

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 5, 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: Public: Kathy Bilodeau, Sarah Muska, Dick and Kathy Pippin, Barbara Sherman.

Press: Anthony Branciforte, Journal Inquirer.

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:

Everyone present stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

MOTION: To AMEND the Agenda to include discussion under NEW BUSINESS/C.
Discussion of Kogut Lease to Glenn Reichle.

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Dearborn moved/Maynard seconded/

DISCUSSION: Selectman Bowsza suggested the Board hasn't given Glenn Reichle notice of the discussion of the lease. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn suggested this discussion would be in Glenn Reichle's favor; he wouldn't be opposed to it.

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

ATTENDANCE: See page 1.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/Amended Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2018:

MOTION: **To APPROVE the Amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen dated June 21, 2018.**

Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/Special Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2018:

MOTION: **To APPROVE the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen dated June 26, 2018.**

Maynard moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/Special Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2018:

MOTION: **To APPROVE the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen dated July 2, 2018.**

Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Barbara Sherman, (12 Allen Drive): Mrs. Sherman wanted to thank the Board for their support of the e-coli testing the American Heritage River Commission (AHRC) has done weekly

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on the Scantic River. They had to cancel the Rubber Duck Race at the Filter Beds due to the e-coli in the water. The race has been rescheduled for this coming weekend. Mrs. Sherman hoped a lot of people participate as this event is a fund raiser for the 5 Corner Cupboard. Registration fees are donated to the 5 Corner Cupboard; people attending the event are also asked to bring a food item. Mrs. Sherman reported that the funding for the e coli testing received from the Board allows the AHRC to fund the Rubber Duck Race which enables them to support the Cupboard.

Selectman Hoffman questioned how much the AHRC raises? Mrs. Sherman suggested that it varies; often John Burnham challenges one of the Commission members to a fundraising goal, and the BMX Commission sells the Rubber Ducks which also raises funds. Mrs. Sherman reported the rubber ducks are released at 1:00 p.m.; the cardboard boats launch at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Sherman welcomed everyone to attend; it's a fun event.

Selectman Szymanski asked if the reason that the e-coli is high has been determined? Mrs. Sherman reported the testing is done on several levels; one professor is trying to identify the source; another professor is testing to see if the temperature has any effect on the levels. She noted a student had questioned if it's the animal droppings causing the pollution or does the water affect the animals? Mrs. Sherman reported they anticipate it will take 5 years to determine the cause.

Kathy Bilodeau, 343 Scantic Road: Mrs. Bilodeau reported she attended the June 21st Board of Selectmen's Meeting where a vote for Jim Richards as a member of the Economic Development Commission had been taken. First, the Minutes need to be corrected as Mr. Richards is shown as a Democrat when he's a Republican. Mrs. Bilodeau also referenced First Selectman Maynard's comments that the vote was a tie and (Deputy First Selectman) Dearborn would be the deciding vote; Mrs. Bilodeau felt the vote needs to be clarified.

Also, during the discussion between Mr. Sauerhoefer and Selectman Szymanski regarding funding for the Abbe Road bathrooms she felt the conversation by Selectman Szymanski was atrocious; it goes beyond bullying. It was humiliating to be a witness of this abusive behavior; Mrs. Bilodeau felt it was wrong. Selectman Szymanski needs to apologize to Mr. Sauerhoefer; if he refuses to do that he should resign. Mrs. Bilodeau noted it's been her observation that many of the Board members, not all, use bullying tactics when speaking to the public; this type of behavior needs to stop immediately. Also, there's nothing of this discussion in the Minutes; Mrs. Bilodeau wonders if it was purposely omitted.

Dick Pippin: Mr. Pippin felt Mrs. Bilodeau was right on the first issue. First Selectman Maynard suggested if you view the video there were 3 negative votes; Selectman Bowsza voted in favor; Deputy First Selectman Dearborn hadn't voted. Mrs. Bilodeau suggested First Selectman Maynard had said it would break a tie. First Selectman Maynard reported that Mr. Richards continued his comments; First Selectman Maynard referenced it as a tie vote – which it was not; the vote in the Minutes was correct. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn indicated First Selectman Maynard said he was on the line; Deputy First Selectman Dearborn said he felt Mr. Richards had a good heart.

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Deputy First Selectman Dearborn acknowledged the arrival of Glenn Reichle; he was glad Mr. Reichle was here. Mr. Reichle said no one said anything to him about this discussion. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn noted he asked to have the discussion of the Kogut lease put on the agenda. (See **NEW BUSINESS/C. Discussion of Kogut Farm lease to Glenn Reichle**).

COMMUNICATIONS: See discussion after **NEW BUSINESS/A.**

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/A.

Resignations: None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/B

Reappointments: .None

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/C. New

Appointments: None.

