



LORI L. SPIELMAN
First Selectman

STATE OF CONNECTICUT – COUNTY OF TOLLAND
INCORPORATED 1786

TOWN OF ELLINGTON

55 MAIN STREET – PO BOX 187
ELLINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06029-0187

TEL 860-870-3100 FAX 860-870-3102

www.ellington-ct.gov

DAVID E. STAVENS
Deputy First Selectman

MELINDA M. FERRY
MICHAEL B. MADRU
JAMES M. PRICHARD
RONALD F. STOMBERG
JOHN W. TURNER

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, September 25, 2023

Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr. Meeting Hall

and via ZOOM Conferencing

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Lori Spielman, Melinda Ferry, James Prichard, John Turner, Michael Madru, Ronald Stomberg

SELECTMAN ABSENT: David Stavens

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Reed, Town Administrator; Tom Modzelewski, Director, Department of Public Works (DPW); Peter Hany, President, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC); Jamie Boucher, *Mary Cardin

**Attended via ZOOM*

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) special meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. CITIZENS' FORUM [non-agenda items]

No citizens came forward.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Electrical Rate Contract Discussion

Peter Hany asked if this would be all-encompassing for all Town buildings; it was confirmed that this was inclusive of all Town buildings.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (MADRU) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE FIRST SELECTMAN LORI SPIELMAN TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BP ENERGY RETAIL COMPANY, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY FOR A 24-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 1, 2023, THROUGH DECEMBER 1, 2025. BEING AS SUCH RATE FLUCTUATES DAILY, THE FIRST SELECTMAN IS AUTHORIZED TO LOCK IN SUCH RATE WHEN, IN HER BEST JUDGEMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER, SUCH RATE IS MOST LIKELY TO BE THE LOWEST RATE AVAILABLE TO THE TOWN.

B. Pinney House – Set Special Town Meeting Date (Continuation of July 10, 2023)

Mr. Madru commented that unless the Committee presents something drastically different than the previous updates, he feels that this should be a straightforward decision. Ms. Ferry commented that she doesn't want to see the house torn down, but it doesn't seem like there's any realistic plan for the property; she also stated that she is glad that the Committee was given this extra chance to come up with a plan and she feels that it was worth the time. Mr. Prichard doesn't want to see more money put into it but expressed that the prior funds that were put into this property over the years seem wasteful to him at this point. Mr. Turner stated that there has been a lot of documentation about the total cost of restoration, and unless the 501(c)(3) status is restored and significant funds are raised by the group, moving forward towards restoration seems unlikely, though he would be sad to see it go. Ms. Ferry asked if it was feasible to keep it standing without any further financial contribution. Discussion was held regarding the deterioration of the building and the liability risk this could pose in the future. The physical location of the building is not ideal for hosting any kind of groups, as parking is extremely limited. Mr. Turner shared his thought of installing a memorial marker at the location as a way to honor and commemorate Mr. Pinney's life.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET A TOWN MEETING FOR OCTOBER 2, 2023 AT 6:30 PM IN THE NICHOLAS J. DICORLETO, JR. MEETING HALL, 55 MAIN STREET, AS THE CONTINUATION OF THE JULY 10, 2023 TOWN MEETING, TO ALLOW CITIZENS TO DISCUSS AND VOTE UPON THE TERMINATION OF THE PINNEY HOUSE LEASE AGREEMENT.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (MADRU) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 6:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Connor

Julia Connor, Recording Secretary

Lori Spielman

Lori Spielman, First Selectman