

**Regular Meeting of the Eastford Board of Selectmen  
Monday, January 9, 2017, 7:00 PM  
Eastford Town Office Building  
16 Westford Road  
Eastford, CT 06242**

**Agenda**

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1. Call to Order
  2. Citizens Comments
  3. Approval of Minutes
    - Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on December 5, 2016
  4. Discussion of Impact on Town of Eastford of State Budget Midyear Reductions
  5. Approval of Grant Application to the State Historic Preservation Office for the Union Society Building
  6. Action Regarding Town of Eastford General Scholarship Funds
  7. Report on Extent of Crumbling Foundations in Eastford
  8. Acceptance of Resignation of Denis Day as an Eastford Member of the Nahaco Park Commission
  9. Appointment of David Barlow as a Regular Member of the Nahaco Park Commission to Fill a Vacancy In a Term Ending June 30, 2018
  10. Reappointment of Thomas Latham as Town Finance Director for a Term Ending December 31, 2017
  11. Set Dates for Board of Selectmen Budget Meetings
  12. Approval of Property Tax Refunds
  13. Approval of Farm Tax Abatement for Debra Pehringer
  14. First Selectman's Report
  15. Communications
    - Historic Documents
    - Hartford Courant Regionalization Article
    - Monthly Pharmacy Plan Savings Report
    - NECCOG Regional Paramedic Intercept Contract Status Summary
    - Solarize Connecticut Summary Metrics Report
    - State Police November and December Service Reports
    - State OPM Letter Approving Union Society STEAP Grant Modification
  16. Add to the Agenda upon two-thirds vote of members present and voting
  17. Citizens Comments
  18. Adjournment

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**Present: Arthur Brodeur/First Selectman, Terry Cote/Selectman, Robert Torcellini/Selectman**

1. Call to Order:  
AB called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Citizens Comments:  
Jim Trowbridge said that Denis Day has turned in his resignation as Eastford Member of the Nahaco Park Commission. On behalf of the Commission, Jim expressed its gratitude to Denis for his service. He was a contributor to the park by donating material to rehab the picnic tables and his service during his time on the Commission went above and beyond the call of duty. He also said that Jacob Belanger was the young man who donated his time to rehab the picnic tables. The Commission is grateful to Jacob for his generosity and hard work.  
Jim also said that the Nahaco Park Commission would be delighted to have David Barlow as an Eastford Member.  
He also shared the Commission's pleasure with the support received from the Administrations from Eastford and Woodstock.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - **Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on December 5, 2016**  
TC/RT moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Selectmen meeting on December 5, 2016. Unanimous
  
4. **Discussion of Impact on Town of Eastford of State Budget Midyear Reduction:**

Eastford is being cut by about \$10,000 in Educational Cost Sharing. There will be no LoCIP money in fiscal year 2017. LoCIP money for this fiscal year has been received. Money for PILOT, Pequot, Municipal Aid, and Town Aid Road money has been coming in. Future funding in these categories is uncertain.
  
5. **Approval of Grant Application to the State Historic Preservation Office for the Union Society Building:**

AB/TC moved the following resolution:

*RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen approve a grant application to the State Historic Preservation Office of the State Department of Economic and Community Development seeking a Historic Preservation grant for the purpose of rehabilitating the exterior south and east walls of the Union Society House, using funds from the Union Society Fund to match DECD funds.*

*RESOLVED, that the Town of Eastford may enter into, with, and deliver to the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and*

*FURTHER RESOLVED, that Arthur W. Brodeur, as First Selectman of the Town of Eastford, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Eastford and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.*

*The undersigned further certifies that Arthur W. Brodeur now holds the office of First Selectman and that he/she has held that office since November 18, 2013.*

Unanimous
  
6. **Action Regarding Town of Eastford General Scholarship Funds:**

AB/TC moved the following resolution:

*The Board of Selectmen empowers the Board of Education to modify the Town of Eastford General Scholarship Fund and to establish the companion Town of Eastford General Scholarship Non-Endowed Fund within the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, consistent with the parameters set forth in the Reference Letter defining the Funds, the fund-raising for the Funds, and selection of scholarship recipients benefitting from the Funds.*

Unanimous
  
7. **Report on Extent of Crumbling Foundations in Eastford:**

There is only one report of crumbling foundations in Eastford.
  
8. **Acceptance of Resignation of Denis Day as Eastford Member of the Nahaco Park Commission:**

AB/RT moved to accept the resignation of Denis Day as an Eastford Member of the Nahaco Park Commission with regret and thanks for his service.

Unanimous

- 9. Appointment of David Barlow as a Regular Member of the Nahaco Park Commission to Fill a Vacancy In a Term Ending June 30, 2018:**  
AB/TC moved to appoint David Barlow as Regular Member of the Nahaco Park Commission to fill a vacancy in a term ending June 30, 2018.  
Unanimous
- 10. Reappointment of Thomas Latham as Town Finance Director for a Term Ending December 31, 2017:**  
AB/RT moved to reappoint Thomas Latham as Town Finance Director for a term ending December 31, 2017. Unanimous
- 11. Set Dates for Board of Selectmen Budget Meetings:**  
TC/RT moved to set every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. starting with February 22, 2017 until and including May 3, 2017 as Board of Selectmen Budget Meetings. Unanimous
- 12. Approval of Property Tax Refunds:**  
AB/TC moved to approve the property tax refunds as submitted by the Tax Collector. Unanimous
- 13. Approval of Farm Tax Abatement for Debra Pehringer:**  
AB/TC moved to approve the farm tax abatement for Debra Pehringer as presented by the Assessor. Unanimous
- 14. First Selectman's Report:**
  - AB met with Pat Boyd, our new State Representative
  - Lt. John Ceruti is the new Commander at Troop D
  - Public Health Consolidation – State Health Commissioner Raul Pino is eliminating the use of county boundaries and replacing with COG boundaries. He will meet with all the COGS
  - Solarize efforts continue – 131 contacts made with Earthlight, 86 visits, 53 contracts given, 31 were non-feasible due to location, 10 signed contracts.
  - Work on the bridge on Mill Bridge Road continues
  - Heritage Day will be July 15
  - New Officers at NECCOG are Chair/Rick Ives of Brooklyn, Vice Chair/Dan Syme of Scotland, Treasurer/Art Brodeur of Eastford, Secretary/Allan Walker of Woodstock
  - KB Ambulance is new paramedic intercept provider
- 15. Communications:**
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- 16. Add to the Agenda:**  
None
- 17. Citizens Comments:**  
Jim Trowbridge thanked the Board for the appointment of David Barlow to the Nahaco Park Commission.
- 18. Adjournment:**  
RT/TC moved to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Brenda A. Willis, Secretary**

Approved, February 6, 2017: \_\_\_\_\_  
**First Selectman, Arthur W. Brodeur**