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

First Selectman Maynard reported Rebecca Talamini, Chairman of the 250th Anniversary Committee, isn’t present tonight. He reminded everyone the Touch A Truck Day is coming up on Saturday, July 14th at the Warehouse Point Fire Station on Bridge Street from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

First Selectman Maynard also noted Mrs. Sherman’s announcement of the Rubber Duck Race and Cardboard Boat Race Sunday, July 8th at the Filter Beds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/B. Casino:

First Selectman Maynard reported the Planning and Zoning Commission passed the Site Plan Approval, which is the last of the local approvals. Selectman Hoffman noted the Board of Indian Affairs had acted on the publication of the Mohegan compact; he questioned the status of the second publication for the Mashantuckets? Selectman Bowsza reported the Department of the Interior acted on the Mohegan compact; he felt the passage of one means the passage of the second will follow.

Selectman Hoffman requested to discuss the approval of the bathrooms and concession stand for Abbe Road. First Selectman Maynard indicated it isn’t a posted Agenda item; discussion was denied.

NEW BUSINESS/A: Ethics Commission Report and Decision:

Selectman Hoffman reported he attended a meeting of the Ethics Commission held on June 28th. They reviewed the comments made by Pullman and Comley regarding their proposed ordinance. Selectman Hoffman reported they made modifications to the proposed ordinance based on the

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comments received by the attorneys; he felt the Ethics Commission will return to the Board of Selectmen for either the last July meeting or the first August meeting to present their modified ordinance for approval.

Selectman Szymanski requested to return to COMMUNICATIONS, as he would like to discuss a phone call he received.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Selectman Szymanski reported he received a call from Town Engineer Norton to report on the status of the repair of the Middle School Roof. Town Engineer Norton reported the person he was to meet with for an inspection of the condition of the roof replacement was there during the last rain; the problem isn't resolved yet.

NEW BUSINESS/B Approval of Tax Refunds:

MOTION: To APPROVE Tax Refunds in the amount of \$1,579.84 as identified under Tax Refund Report dated July 3, 2018.

Hoffman moved/Dearborn seconded/DISCUSSION: None

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

NEW BUSINESS/C. Discussion of Kogut Lease to Glenn Reichle:

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn reported he asked to bring this issue up so the Board could get it out of the way. Selectman Szymanski questioned if the Board should ask Mr. Reichle if he wanted to discuss the rental issue now? Deputy First Selectman Dearborn suggested Mr. Reichle came out to the farm to talk to him because Mr. Reichle heard the Baylor Farm would pay \$200/acre. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn asked Mr. Reichle if he would meet that price and Mr. Reichle said yes, but at the end of the year, and Mr. Reichle wanted Deputy First Selectman Dearborn to talk to the rest of the Selectmen first. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn indicated that was what tonight's discussion was about.

Selectman Bowsza suggested Mr. Reichle has a standing contract. Mr. Reichle suggested he has more than one year on the lease. Deputy First Selectman Dearborn indicated he was withdrawing his offer.

Mr. Reichle indicated he found out about the meeting from John Hoffman (no relation to Selectman Hoffman) and Seth Baylor that Deputy First Selectman Dearborn had approached them to rent the property; Deputy First Selectman Dearborn disagreed with that statement, indicating he had discussed current farm rental rates in general. Mr. Reichle indicated he would bring in John Hoffman and Seth Baylor. Mr. Reichle questioned if he was being targeted; are all the other farmers going to pay the same thing? Deputy First Selectman Dearborn indicated his

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conversation with Mr. Reichle was over. The discussion became argumentative; First Selectman Maynard halted discussion temporarily. Mr. Reichle suggested he can work with anyone; he asked if the Town intended to go up on his lease? First Selectman Maynard indicated the Board hadn't been considering farm leases presently.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/A. Charles Szymanski:

Selectman Szymanski referenced his earlier discussion with Town Engineer Norton.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/B. Steve Dearborn:

Deputy First Selectman Dearborn hoped everyone had a nice Fourth of July.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/C. Andy Hoffman:

Selectman Hoffman reported the Economic Development Commission hasn't met yet this month; he'll report back after their July Meeting.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/D. Selectman Bowsza:

- The Ethics Commission needs additional members; he noted anyone serving on the Ethics Commission can't be a member of any other Commission or Board.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the MMCT applications.
- The East Windsor Girls Scouts are holding a Mud Run on July 7th from 9:00 to noon.
- The American Heritage River Commission is holding their Rubber Duck Race, followed by their Cardboard Boat Race this coming Sunday.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/E. Robert Maynard:

- There's a free swim and ice cream at the Reservoir on July 15th from 12:00 to 3:00
- The Ethics Commission is in need of additional members.

SIGNATURES FOR APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTERS:

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 to include representatives from Sardilli Produce
and Dairy – Action is possible:**

MOTION: To GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:35 p.m. Attending the Executive Session were First Selectman Maynard, Deputy First Selectman Dearborn, Selectman Bowsza, Selectman Hoffman, and Selectman Szymanski; also attending were representatives from Sardilli Produce and Dairy.

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Szymanski moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

The Board came out of Executive Session; no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Hoffman moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

Respectfully submitted

Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen