

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 7, 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; Charles J. Szymanski.

Absent: Selectman Andy Hoffman

GUESTS: Town Staff: Department of Public Works: Joe Sauerhoefer, Operations Manager; Recreation and Community Services: Melissa Maltese, Director. .

Members of Boards, Committees, Commissions, or Town Entities:
250th Anniversary Committee: Rebecca Talamini, Chairman; Board of Finance: Kathy Pippin, Sarah Muska; Warehouse Point Fire Marshal: Rich Austin; East Windsor Public Schools: Dr. Christine DeBarge, Superintendent; Board of Education: Cathy Simonelli, Chairman; Kathy Bilodeau; East Windsor Housing Authority: Linda Collins, Director..

Public: David Cappiella, representing MMCT Venture; Paul Anderson, Marie DeSousa; Bob Leach, Betsy LeBorius, Bill Loos; Tom Talamini.

Press: No one from the Press was present.

TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETING:

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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.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Meeting Agenda as presented.

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

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

First Selectman Maynard reported the Board of Selectmen will recess their Meeting at 7:30 p.m. to convene a Town Meeting.

ATTENDANCE: See page 1.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Richard P. Pippin, Jr.: Mr. Pippin felt the Town could afford to fix the door closures.

Sarah Muska, 25 Maple Avenue: Ms. Muska was angry at the letter written by Building Inspector Stanley which he made available to the public; the letter is also posted on the bulletin board. Ms. Muska was angry at Building Official Stanley's faulting the Board of Finance (BOF) with not approving his request for funding for additional help for the Building Department. Ms. Muska reported the BOF requested additional information regarding this request – as they did from the school regarding the laptop purchases being voted on tonight; as they didn't receive the information they didn't approve his request. Ms. Muska felt the letter was unprofessional; she wants it removed immediately.

Paul Anderson, (89 Main Street): Mr. Anderson reported this week is the Farm and Garden Tour. The (Broad Brook) Library is part of the tour; he looks forward to seeing the public during the tour.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/May 17, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2018 as presented.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/A.

Resignations: Charles T. Riggott, WPCA:

MOTION: To ACCEPT the resignation of Charles T. Riggott from the WPCA with regret.

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

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

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/B

Reappointments: .Albert Grant (U), Conservation Commission, regular member for a term expiring 4/1/2002:

MOTION: To APPROVE the reappointment of Albert Grant (U), Conservation Commission, regular member for a term expiring 4/1/2002:

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

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

First Selectman Maynard noted that three people have applied for appointment to the Pension Board, but there are only two vacancies on the Board. Board members can vote for appointment of only two of the applicants.

Reappointment: Edward Bowsza, (R), Pension and Retirement Board, regular member for a term expiring 6/1/2022:

MOTION: To APPROVE the reappointment of Edward Bowsza (R) to the Pension and Retirement Board, as a regular member for a term expiring 6/1/2022.

Maynard moved/Bowsza seconded

DISCUSSION: Selectman Bowsza reported they are about three quarters of the way done with pension negotiations; the two incumbents have been part of the negotiating team. It would be a problem for them to not be reappointed. Selectman Bowsza also indicated there may be a vacancy on the Board of Finance; reviewing Josh Kapelner's resume' it would seem Mr. Kapelner would be a good fit to fill that vacancy. First Selectman Maynard concurred with Selectman Bowsza's assessment of Mr. Kapelner's area of expertise; he suggested he may vote against Mr. Kapelner's appointment to the Pension Board as it appears his service would be better on the Board of Finance.

VOTE: In Favor: Maynard/Bowsza
Opposed: Dearborn/Szymanski

Mr. Bowsza's reappointment failed due to the tie vote.

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Reappointment: David King, (D), Pension and Retirement Board, regular member for a term expiring 6/1/2022:

MOTION: To APPROVE the reappointment of David King (D) to the Pension and Retirement Board, as a regular member for a term expiring 6/1/2022.

Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/C. New Appointments: Josh Kapelner, (U), Pension and Retirement Board, for a term expiring 6/1/2022:

MOTION: To APPROVE Josh Kapelner, (U), Pension and Retirement Board, for a term expiring 6/1/2022.

