Town of East Windsor Special Town Meeting July 9, 2013

A Special Town Meeting of the Town of East Windsor was held at the Town Hall, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT on July 9, 2013. The meeting was called to order by First Selectmen, Denise Menard at 7:31 P.M. Motion was made by Linda Sinsigallo and seconded by Alan Baker to nominate Denise Menard to preside as Moderator. Motion was made by Dale Nelson and seconded by Sharon Tripp to nominate Richard Pippin as Moderator. Dale Nelson made a motion to have nominations cease, seconded by Alan Baker. Motion passed. By a show of hands, 21 voters were in favor of Denise Menard, 4 voters were in favor of Richard Pippin. Denise Menard presided as moderator. Assistant Town Clerk, Lynn K. Lemieux read the call to the meeting. Moderator, Denise Menard read the statement of eligibility to vote.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Sharon Tripp.

Item #1: Resolved: To transfer \$3,700.00 from Contingency (1-01-50-8410-8-890) to Other Purchase Services (1-01-10-1035-3-390) in the fiscal year 2012/2013.

Sharon Tripp moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Dale Nelson.

No discussion followed.

3 opposed, 15 in favor of Item #1.

The resolution passed.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Daniel Nadeau.

Item #2: Resolved: To transfer \$7,700.00 from Town Govt./EE Benefit-Health/Life Ins. (1-01-10-1195-2-200) to Assessor Salary F/T (1-01-10-1035-1-100) in the fiscal year 2012/2103.

Daniel Nadeau moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Sharon Tripp.

Discussion followed: It was questioned why these salary transfers were not done earlier and why the salary amounts were not included in the budget. It was suggested that this transfer be rejected. Denise Menard explained that the money that is paying for these retro-active salary increases is being funded by the savings in the health insurance (\$70,000.00) and it was noted that these are 2012/2013 salary increases. Richard Leborious made a motion to move the question, seconded by Nichole Desousa. Motion passed.

8 opposed, 16 in favor of Item # 2.

The resolution passed.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Jeffrey Carolus

Item #3: Resolved: To transfer \$8,300.00 from Town Govt./EE Benefit-Health/Life Ins. (1-01-10-1195-2-200) to Registrar Referendum (1-01-10-1050-8-812) in the fiscal year 2012/2013.

Jeffrey Carolus moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Jason Bowsza.

Discussion followed: It was questioned as to whether there will be any money left of the savings from insurance and how much it will be?

Denise Menard explained that money is always put back into the General Fund and it is not our goal to spend every bottom line of the budget. The savings is \$70,000.00. These transfers were recommended by the Treasurer and approved by the Board of Selectman and the Board of Finance. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings with their questions.

Richard Leborious made a motion to move the question, seconded by Nicole DeSousa. Motion passed.

The resolution #3 passed by voice vote.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Richard P. Pippin, Jr.

Item #4: Resolved: To transfer \$4,900.00 from Town Govt./EE Benefits-Health/Life Ins (1-01-10-1195-2-200) to the Treasurers Salary (1-01-10-1025-1-100) in the fiscal year 2012/2013.

Richard P. Pippin, Jr moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Dale Nelson.

Discussion followed: It was questioned why these transfers are being done after fiscal year end and why the mill rate went up 5 mils.

Denise Menard explained that these are transfers for last fiscal year 2012/2013, they will probably be doing adjusting transfers through September. Accounting standards are being followed.

Dan Nadeau made a motion to move the question, seconded by Joe Sauerhoefer.

1 opposed. Motion passed.

The resolution #4 passed by voice vote.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Rosemary Raber.

Item #5: Resolved: To transfer \$3,500.00 Town Govt./EE Benefit-Health/Life Ins. (1-01-10-1195-2-200) to the Building Dept. Salary F/T (1-01-10-1125-1-100) in the fiscal year 2012/2013.

Rosemary Raber moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Richard Pippin Jr.

Discussion followed: It was questioned how many employees does this cover and why we don't build these transfers into the budget ahead of time instead of having to transfer money at monthly meetings. Denise Menard said it covers 2 full time employees, 1 Supervisor and 1 Clerical. The transfers are done according to accounting principles and were done now because we knew that the Supervisor's contract and the Clerical contract were both going to be approved. Richard Leborious made a motion to move the question, seconded by Joe Sauerhoeffer. Motion passed.

