

PUBLIC HEARING

**Monday, January 4, 2016, 7:00 pm
Eastford Town Office Building
16 Westford Rd.
Eastford, CT 06242**

Application of Christopher D. Bowen dba Eastford Fire & Rescue Sales, Inc. for a Used Car Dealer’s License at 144 Eastford Road, Eastford, CT 06242

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE EASTFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
(Immediately following the Public Hearing)**

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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 7, 2015**
 - 4. Consideration of Application of Christopher Bowen (Eastford Fire & Rescue Sales, Inc.) for a Used Car Dealer’s License at 144 Eastford Road**
 - 5. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Municipal Audit/Darin Offerdahl of Michaud Accavallo Woodbridge & Cusano, LLC**
 - 6. Awarding of Contract for Transfer Station Cover Design**
 - 7. State Deficit Mitigation Plan Impact**
 - 8. Appointment of Thomas Latham as Finance Director for the Town of Eastford for a Term Ending December 31, 2016**
 - 9. Appointment of Carol Davidge as Town of Eastford Representative on the Charter Cable Advisory Board.**
 - 10. Approval of Property Tax Refunds**
 - 11. Budget Preparation Status and Set Dates for Budget Hearing, Budget Town Meeting, LoCIP Meeting, and Board Budget Meetings.**
 - 12. First Selectman’s Report**
 - 13. Communications**
 - **Historic Documents Grant Award Letter**
 - **Pharmacy Card Report**
 - **CCM Officer Nominees and Legislative Agenda**
 - **Algonquin Gas Pipeline Landowner Letter**
 - 14. Add to the Agenda upon two-thirds vote of members present and voting**
 - 15. Citizens Comments**
 - 16. Executive Session – Legal Matters**
 - 17. Adjournment**

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

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Application of Christopher D. Bowen dba Eastford Fire & Rescue Sales, Inc. for a Used Car Dealer’s License at 144 Eastford Road, Eastford, CT 06242:

AB opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm.

Christopher Bowen, Owner of Eastford Fire & Rescue Sales, was present at the Public Hearing and presented an overview of the application. The property on the application is 144 Eastford Road, formerly the location of Putnam Welding. The Used Car Dealer’s License Application is for all used vehicles.

Jim Trowbridge stated that he supports Mr. Bowen for the Used Car Dealer's License.

No other citizens present at the meeting spoke in support or against Mr. Bowen's application.

AB closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 pm.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EASTFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Call to Order:

AB called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Citizens Comments:

None

AB/RT moved to amend the agenda as follows:

- **Remove agenda item #5 due to medical emergency of Darin Offerdahl who would be presenting the 2014-2015 Municipal Audit.**
- **Move item #16 up to the item before the First Selectman's Report.**
- **Rename item #16, as advised by Town Counsel, "Executive Session – Legal/Rivard Matter".**

Unanimous

Approval of Minutes:

TC/RT moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on December 7, 2015. Unanimous

Consideration of Application of Christopher Bowen (Eastford Fire & Rescue Sales, Inc.) for a Used Car Dealer's License at 144 Eastford Road:

AB/RT moved to approve the application of Christopher Bowen, Eastford Fire & Rescue Sales, Inc. for a Used Car Dealer's License at 144 Eastford Road.

Unanimous

Awarding of Contract for Transfer Station Cover Design:

AB/TC moved to award the contract for the Transfer Station Cover Design to Silva Engineering, LLC who came in with the low bid of \$7,500.00. Unanimous

State Deficit Mitigation Plan Impact:

Governor Malloy and the General Assembly have approved a plan, SB 1601, to provide \$350 million in savings to address the current FY 16 budget shortfall – estimated to be between \$118-\$350 million. The deficit mitigation plan is in addition to the \$115 million in cuts – which included a \$15 million reduction in direct municipal aid – enacted in September.

AB received notification of another \$5.2 million in cuts to municipal aid. AB stated that there is no break-down by town so he doesn't know what the impact will be for Eastford.

The cuts that have to date been imposed on Eastford are \$900 in School Transportation and \$7,000 in PILOT money.

Appointment of Thomas Latham as Finance Director for the Town of Eastford for a Term Ending December 31, 2016:

AB/RT moved to appoint Thomas Latham as Finance Director for the Town of Eastford for a term ending December 31, 2016. Unanimous

Appointment of Carol Davidge as Town of Eastford Representative on the Charter Cable Advisory Board:

TC/RT moved to appoint Carol Davidge as Town of Eastford Representative on the Charter Cable Advisory Board. Unanimous

Approval of Property Tax Refunds:

AB/RT moved to approve the property tax refunds as submitted by the Tax Collector. Unanimous

Budget Preparation Status and Set Dates for Budget Hearing, Budget Town Meeting, LoCIP Meeting and Board Budget Meetings:

RT/TC moved to approve the meeting dates at follows:

- **LoCIP meeting – February 6, 2016 at 9 am.**
- **Budget Hearing – May 9, 2016 at 7 pm.**
- **Town Budget meeting - May 23, 2016 at 7 pm.**
- **No Board Budget Meeting Dates were set at this time.**

Unanimous

Executive Session – Legal/Rivard Matter:

AB/TC moved to go into executive session on legal matters, specifically the Rivard case, to include the Finance Director Thomas Latham and Town Counsel Johanna Zelman at 7:21 pm. Unanimous

TC/RT moved to come out of executive session at 8:07 pm. Unanimous

First Selectman’s Report:

- **Heritage Day will be held on July 16, 2016.**
- **NECCOG has submitted its Regional Performance Incentive Program Applications to the State.**
- **Construction bid process for the Bridge on Mill Bridge Road is about to begin.**

Communications:

- **Historic Documents Grant Award Letter**
- **Pharmacy Card Report**
- **CCM Officer Nominees and Legislative Agenda**
- **Algonquin Gas Pipeline Landowner Letter**

Add to the Agenda:

AB/RT moved to add the Settlement Agreement in the Rivard Matter. Unanimous

Settlement Agreement in the Rivard Matter:

AB/RT moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectman to execute a settlement agreement, release and covenant not to sue, on behalf of the Town in the Rivard matter. Unanimous

Citizens Comments:

None

Adjournment:

TC/RT moved to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Unanimous

**Respectfully submitted by: _____
Brenda A. Willis, Secretary**

**Approved, February 1, 2016 _____
First Selectman, Arthur W. Brodeur**