Maynard moved/Selectman Bowsza suggested the maker of the motion must vote in the affirmative and First Selectman Maynard has already suggested he would be voting against Mr. Kapelner.

MOTION: To APPROVE Josh Kapelner, (U), Pension and Retirement Board, for a term expiring 6/1/2022.

Szymanski moved/Maynard seconded/

DISCUSSION: The Board discussed First Selectman Maynard's ability to vote on this third appointment.

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

Mr. Kapelner's reappointment failed due to the tie vote.

First Selectman Maynard indicated this vote creates a tie regarding appointment for the second position on the Pension Board. As the First Selectman would normally vote to break a tie discussion followed regarding First Selectman Maynard's ability to vote as the tie-breaker in this situation.

MOTION: To POSTPONE the appointment to the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

Szymanski moved/Maynard seconded/

DISCUSSION: Selectman Bowsza questioned what that meant; he noted there is a Pension Meeting scheduled prior to the next Board of Selectmen Meeting. Paul Anderson offered his opinion that he understood that a volunteer could continue to serve until their reappointment or another appointment is made.

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

New Appointment: James Bagdikian, (D), Historical Preservation Commission, alternate member for a term expiring 11/15/2019:

MOTION: **To APPOINT James Bagdikian, (D), Historical Preservation Commission, alternate member for a term expiring 11/15/2019:**

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: **In Favor:** **Unanimous (Maynard/Dearborn/Bowsza/Szymanski)**

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

Rebecca Talamini, Chairman of the 250th Anniversary Committee, joined the Board. Ms. Talamini gave the following update on availability of merchandise and events:

Merchandise (items 1 and 2 available at the Broad Brook Library, the Warehouse Point Library, and Town Hall;:

1. 20 oz. aluminum water bottles, \$10
2. Anniversary coins, \$10
3. Anniversary charm, \$35, available only at Swede’s

Events:

- June 9th, Saturday, House, Garden, and Farm Tour.
- June 16th, Saturday, Revolutionary War Reenactment and Food Truck Festival, at Scout Hall grounds, 28 Abbe Road. Additional parking will be available on one side of Abbe Road only. Ms. Talamini warned the public that there will be a loud cannon shot during the reenactment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/B. Casino:

First Selectman Maynard introduced Mr. David Capiello in the audience. Mr. Capiello apologized for not being present at previous BOS Meetings but noted the Legislature was still in session and he had been present at those sessions. Mr. Capiello reported that last week the Department of the Interior finally saw the error of their ways and approved the compact for the Mohegans; it’s anticipated they’ll follow with approval of the compact with the Mashantucket Pequots as well.

First Selectman Maynard reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the casino June 13th. He also noted that a similar Public Hearing was held on May 30th by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission; a permit was approved at that meeting for the casino. Mr. Capiello cited that even with all the roadblocks they have been moving forward; the public will see plans unveiling shortly.

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MOTION: To RECESS the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 7:30 p.m. to CONVENE the Town Meeting.

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

Selectman Bowsza not present for vote.

At the conclusion of the Town Meeting First Selectman Maynard RECONVENED the Selectmen’s Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/C. Youth Services Bureau:

Melissa Maltese, Director of Parks and Recreation and Community Services joined the Board with a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the purpose of a Youth Services Bureau, and how the Youth Services Bureau will benefit East Windsor’s youth and families.

Mrs. Maltese reported that Representative Chris Davis, First Selectman Maynard, and she have advocated to lift the State cap on Youth Service Bureaus; East Windsor can now apply for a \$14,000 grant to create a local Youth Services Bureau. To receive the grant East Windsor must agree to provide \$14,000 in matching funding.

Selectman Szymanski questioned what Mrs. Maltese was referring to by “lifting the cap”? First Selectman Maynard reported that a law was passed in 1995 enabling the Department of Education to establish a grant program allocating money to establish Youth Services Bureaus for towns who apply; the law was amended in 2007, 2012, and 2015 to allow additional towns to apply. First Selectman Maynard noted there are 122 towns that benefit from 91 Youth Service Bureaus. First Selectman Maynard cited Representative Davis went out of his way to advocate for East Windsor’s inclusion in this program . The Town must apply for the grant by July 1st, but the Town must approve the matching funds contribution prior to the grant submission.

