 p.m.**

**Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/VOTE:        In Favor:    Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted

  
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Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen



## **Proclamation**

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

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

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

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

*Whereas, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff Public Works Departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform, and*

*Whereas, pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive, Public Works employees are designated First Responders, responsible for protection of life, property and the environment; and*

*Whereas, Public Works Departments from across New England are participating in the First Annual "Fill A Public Works Truck Food Drive" to support local food banks,*

*Now, therefore, I Robert Maynard  
First Selectman of the Town of East Windsor  
Do hereby proclaim the week of May 20 – 26, 2018 as*

## **"National Public Works Week"**

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

*Given under my hand and Seal of the Town of East Windsor  
Connecticut, this 17th day of May 2018*

*Robert F. Maynard*  
First Selectman