

Town of East Windsor
Special Town Meeting
September 21, 2010

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Windsor was held at the Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT on September 21, 2010. The meeting was called to order by First Selectmen, Denise Menard at 7:35 P.M.

Motion was made by Dale Nelson and seconded by Kathleen Pippin to nominate Denise Menard for Moderator. Carol Madore made a motion to have nominations cease, seconded. 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 Kathleen Pippin.

Resolved: To transfer \$40,000.00 from Contingency (8410/890) to Capital Improvement Current/ P. Works – East Road Bridge (9445/0646) in the 2010/2011 budget.

Kathleen Pippin moved the resolution, seconded by Peg Hoffman. The following discussion followed:

Tom Clynch: Recommends that the people vote this resolution down. Recalls the last budget session where the town was scrutinizing whether to buy stamps for zoning and whether the ambulance was going to get any money. Thinks this is a ridiculous repair in the middle of nowhere. Thinks this serves no public safety or economic development purpose.

Kathleen Pippin: Recommends that the people vote for this resolution. Knows two children that almost drowned up there. Someone had a heart attack and the rescue couldn't get up there and the person died. This site has become a dumpsite. There are some people who are worried about people building up there, but we need new buildings & revenue in this town.

John Burnham: In favor of repairing the bridge. There is traffic on this road. Farm equipment use this road and a gas line runs along side of it.

Marie De Sousa: In favor of spending the money to repair the bridge for the liability of it at least for farm equipment or emergency vehicles. Originally the repair of this bridge was presented to the B.O.F. for \$125,000, which was a ridiculous amount of money for a bridge that serves a few. Public Works Director, Leonard Norton found a more economical way to repair the bridge.

Gilbert Hayes: Thanked the Public Works Director, Leonard Norton for finding a way to fix the bridge for a lot less money than they originally were going to spend.

Dan Starvish: Recommends that the people vote no for this resolution. If people are worried about the safety of the children, we should explore the possibility of closing the road in that area, like the town did with Melrose Rd. If we have money to spend, the bridge on Melrose Rd. would make it much more efficient for police, fire and ambulance from the western side of town to get to that area. This would serve a lot more residents. There are other issues and problems that should be addressed before the town should spend money that would serve very few. The schools are charging the children to play sports, police cruisers are being cut and the fire dept has a driveway that has been in disarray for 10 yrs and is a safety hazard.

Richard P. Pippin, Jr.: The ambulance was once caught on the wrong side of the bridge in an emergency call. There are a lot of farm equipment and people that use that road. We now have a

dumping problem on that road. If we have a through road, there would be less of a dumping problem. The Melrose Rd. bridge would be a good one to fix. The town had the chance to fix the Melrose bridge years ago and didn't do it. Now we have 2 pieces of iron hanging over the Scantic River. The East Rd. Bridge would be a good bypass if Rockville Rd. or any of the roads in the center of Windsorville were blocked.

Alan Baker: Money is tight. The town just went through the budget season. The budget got defeated three times. Doesn't see what the bug rush is, it's been like that for a long time. Take our time, maybe spend the whole \$125,000 to fix it later on when there are more people looking at it and we have the money to do it. Doesn't think we should be spending contingency money on something that will only affect a few people.

The Moderator, Denise Menard called for a hand vote. Yes 15 votes – No 10 votes. The Resolution passed.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Carol Madore.

Resolved: To transfer \$4,091.00 from Town Clerk/Salary FT (**1030**-100) to Town Clerk/Salary P/T (**1030**/101) in the 2009/2010 budget.

Carol Madore moved the resolution, seconded by Marie DeSousa. No discussion followed. The Moderator, Denise Menard called for a voice vote. One voter opposed the resolution. The resolution passed by an overwhelming voice vote.

Carol Madore made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Dale Nelson. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne M. Slater, CCTC

Attest: _____
Town Clerk