

Town of East Windsor
Special Town Meeting
August 11, 2010

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Windsor was held at the Broad Brook Grammar School on Wednesday, August 11, 2010. The meeting was called to order by First Selectmen, Denise Menard at 7:35 P.M.

Motion was made by Carol Madore and seconded by Gilbert Hayes to nominate Denise Menard for Moderator. Dale Nelson made a motion to have nominations cease, seconded by Robert Lyke. Both motions passed unanimously. Town Clerk, Joanne M. Slater read the call to the meeting. Moderator, Denise Menard read the statement of eligibility to vote.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Christopher Mickey.

RESOLVED: To authorize the First Selectmen, Denise Menard, to file an application for Federal Financial Assistance with USDA Rural Development for funding under the Rural Utilities Services, Part 1780, Water and Waste Loans and Grants (CFDA 10.760) for extending sewer service from Shoham Road along North Road to Mullen Road, to include the replacement of a pump station.

\$1,707,000	Grant
<u>\$2,180,000</u>	Loan
\$3,887,000	Anticipated Project Total

Christopher Mickey moved the resolution, seconded by James Richards. Discussion followed.

Steve Dearborn: Wanted to know if the zones had been changed or whether houses could be put on this road after the pipe is in the ground. He feels that this property should be saved for business, not for houses.

Laurie Whitten, Town Planner: There are four parcels that are eligible for residential development of any kind. They are eligible for multifamily development condos. Apartment complexes are not allowed anywhere in town.

Trevor Bray: Assumes this project is to enhance the possibility of having business locate along the corridor. What exactly would the property in its extension on both sides of the corridor do to enhance the business prospects?

Laurie Whitten, Town Planner: There are a lot of environmental constraints, one of them is wetlands, and the other is the fact that the soil tests are not compatible for septic design. When you have a tank and field with the septic systems, it takes up a lot of land. When you have sewers, you only need that one closed pipe going to that building. It doesn't take up much land and leaves a lot more land for developable area. Many of the septic systems are now failing.

Marie DeSousa: As a taxpayer, she is going to benefit ten fold. At a recent function a developer from another town asked her, when a good time would be for him to call the town hall to find out what they could do and how they could assist the town in developing that corridor. She told them to call tomorrow, after this vote, and then we would have a definite answer. Right now there is a \$400,000 bill facing the town just alone for the pump station that's going to have to be fixed anyway in the short term. It would behoove everyone in this room tonight, if you're concerned and interested about the future growth of East Windsor to vote yes tonight. Vote for the future not only for us, but also for our families that want to stay in town rather than relocating after graduation.

Rand Stanley: He lives on Rye St. and he has a septic and a well. This vote is about us, our kids and where we want to go as a community. He thanked every one who worked on this presentation because it is the best of government and what it does to every one of the taxpayers in this room. He would urge each & every one of you tonight to look past the \$20.00 a year and look forward to the future for our community.

Robert Lyke: He was an opponent of this project when it started and had opposed this project for personal reasons. His reason for supporting it now, is the return investment for the town's ability to build the business that will stabilize our taxes and improve the tax base. He urges people to help make sure we get a return of this investment by attending meetings such as Inland & Wetland, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning & Zoning and Board of Finance.

Marie DeSousa made a motion to move the question, 2nd by James Richards.

John Burnham made a motion to have a paper ballot, 2nd by Paul Anderson. Moderator, Denise Menard asked for a show of hands to have a paper ballot and for a show of hands opposed to having a paper ballot. **Results of motion are 200 No, 2 Yes. Motion failed.**

Scott Riach made a motion to vote on the resolution by show of hands, 2nd by Brian Culinane. Moderator, Denise Menard asked for a show of hands in favor of this motion and for a show of hands opposed to this motion. **Results of motion are 1 No, 201 Yes. Motion passed.**

Moderator, Denise Menard asked for a show of hands in favor of the resolution and for a show of hands opposed to the resolution. Results of motion are 2 No, 200 Yes. Resolution passed.

Dale Nelson made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Richard Pippin, Jr.. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne M. Slater, CCTC

Attest: _____
Town Clerk