Mrs. Maltese began her PowerPoint presentation. Mrs. Maltese suggested the Youth Services Bureau would bring all the services beneficial to youth and families together in one spot and create a community feeling so that the families that need assistance/help would seek those services. Mrs. Maltese noted that South Windsor, West Hartford, and Enfield operate their Youth Centers through a Youth Services Bureau. Her proposal would be to start a Youth Services Bureau for East Windsor, under which she would create a Teen Youth Council which would consist of youth volunteers to work with youth seeking services to make them aware of the programs and services available.

Mrs. Maltese reported that students visit the nurses offices for many reasons, including illness or injury, administration of medications, and “ACES” – Adverse Childhood Experiences – which

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impact their lives. Referencing a slide Mrs. Maltese reported ACES can be abuse, challenges associated with their parents' domestic situation, and other situations which affect their health and mental status. Mrs. Maltese suggested that 30% of the student population in East Windsor has a mental health issue. Mrs. Maltese reported that number of student visits to the nurses offices have increased 20% since last year. Selectman Bowsza questioned how that number compares to other municipalities? Mrs. Maltese indicated she didn't have that information available this evening but would suggest that the number was high. Selectman Szymanski questioned how many of the 30% of the students experiencing the mental health issues were residents of East Windsor? Mrs. Maltese indicated she didn't have that information. Mr. Paul Anderson, speaking from the audience, questioned if it would be fair to assume that the 30% might be because we don't have the services available so the number is high because we aren't doing anything? Mrs. Betsy LeBorious, speaking from the audience, suggested that students who go to the nurse's office aren't necessarily sick; many are seeking help from the nurse or the guidance counselor. Mrs. LeBorious suggested Mrs. Maltese's presentation is very important for the Town.

Mrs. Maltese reported that they are also looking to develop a program to deal with truancy, as without a Youth Services Bureau there isn't a process to deal with truancy. Selectman Szymanski questioned how many of the truant kids are residents of East Windsor; Mrs. Maltese didn't have that information available.

Mrs. Maltese reported the eventual goal is to create a Teen Center. She offered examples of Teen Centers operated in Old Saybrook and South Windsor. Mrs. Maltese reported that staffing for the Old Saybrook Teen Center is based on student participation; South Windsor's Teen Center, which is located in the Community Center on Nevers Road, is very popular .

Selectman Szymanski indicated the number of students seeing the nurse stuns him; he suggested the number cited works out to 41 students a day going to the nurse. Mrs. Maltese suggested some go for medical dispensing, some to go to the bathroom; the nurses count every visit. She suggested this is a different world today; some children are born with ACES. Selectman Bowsza also suggested there is earlier diagnosis today. Mrs. LeBorious cited the State Department of Education is looking at truancy very closely; the Youth Services Bureau would add value to the Board of Education and the school district to address truancy. Selectman Szymanski felt it was important to find out how many of the affected students are residents and how many are out of town students that we don't have control over. Mrs. Maltese suggested the out of town students affect the kids in our school system. She cited the Youth Services Bureau will connect the children and parents to the services; the overall goal is to create a Teen Center.

Selectman Szymanski cited the Teen Center programs given as examples are run during after school hours; he questioned if our program would be coming from existing staff? He questioned if there would be expenses to the Town outside of the \$14,000 matching grant? Mrs. Maltese reported there wouldn't be because we haven't gotten to the point of deciding if we want to create the Youth Services Bureau. Selectman Bowsza felt it was unfortunate to focus on the Teen Center; that's at the end of this proposal.

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Discussion returned to the issue of truancy. Mrs. Maltese suggested the State Department of Education has created the Youth Services Bureau referral program where you will have to get in touch with the truant students and figure out how to get them to come to school. Selectman Szymanski questioned if the school system has counselors now? Mrs. Simonelli replied affirmatively, but..... Mrs. LeBorious interjected that the Youth Services Bureaus are designed to work with families and children outside the school day; Mrs. LeBorious felt Mrs. Maltese is talking about getting that infrastructure in place.

