

**Regular Meeting of the Eastford Board of Selectmen
Monday, December 7, 2015, 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 November 9, 2015
 4. Presentation of the Camp Nahaco Park Plan by the Camp Nahaco Park Commission
 5. Resolution Adopting the 2015 Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
 6. Approval of Authorization Resolution Regarding the Mill Bridge Road Bridge Project
 7. Appointment of School Underground Oil Tank Removal Project Committee
 8. Report on Transfer Station Cover Project
 9. Farm Exemptions
 10. Discussion Regarding Tax Abatements to Recruit and Retain Volunteer Staff for Eastford Independent Fire Company
 11. Acceptance of Resignation of Carrie Armitage from the Recreation Commission
 12. First Selectman's Report
 13. Communications
 - Budget Letter
 - Audit Extension Request
 - Pharmacy Plan Savings Report
 - MS4 Permit Update
 - DMV Registration Computer 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

Call to Order:

AB called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Citizens Comments:

Jim Trowbridge informed the Board he had attended the recent MidNEROC meeting and discovered that the vendor pricing will not be changing and that the MidNEROC contract includes Bay State Textiles.

Approval of Minutes:

TC/RT moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen on November 9, 2015 as amended to include the Board of Selectmen 2016 meeting dates. Unanimous

Presentation of the Camp Nahaco Park Plan by the Camp Nahaco Park Commission:

Jim Trowbridge, Chair of the Camp Nahaco Park Commission presented the Camp Nahaco Park Plan to the Board. The Board applauded the Commission for its comprehensiveness of the plan, a plan which was long-awaited. The Board looks forward to its implementation.

**Resolution Adopting the 2015 Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan:
AB/TC moved to adopt the Resolution for the 2015 Northeastern Connecticut
Council of Governments Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Unanimous**

**Resolution Adopting the 2015 Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

WHEREAS, the Town of Eastford Board of Selectmen recognizes the threats that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Eastford; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Eastford, in collaboration with the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (NECCOG) has prepared a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan known as the 2015 Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan has identified mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from the impacts of future natural hazards and disasters that affect the Town of Eastford and the region; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security has approved the 2015 Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan on condition of local adoption, enabling the Town of Eastford to apply for Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funds; and

WHEREAS, NECCOG, Northeastern Connecticut Emergency Management Committee, and public informational meetings were held between September 2011 and November 2014 regarding the development and review of the 2015 Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Town of Eastford Board of Selectmen demonstrates their commitment to achieving the hazard mitigation goals outlined in the Town of Eastford's section of the 2015 Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THERREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Eastford Board of Selectmen hereby adopts the 2015 Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adopted on this 7th day December, 2015 by the Town of Eastford Board of Selectmen, Eastford, Connecticut.

*Melissa M. Vincent, Town Clerk
Selectman*

Arthur W. Brodeur, First

Terry Cote, Selectman

Robert Torcellini, Selectman

Approval of Authorization Resolution Regarding the Mill Bridge Road Bridge Project:

AB/TC moved to approve the Authorization Resolution Regarding the Mill Bridge Road Bridge Project. Unanimous

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

CERTIFICATION:

I, Melissa M. Vincent, Town Clerk of the Town of Eastford, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on December 7, 2015, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastford Board of Selectmen, meeting on December 7, 2015, hereby authorizes Arthur W. Brodeur, as First Selectman of the Town of Eastford, to enter into the process of advertising and awarding construction of the replacement of the Mill Bridge Road Bridge (State Project Number 38-84) as well as to enter into agreements for this construction and related construction administration and engineering.

The undersigned further certifies that Arthur W. Brodeur now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since November 19, 2013.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 8th day of December 2015.

Melissa M. Vincent, Town Clerk

Appointment of School Underground Oil Tank Removal Project Committee:

AB/RT moved to appoint Terry Cote as Chair, Linda Loretz as Secretary, Rob Ellsworth, Russell Mayhew, and Michelle Bibeault to the School Underground Oil Tank Removal Project Committee. TC recused herself. Motion passed.

Report on Transfer Station Cover Project:

An RFP was published with no proposals received. Next an RFP will be sent out to firms suggested by the Town Engineer, Joe Polulech.

Farm Exemptions:

RT/TC moved to approve, upon recommendation of the Assessor, the Farm Abatements for Jeffrey O. and Jonathan B Sandness, Mark Sheldon, Gregory B. and Tammy P. Goodwin, and Jared and Jennefer Buell. Unanimous

Discussion Regarding Tax Abatements to Recruit and Retain Volunteer Staff for Eastford Independent Fire Company:

AB told of his discussion with Fire Chief Gordon Spink regarding volunteer staffing for the fire company. A copy of an ordinance of the same type in Pomfret was presented. The Board discussed a potential ordinance for Eastford and a draft will be written.

Acceptance of Resignation of Carrie Armitage from the Recreation Commission:

RT/TC moved to accept the resignation of Carrie Armitage from the Recreation Commission. Unanimous

First Selectman's Report:

- NECCOG annual meeting on December 18, 2015
- Special session of Connecticut General Assembly on Budget Mitigation tomorrow
- Plan of Conservation and Development for 2016 – 2026 is now in draft for review
- Clean Energy efforts are proceeding with good work being done there
- The audit will be presented at the January meeting

Communications:

- Budget Letter
- Audit Extension Request
- Pharmacy Plan Savings Report
- MS4 Permit Update
- DMV Registration Computer Letter

Add to the Agenda:

None

Citizens Comments:

Tom Latham commented regarding future possibilities related to management of Camp Nahaco and particularly the Day Camp.

Executive Session – Legal Matters:

AB/RT moved to go into executive session to include the Finance Director, Tom Latham at 7:45 pm. Unanimous

RT/TC moved to come out of executive session at 8:04 pm. Unanimous

Adjournment:

RT/TC moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Brenda A. Willis, Secretary

Approved, January 4, 2016 _____
First Selectman, Arthur W. Brodeur