The resolution #5 passed by voice vote.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Jack Mannette

Item #6: Resolved: To transfer \$10.00 from Public Works Salary P/T (1-01-25-3180-1-101-0011-0) to the Public Works Salary Inspection P/T (1-01-25-3180-1-101-0012-0) in the fiscal year 2012/2013. Jack Mannette moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Jason Bowsza.

Discussion followed as to why these transfers are being made now if they are already included in the budget. It was explained that these are last year's expenses for the last 2 years retro-active raises and covered by revenues from last year.

Richard Leborious made a motion to move the question, seconded by Jeff Carolus. Motion passed. 1 abstained from item #6.

The resolution #6 passed by voice vote.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Robert Little.

Item #7: Resolved: To transfer \$18,000.00 from Town Govt./EE Benefit-Health/Life Ins. (1-01-10-1195-2-200) to Public Works Salary F/T (1-01-25-3180-1-100) in the fiscal year 2012/2013. Robert Little moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Dan Nadeau. No discussion followed.

The resolution #7 passed by voice vote.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Alan Baker.

Item #8: Resolved: To transfer \$4,600.00 from Town Govt./EE Benefit-Health/Life Ins. (1-01-10-1195-2-200) to Town Clerks Salary F/T (1-01-10-1030-1-100) in the fiscal year 2012/2013. Alan Baker moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Linda Sinsigallo. No discussion followed

The resolution #8 passed by voice vote.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Richard P. Pippin Jr.

Item #9: Resolved: To transfer \$8,500.00 from Town Govt./EE Benefit-Health/Life Ins. (1-01-10-1195-2-200) to Planning & Development Salary F/T (1-01-10-1124-1-100) in the fiscal year 2012/2013. Richard P. Pippin Jr. moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Dan Nadeau. No discussion followed.

The resolution #9 passed by voice vote.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Joe Pellegrini.

Item #10: Resolved: To transfer \$7,000.00 from Town Govt./EE Benefit-Health/Life Ins. (1-01-10-1195-2-200) Park and Recreation Salary F/T (1-01-40-6315-1-100) in the fiscal year 2012/2013. Joe Pellegrini moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Nichole Desousa.

Discussion followed: it was questioned why a department with one full time person would receive a \$7,000.00 raise. Denise Menard explained that this is 2 years' worth of salary increases with added responsibilities. In order to remain competitive and keep our responsible employees, we have to adequately pay them.

It was also questioned, what towns are East Windsor compared with. Denise Menard explained that we try to compare towns with similar population, with towns that have access to the highway because that adds to our policing, and similar socio-economic comparison that is similar to our school population. Some of those towns include Coventry, Suffield, East Granby, Ellington, Somers and Cromwell.

The resolution #10 passed by voice vote.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Danelle Godeck.

Item #11: Resolved: To transfer \$50,000.00 from Town Hall Boiler (1-01-55-9447-7-799-0700-0) CNR-Town Boiler Renovation (1-08-55-1025-7-799-0662-0) in the fiscal year 2012/2013. Danelle Godeck moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Joe Sauerhoefer.

This is a transfer is for a project that is bigger that the town can afford in one year, so it is saved in CNR for the upcoming year to replace the town hall boiler.

The resolution #11 passed unanimously.

The following resolution was introduced and read by Linda Sinsigallo.

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Item #12: Resolved: To transfer \$19,500.00 from Town Govt./EE Benefit-Health/Life Ins. (1-01-10-1195-2-200) Human Services Salary F/T (1-10-20-5235-1-100) in the fiscal year 2012/2013. Linda Sinsigallo moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Nichole Desousa.

Discussion followed: This covers 2 years, salary increases for Human Services and Social Services for 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ employees with a reduction of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ positions.

Richard Leborious made a motion to move the question, seconded by Nichole Desousa. Motion passed. **The resolution #12 passed by voice vote.**

The following resolution was introduced and read by Dale Nelson.

Item #13: Resolved: To transfer \$555.00 from Assessor Salary F/T. (1-01-10-1035-1-101) to CIP Reserve-Assessor Revaluation (1-10-55-9447-7-799-0110-0) in the fiscal year 2012/2013. Dale Nelson moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Nichole Desousa.

Discussion followed: It was noted that money was transferred from the Assessors part time line to the Assessor Revaluation line to cover costs.

Rosemary Raber made a motion to move the question, seconded by Richard Leborious. Motion passed.

The resolution #13 passed by voice vote.

Richard Pippin Jr. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Little. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Lynn K. Lemieux Assistant Town Clerk