Referencing slide 1 of Mrs. Maltese's presentation –a map of Connecticut indicating which towns participate in the Youth Services Bureau program - Selectman Bowsza suggested it appears that most of the towns in the upper left and right corner of the map are regional school districts so it seems there are only a handful of the schools that don't have a Youth Services Bureau. First Selectman Maynard cited that with a Youth Services Bureau in place it will allow the Town to apply for other grants; Mrs. LeBorious suggested they would be grants for other positive youth development programs. Mr. Anderson felt that while we do have students coming in to East Windsor from out of town he didn't feel we can write off our kids because of the out of town students; he felt the \$14,000 is a drop in the bucket; our kids are our future. Selectman Szymanski indicated he didn't disagree but he would like to see the numbers.

Selectman Bowsza questioned what the Town's commitment would be over time? If the Town didn't want to continue the program in a year? Mrs. Maltese suggested the Town should have to return the funding and wouldn't apply again.

Selectman Dearborn indicated he sees the \$28,000 as never being enough to support this program; he questioned who will handle the money? First Selectman Maynard indicated the money would be handled by the Treasurer's Office. He also noted he understood there was the possibility of providing in-kind services to count towards the Town's \$14,000 commitment; Mrs. Maltese clarified that wasn't an option now. First Selectman Maynard cited the pending deadline to participate in this program; he suggested they have been kicking this idea around for a couple of years. Mrs. Maltese referenced the handout she provided regarding services provided by other towns; she noted they have full out Youth Services Bureaus, she's not asking for that.

Selectman Szymanski questioned if the Town would have to hire people to staff the Youth Services Bureau? Mrs. Maltese suggested she's proposing a part-time counselor to run the Youth Services Bureau. Selectman Szymanski questioned a ballpark number for this employee? Mrs. Maltese calculated the part-time employee would work 19 hours/week at \$22/hour. Mr. Anderson, assisting from the audience, suggested that the part-time employee would cost \$22,000/year. Mrs. Simonelli cited that by creating a Youth Services Bureau it would be opening the door for other revenue; they also talked about using a place in the high school so the Town wouldn't have to invest in infrastructure. Selectman Bowsza cited the Town has another shot at being able to create this Youth Services Bureau; Mrs. Maltese cited that (Representative) Chris Davis lobbied for a year to get East Windsor in the door.

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Bill Loos, speaking from the audience, questioned if the teen center down the street was still operating? First Selectman Maynard replied negatively, but noted a Youth Services Bureau would be a hub connecting the parents and children. Cathy Simonelli recalled that they couldn't provide services; it was a place for the kids to go. Mr. Loos questioned if it would include organizations like the Boy and Girl Scouts? Mr. Leach, speaking from the audience, cited he has worked in scouting and they have kids that aren't residents. Selectman Szymanski felt that was a different comparison.

Selectman Szymanski indicated he would like to move this decision to a Special Meeting next week to have a full Board present to vote on this. He also wanted to speak with the people in South Windsor. Discussion followed regarding the ability to repost the Special Meeting Agenda for the June 11th Joint Meeting of the BOS/BOF to include this item. Selectman Bowsza wanted to vote tonight because of the timing; First Selectman Maynard also noted the need for the Board of Finance to vote on it after the BOS meeting.

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn noted that when the people down the street really wanted to do something for the kids they wanted to go to the school and he understood they were turned down. First Selectman Maynard clarified that when they wanted to go to the high school there were certain rules and they didn't want to do them. Selectman Bowsza felt it was volunteer burnout with the center down the street; they had scheduling issues and costs that would be assimilated into the Youth Services Bureau. Selectman Szymanski cited they will still need volunteers; Mrs. Maltese suggested it will be a monthly meeting.

First Selectman Maynard indicated the Board will have a Special Meeting; Selectman Bowsza pushed for Monday.

➤ *See additional information, page 10, provided by Cathy Simonelli, Chairman of the Board of Education, regarding the number of out of town students.*

NEW BUSINESS/A. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Discussion::

Mrs. Maltese advised the Board that two years ago the Risk Management Committee, which she sits on, set goals for the Town. One goal was to have East Windsor recognized a Heart Safe Community; she recalled the recognition of accomplishing that goal earlier this year.

