

TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 2, 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.

SPEAKERS: Members of Boards, Committees, Commissions, or Town Entities:
250th Anniversary Committee: Rebecca Talamini, Chairman; Broad Brook Mill Remediation Committee: Tom Talamini; Water Pollution Control Authority: Paul Anderson.

Public: Al Rodrigue.

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.

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AGENDA APPROVAL:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Agenda as posted.

Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

ATTENDANCE: See page 1.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Tom Talamini: Mr. Talamini, representing the Broad Brook Mill Remediation Committee, reported that there will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 21st at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Mr. Talamini invited everyone to attend to hear a presentation about UTC's remediation plan for the Broad Brook Mill and to offer public comment. First Selectman Maynard reported the Public Hearing will be recorded.

Al Rodrigue, Mahoney Road: Mr. Rodrigue questioned what the plan was for replacing the vacancy in the Planning Office? First Selectman Maynard reported Town Planner Whitten had been in the office today; First Selectman Maynard is also sitting in the office to observe. First Selectman Maynard suggested there is no specific plan at present. Mr. Rodrigue noted Town Planner Whitten had also been the Economic Development liaison; will that position be replaced? First Selectman Maynard indicated he believed so.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/ Regular Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2018:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes dated July 19, 2018 as presented.

Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Selectman Szymanski reported he received a communication from a resident regarding a wash out at the corner of Reservoir Avenue and Skinner Road. Selectman Szymanski sent an e-mail to Len Norton, Director of the Department of Public Works; Mr. Norton responded immediately to resolve the issue. Mr. Norton indicated they had to repair both sides of the road.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/A.

Resignations: None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/B

Reappointments:

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1. Robert Leach (R), Capital Improvement Planning Committee, for a term expiring July 31, 2019.
2. Adam Mehan (D), Capital Improvement Planning Committee, for a term expiring July 31, 2019.
3. Richard Pippin, Jr. (R). Capital Improvement Planning Committee, for a term expiring July 31, 2019.
4. Catherine Simonelli (R), Capital Improvement Planning Committee, for a term expiring July 31, 2019.

MOTION: To REAPPOINT Robert Leach (R), Adam Mehan (D), Richard Pippin, Jr. (R), and Catherine Simonelli (R) to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee for terms expiring July 31, 2019.

Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS/C. New Appointments:

1. William A. Loos (U), Capital Improvement Planning Committee, for a term expiring July 31, 2019.

MOTION: To APPOINT William A. Loos (U) to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee for a term expiring July 31, 2019.

Maynard moved/Hoffman seconded/

DISCUSSION: Selectman Bowsza questioned how many people would be appointed to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee? First Selectman Maynard noted the Committee can be composed of six to nine members; he questioned if Selectman Bowsza would prefer more members? Selectman Bowsza replied no, it was just a general question. Selectman Hoffman suggested the more people involved in the Committee the better the representation would be. First Selectman Maynard conferred with Mrs. Simonelli regarding a deadline for completing the membership. Mrs. Simonelli indicated she planned to send a meeting schedule to the First Selectman's Office shortly as the timing of submission of information to the Board of Selectmen is a short process.

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

2. Randi Reichle (R), Capital Improvement Planning Committee, for a term expiring July 31, 2019.

MOTION: To APPOINT Randi Reichle (R) as a member of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee for a term expiring July 31, 2019.

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Maynard moved/Bowsza seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

3. Susan Gaffney Sullivan (R), American Heritage River Commission, for a term expiring November 1, 2019.

MOTION: To APPOINT Susan Gaffney Sullivan (R), as a member of the American Heritage River Commission for a term expiring November 1, 2019.

Maynard moved/Bowsza seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

4. William H. Towers, Jr. (U), Capital Improvement Planning Committee, for a term expiring July 31, 2019.

MOTION: To APPOINT William H. Towers, Jr. (U) as a member of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee for a term expiring July 31, 2019.

Maynard moved/Szymanski seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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

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

Rebecca Talamini, Chairman of the 250th Anniversary Committee, began her report by giving the Selectmen an invitation to Heritage Day. Ms. Talamini then gave an update on the following events:

- The Soles4Souls donation campaign resulted in the collation of 897 pairs and 23 single shoes. Ms. Talamini thanked everyone for their donations. See letter of appreciation – Attachment A.
- August 4th, Saturday, is East Windsor Appreciation Day at the Trolley Museum. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission will be half price for East Windsor residents; Senior discounts will be honored as well.
- August 7th, Tuesday, will be National Night Out at the Res. Activities will include bands, a car show, and kid's activities. The 250th Anniversary Committee will have a vendor table at the event.
- August 11th, Saturday, will be the Ice Cream Social at the East Windsor Historical Society. The event will run from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The 250th Committee will have a vendor table at the Ice Cream Social as well. There will be a display of the items found in the 200th

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Anniversary Time Capsule; the Committee will also be collecting items for the 250th Anniversary Time Capsule.

- September 22nd, Saturday, will be Heritage Day. The parade will begin at 2:50 p.m. at the Reservoir and continue to the Harrington property at the corner of Main Street and Route 140/North Road. Thirty-five organizations have signed up; Selectmen from many surrounding towns have signed up as well. Ms. Talamini invited the Board of Selectmen to participate – either to walk in the parade or ride in vehicles. Fireworks will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. Shuttle buses will be available to transport people from the Reservoir to the Harrington property; stops will be made at Town Hall, the school parking lots, and the church parking lot. Limited parking will be available at the Harrington property but the Middle School will be available for parking for the parade. Events at the Harrington property will include food trucks, vendor tables, a horseshoe tournament, kid's games, lawn games, bands, and various entertainment. Ms. Talamini invited the Town to sponsor a table. Tom Talamini reported the Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/B. Casino:

First Selectman Maynard reported he contacted Conor Hurley for an update on the status of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regarding posting approvals in the National Register. Mr. Hurley said Mohegan Sun had signed a compact with the State while the Mashantuckets had signed an agreement. The BIA felt they only had to post approvals related to compacts. Selectman Bowsza questioned if the BIA has to approve the Mashantucket's agreement; First Selectman Maynard didn't have that information. Selectman Hoffman indicated that Mr. Hurley had also said the State and the tribes were pursuing litigation regarding approval of the casino and that the Mohegan Sun had now dropped out of that lawsuit because the BIA had reported on their compact. Selectman Hoffman understood the plan is still for construction to begin in the Fall. Selectman Hoffman reported that Mr. Hurley and David Capiello would attend the next BOS Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS/A. Discuss and approve proposed WPCA Ordinance and forward to Town Meeting:

Paul Anderson, as Chairman of the WPCA (Water Pollution Control Authority), advised the Board that currently there are five ordinances dealing with the WPCA. Four of the ordinances deal with the WPCA's regulations. Mr. Anderson advised the Board that the Connecticut General Statutes establishes the WPCA as an autonomous organization; the C.G.S. allows the WPCA to create their own regulations. Mr. Anderson reported that the WPCA's attorney has suggested the original ordinance be re-established in a simpler manner, and the remaining four ordinances should then be cancelled.

Mr. Anderson cited the repetitious process for the residents and others as they work with the WPCA and work through the various ordinances, and then ultimately goes to the WPCA for approval. Mr. Anderson advised the Board of the WPCA's approval process; they hold a public

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hearing on the applications, notice the public hearing in the JI (Journal Inquirer) prior to holding the meeting, and the public can be as involved in an application as they choose. Mr. Anderson cited that as the process currently stands they must have two sets of documents which must match; the process is burdensome for everyone.

Discussion continued. Selectman Bowsza expressed concern as to what authority enables the WPCA to adopt their regulations. Mr. Anderson referenced C.G.S. Chapters 103 and 446k. Mr. Anderson reiterated they create their own regulations, hold public hearings on the regulation changes, establish their own budget, and they establish and collect their own fees. Nothing is lost in the process; the ordinances are a duplication of the regulations established by the WPCA under the C.G.S. Selectman Bowsza questioned who is the check on the WPCA; Mr. Anderson reported that would be the DEEP. The Selectmen requested that the Town Attorney review the proposal. Mr. Anderson clarified that there's no timeframe associated with this request; the intent is to simplify Town government for everyone. Mr. Anderson noted the original ordinance was established in 1969 to create the WPCA; the four subsequent ordinances followed as regulation changes occurred. Mr. Anderson reported that the WPCA's attorney had noted that it's unusual for a WPCA to have Town ordinances to run its business. Mr. Anderson felt the regulations, by State Statutes, take precedent over the Town ordinances.

The Board requested First Selectman Maynard review this proposal with the Town Attorney.

NEW BUSINESS/B. Discussion of Tax Exemption Ordinances:

First Selectman Maynard provided the Board with draft copies of proposed ordinances to adopt in relation to the specific tax exemptions identified. Originally the exemptions were adopted as Resolutions; the Town had provided the exemptions to residents based on those Resolutions. Assessor Totz had advised First Selectman Maynard of the need to adopt the exemptions as ordinances to enable the Assessor's Office to honor the exemption requests.

First Selectman Maynard reported that Assessor Totz wrote the proposed ordinances, noting changes made to the exemptions since their inception as Resolutions. The ordinances have also been reviewed by the Town Attorney. Selectman Bowsza cited an inconsistency regarding the reference to Tax Assessor in some areas while only the Assessor is listed elsewhere. Selectman Bowsza felt the Charter identified the position as Tax Assessor; the ordinance language should be consistent with the Charter. Selectman Szymanski would like to see what surrounding towns are doing relative to a range of exemptions. First Selectman Maynard will review other Towns and refer the proposed ordinances back to the Town Attorney before providing an updated draft to the Board. It was noted these exemptions would become effective July 1, 2019. Selectman Bowsza would like to see the revised draft ordinances prior to the meeting at which they will be a topic of discussion.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/A. Andy Hoffman:

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Selectman Hoffman reported the Economic Development Commission Meeting has not met since last month. First Selectman Maynard indicated that there is no EDC Meeting scheduled for August; he'll contact the Planning Office to discuss scheduling a Special Meeting. Selectman Hoffman asked if First Selectman Maynard had contacted the EDC Chairman regarding assigning Bob Lyke as an interim EDC interface with the research center until a new Town Planner is selected. First Selectman Maynard reported he has been acting as the EDC interface at present.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/B. Jason Bowsza:

Selectman Bowsza reported it's been a quiet couple of weeks. He had intended to include a few events already discussed by Ms. Talamini; he had no additional comments.

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

Selectman Szymanski reported that last Wednesday evening the Trolley Museum held a reception and invited the Selectmen. Selectman Szymanski reported he and Selectman Hoffman attended along with other Townspeople; also present was Bill McGurk, former CEO of Rockville Bank, and a gentleman from Eversource who runs operations in this region. The President and Chairman of the Trolley Museum hosted the event. Everyone was given a tour of the operations at the Museum. Selectman Hoffman noted the Trolley Museum is 76 years old this year; they celebrated their 75th Anniversary last year. Selectman Hoffman noted they wrote an excellent proposal five or six years ago requesting funding through the State Bonding Commission but the request stalled. They have a new director who's working hard to make the Museum better and more visible.

Selectman Szymanski noted they have acquired the Isle of Safety which was built in 1913 and was previously located in downtown Hartford. The Trolley Museum is trying to restore the Isle of Safety; the firm that created the roof tiles is still in business and has the original molds for the roof tiles. Selectman Szymanski noted that a group of volunteers had been working to acquire funds to renovate the old Windsor Locks train station. When they were disbanded their funding had to go to a non-profit group and they chose the Trolley Museum as the recipient. The Trolley Museum is using that donation towards what is anticipated to be a \$100,000 renovation project for the Isle of Safety. Selectman Szymanski reported the Trolley Museum is quite a facility to have located in East Windsor.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/D. Steve Dearborn:

No report this evening.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS/E. Robert Maynard:

First Selectman Maynard noted his comments were made earlier during the Meeting.

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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-a), Sec. 1-210 (b-1) (b-4)
Litigation, Negotiations and Employment – Action is possible**

MOTION: To TAKE A FIVE MINUTE BREAK at 7:50 p.m. and TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION following the break. Attending the Executive Session were First Selectman Maynard, Deputy First Selectman Dearborn, Selectman Bowsza, Selectman Hoffman, and Selectman Szymanski.

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

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

The Board came out of Executive Session.

MOTION: To APPROVE the tentative Agreement dated February 13, 2018 between the Town of East Windsor and UPSEU Local 424 – Unit 91 (Clerical Union), including Appendix C.

Bowsza voted/Hoffman seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

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

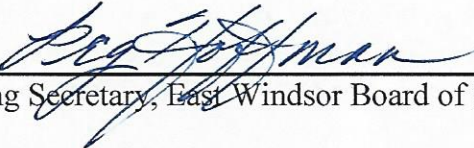
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully submitted



Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Selectmen

See Attachment A – Souls4Soles

BWS - 8/2/2018 - Attachment A

SOLES 4 SOULS

WEARING OUT POVERTY™

July 17, 2018

Rebecca Talamini
East Windsor 250th Anniversary
34 Rye Street
Broad Brook, CT 6016

Dear Friend,

We are deeply grateful to you for being an important part of Soles4Souls' work. It is through donations like yours that we are able to achieve our mission of creating sustainable jobs and providing relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world.

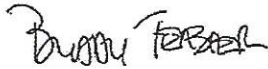
Together this past year, **we distributed 2,924,851 pairs of shoes** providing short-term and long-term relief to those living in poverty and recovering from disaster all over the world. Behind each of these figures is a name...a face...a story. Like 11-year-old Musa who takes shelter in a Nigerian refugee camp. And the children from a Honduran community who walk up to five miles to get to class. And hurricane victims in the U.S. and Caribbean. Donating the gift of shoes means they, and many others, now have shoes that **protect them from injury and disease; allow them to attend school and help them rebuild their lives.**
But shoes are just a part of the story.

Through Clothes4Souls, our clothing division, we also distributed **3,661,195 pieces of clothing.** Donations of clothing offer those we serve much needed protection from the elements. Your energy and efforts are the reasons this kind of impact is possible. We invite you to keep Soles4Souls' mission in mind should you find other opportunities for us to work together. We stand ready to help! **Thank you again for your help and kindness!**

Thanks again for helping us with our mission of **"Wearing out Poverty"™!**

Contribution Date: 7/10/2018
Total Pairs: 897
23 Singles

With deepest thanks,



Buddy Teaster
CEO