Mrs. Maltese reported she is before the Board this evening representing the Risk Management Committee with a request to purchase 6 additional AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) to place at various sports facilities, including Abbe Road and the soccer fields at Abbe Road, to be available when the facilities are open. The units are battery operated; the batteries last 2 years. Mrs. Maltese reported these 6 units would be purchased under a supplemental appropriation.

Selectman Szymanski questioned the cost? Mrs. Maltese submitted a cost estimate; she noted that the Town receives money back from CIRMA for keeping East Windsor safe but that money

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goes into the General Fund and can't be touched. Selectman Szymanski questioned if Mrs. Maltese acquired 3 bids; Mrs. Maltese replied negatively. Joe Sauerhoefer, Operation Manager for the Department of Public Works, indicated it's difficult to acquire the 3 bids as companies know people are shopping around. Mr. Sauerhoefer indicated their process is to submit an estimate, when the money is approved they then go out for the 3 bids. Discussion continued regarding the funding process. First Selectman Maynard suggested the Board may see the AEDs as part of the discussion of the joint meeting on Monday; Selectman Szymanski requested that 3 bids be submitted.

➤ **Youth Services Bureau, response to question of the number of out of town students attending the East Windsor School System:**

Cathy Simonelli, Chairman of the Board of Education, requested to provide Selectman Szymanski with information she's been able to acquire regarding the number of out of town students requested earlier (during the discussion of the Youth Services Bureau). Mrs. Simonelli reported East Windsor has 48 kids in the Choice Student Program; 48 students in the East Windsor School System are from outside of East Windsor. Selectman Szymanski questioned if that was a complete number? Mrs. Simonelli wasn't sure, as the school system could be taking in kids under another program.

NEW BUSINESS/B. East Windsor Housing Authority discussion regarding PILOT Agreement:

First Selectman Maynard reported the Town had said it would request the East Windsor Housing Authority (EWHA) to pay 10% PILOT to the Town as it has done in the past. After discussion of the financial status of the Housing Authority it was agreed to reduce the PILOT contribution to 7% for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. He introduced Linda Collins, Director of the EWHA.

Mrs. Collins clarified that PILOT is an acronym for "payment in lieu of taxes". In the 4 years she has been director of the Housing Authority they have been paying the 7%. The payment is based on a calculation of the rent collected minus expenses; residents are responsible for the cost of their own utilities. Mrs. Collins suggested it's important to keep the payment at 7% as the Housing Authority doesn't have any help from the Federal Government; they have no Section 8 tenants, but do charge rents at \$429/month for an efficiency unit and \$449 for a one bedroom unit. Mrs. Collins suggested it's important to maintain the Park Hill property without the subjective help from the State. She noted the Housing Authority has been able to acquire grants to fund major property improvements, but questioned the ability to continue doing so as Park Hill is an aging facility which is in need of upgrades to existing bathrooms.

Mrs. Collins reported the Housing Authority employs a resident plan leader who assists residents with entitlement programs and other community programs; that employee works 20 hours/week which is funded under a State grant program. Should the funding go away the Housing Authority would have to pay that salary from operating expenses. For the reasons stated Mrs.

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Collins indicated the Housing Authority would like to continue the 7% PILOT for the coming year.

Selectman Szymanski questioned how many residents are living at Park Hill? Mrs. Collins reported they have 84 apartments which are occupied by 92 residents. Selectman Szymanski questioned how Park Hill compares to Spring Village; are the rents and expenses similar? Mrs. Collins felt Spring Village is privately managed; it isn't under the auspices of the Federal Government.

First Selectman Maynard indicated the proposal is to give them the 7% PILOT and seek information to better understand their finances prior to setting the rate for next year.

MOTION: To ALLOW the East Windsor Housing Authority to maintain the 7% PILOT payment for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019 as authorized in the agreement letter dated June 4, 2018, and authorize the First Selectman to sign it.

Bowsza moved/Szymanski seconded//DISCUSSION: Nothing additional

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

NEW BUSINESS/C. Discussion of Appropriations:

First Selectman Maynard noted the Board will be holding a joint meeting with the Board of Finance (BOF) on Monday to discuss potential supplemental appropriations. He indicated that one of the discussion items will be South Road, which is a complex of 16 homes built by the Federal Government for military housing. In 1995 the Federal Government no longer needed the housing and gave it to a non-profit company – Creative Housing – who owned the land and rented the homes to residents under land leases. The non-profit company stopped paying taxes to the Town, and in 2014 the Town took over South Road for back taxes. The Town now owns the property and rents the homes to residents for \$56/month.

First Selectman Maynard noted that all 16 homes have outdoor oil tanks. The tank at unit #2 leaked, the resident was on vacation and the oil seeped into the ground. Remediation cost approximately \$100,000, which should be paid by the insurance company less the \$10,000 deductible; lawyer costs were also incurred.

First Selectman Maynard reported additional problems associated with the complex are that there are also large trees around the complex; some of the roots are ripping up the foundations of the houses. And, the sewer line, which the Town owns, comes around the back yards of the houses. The WPCA photographed the system and found it to be in horrible condition. The WPCA has estimated the cost to repair the sewer system to be approximately \$80,000, while DPW feels they may be able to repair the line for less.

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First Selectman Maynard reported South Road will be a discussion topic at Monday's Meeting. The first step is to replace the sewer line; the Town would then like to sell the homes to the residents.

Paul Anderson, speaking as Chairman of the WPCA, suggested that from the WPCA's viewpoint it's ok to do it as cheaply as possible but he indicated that the WPCA would like to take over the sewer line but only if it's built to their standards.

Rich Austin, Warehouse Point Fire Marshal, reported that all of those homes have buried oil tanks; the Government drained them, put in containment pads and walked away. Today the containment needs to be concrete walls around the tanks. When the tank failed at the unit mentioned the containment did nothing. Mr. Austin felt the Town needs to research the risks and the way the tanks were contained.

First Selectman Maynard referenced a list of discussion topics for Monday's Meeting. He noted many are items suggested by Mrs. Maltese for park improvements; other items include repair of the Broad Brook Fire Department Pumper Truck, town-wide security and safety upgrades, paving the Town Hall and school parking lots. First Selectman Maynard noted the item for town-wide office renovation; he cited the Planning and Zoning Office should present a better impression as it's the place people come to when they are considering bringing their businesses to East Windsor. He noted the conference room chairs were pulled out of the dumpster.

NEW BUSINESS/d. Approve funding for a Recording Secretary for the Charter Revision Commission:

First Selectman Maynard reported that the Charter Revision Commission has been formed; they will be holding their first Public Hearing on Monday evening, June 11th, at Scout Hall. First Selectman Maynard feels they need a recording secretary; the recording secretarial services for the Charter Revision Commission had been a line item in the budget but the BOF removed the funding. It was the only recording secretary request removed from the budget by the BOF. First Selectman Maynard noted the Charter was implemented in 2010; they are now considering revisions and he felt it was important to have an accurate record of the discussion and record.

Selectman Szymanski questioned the amount? First Selectman Maynard noted they will meet twice a month for 12 months; he suggested \$125/meeting. Tom Talamini, speaking from the audience, questioned if we have set fees? Discussion continued considering \$125/meeting vs. \$100/meeting; Selectman Szymanski cited there's a lot of detail to the revisions process.

MOTION: To REQUEST the Board of Finance to authorize a Supplemental Appropriation of \$3000 to fund 811100 for Charter Revision Commission Recording Secretary for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/

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DISCUSSION: Selectman Bowsza indicated the CERC website cites the demographics of East Windsor being 85% under the age of 65 but the membership of the Charter Revision Commission includes only one member under that age. Selectman Bowsza indicated he questions the disparity of the balance of representation on this Commission.

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

NEW BUSINESS/E. Approval of Tax Refunds:

MOTION: **To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$164.53 as identified under Tax Refund Report dated June 4, 2018.**

Szymanski moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

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

Selectman Bowsza echoed Ms. Muska’s comments about the letter written by Building Inspector Stanley which was intended for distribution to the public. The letter blames the BOF and he felt exerts pressure on them. Selectman Bowsza cited the need for quantifiable data to support Building Inspector Stanley’s request for funding; it had not been provided. He, too, felt the letter was unprofessional.

With regard to other issues he attended the dedication of the Veterans Memorial on May 20th at Tracy Green. Selectman Bowsza commended Jim Barton for his work on the project.

And, congratulations to the American Heritage River Commission for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Melrose Bridge; Selectman Bowsza cited Barbara Sherman for her work on this project.

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

Selectman Szymanski noted he also attended the Veterans Memorial dedication. Selectman Szymanski reported Jim Barton did a phenomenal job; the memorial is decorative and fitting for the green.

Selectman Szymanski reported he and Selectman Hoffman had visited with Dr. DeBarge to discuss the bulletin board to recognize student accomplishments; he felt she was receptive to the proposal. First Selectman Maynard reported Dr. DeBarge has already sent material over.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/C. Steve Dearborn:

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Selectman Dearborn had nothing to report this evening.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/D. Andy Hoffman:

Selectman Hoffman was not present this evening; see First Selectman Maynard's report below.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/E. Robert Maynard:

First Selectman Maynard presented a report from Selectman Hoffman regarding the progress made at the Economic Development Commission concerning the hiring of CERC for work on the EDC website, commercial property inventory, and development of a list of East Windsor businesses. (*See Attachment A*).

First Selectman Maynard noted he also attended a meeting of the Broad Brook Mill Site Remediation Committee. He noted an individual from UCONN attended and responded to AECOM's remediation plan, which will be to take the serious pollution and pile it behind the Congregational Church after covering it with 18 inches of dirt. Someone from DEEP representing AECOM and UTAS was also present in the audience so there was a good discussion. First Selectman Maynard indicated the Mill Committee wants the site to have a use after remediation, not to just be a remediated site with a fence around it in the middle of town. First Selectman Maynard noted Barbara Smiegel has a structural engineer who will visit the site to consider salvaging the mill.

Selectman Szymanski indicated he's not excited about UTAS' plan. He felt this is a huge issue for the Town - to pile that material behind the Congregational Church.... He questioned how someone can build a hazardous waste landfill in the middle of town. Selectman Szymanski felt the Town needs to fight this proposal.

First Selectman Maynard noted similar discussion occurred at the Mill Committee Meeting. Who would want to dig up waste that's more volatile and then move it a few hundred feet and put it behind the church and near other apartments? First Selectman Maynard reported the individual from UCONN said removal of the contaminated material from the site would cost about \$150,000. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn cited that was chump change. First Selectman Maynard reiterated the Mill Committee is saying they want the site useable. He reported that the State of Connecticut has committed to putting in \$3.9 million to remediate the site; they've put in \$2.6 million already. UTAS purchased the site, which was polluted prior to their purchase. Selectman Szymanski noted that wasn't the issue; to take the material and bury it within a baseball throw of where it was – it will flow into the aquifer.

Rich Austin, Warehouse Point Fire Marshal, suggested to disturb it is bad enough; he understands the soil can be burnt which would make it less toxic.

SIGNATURES FOR APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTERS:

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting – June 7, 2018
MEETING MINUTES -**

The Selectmen reviewed the registers presented and took appropriate action.

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

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

Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Maynard/Dearborn/Szymanski/Bowsza).

ADJOURNMENT:

Information unavailable at publication of Meeting Minutes.

Respectfully submitted



Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen

EW- 6/7/2018 - Attachment A.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING – SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

The EDC met May 21. The meeting centered on the hiring of the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC) and the part it will play supporting of town's economic development. Sadie Colcord will be the East Windsor interface. She attended the meeting to discuss priorities and the approach to the agreed to tasks. The prioritized tasks are:

- Develop town economic development website
- Develop a commercial property inventory
- Develop a list of East Windsor businesses

CERC is currently funded through the end of June. They will work with Virtual Towns and Schools, Boxborough, MA to develop the website. The consensus of the commission was that the website should be largely graphic so as to catch the reader's eye without forcing them to read a lot of text. The Simsbury website was discussed as a guide. Ms. Colcord had a good understanding of the commission's goal.

She agreed to develop a milestone schedule and present it to the town. It was agreed that the website should be completed by July and ready to go on line by August 15. The milestones that occur in FY 2018-19 will require continuing funding from the monies included in the budget passed in May. Priority #2, commercial property will continue concurrently with website development.

It was agreed that the EDC should make a monthly or quarterly presentation to the boards of selectmen and finance.

A. Hoffman

June 5, 2018