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JOHN W. TURNER

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, April 8, 2024

Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr. Meeting Hall
and via ZOOM Conferencing

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. ROLL CALL

Selectmen – Present: Lori Spielman, Mary Cardin, James Prichard, John Turner, Ronald Stomberg, Jamison Boucher; Absent: David Stavens

Town Staff Present: Tom Modzelewski, Director of Public Works; Tiffany Pignataro, Finance Officer/Treasurer; John Rainaldi, Assessor; Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner; Sgt. Brian Santa, Resident State Troopers' Supervisor; Ann Marie Conti, Tax & Revenue Collector; *Susan Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library; Walter Lee, Emergency & Risk Management Director; *Matthew Reed, Town Administrator; James York, Fire Marshal; *Rebecca Stack, Human Services Director

Emergency Service Agency Representatives Present: Peter Hany, Sr., President, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC); *Tom Adams, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD)

Other Elected Officials Present: Doug Harding, Chairman, Board of Finance (BOF)

*Attended via ZOOM

III. PUBLIC COMMENT [*this portion shall not exceed 30 minutes unless extended by majority vote of the Board*]: No citizens came forward.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 11, 2024 Public Hearing

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2024 PUBLIC HEARING

B. March 11, 2024 Town Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2024 TOWN MEETING.

C. March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2024 REGULAR MEETING.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Pinney House – Discussion Re: Items from March BOS Meeting

First Selectman Spielman shared that a special meeting was held at 5:30 pm to give the BOS members and other interested parties the opportunity to tour the Pinney House.

Ms. Cardin stated that many of the items brought up at the March meeting felt unfinished, and she shared her thoughts, including her understanding of the history of the preservation of the property. She expressed her support for the efforts of the Friends of the Pinney House/Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House and expressed her desire for the BOS to be offering this support as a unified body. First Selectman Spielman stated that there are plenty of small efforts that could be undertaken by the group, and she is looking for them to put a little bit of energy put into this.

It was agreed that identifying feasible parking options needs to be a priority before other elements of the preservation project are undertaken. Mr. Prichard commented that there is still no identified end goal for the use of the property. Mr. Boucher asked why the BOS has oversight over this item; Mr. Prichard responded that the lease is under the Town's name. First Selectman Spielman confirmed that this item is related to an established Town Committee, and if that Ad Hoc Committee is dissolved, the group could still operate under the Friends of the Pinney House umbrella; however, the Town would still need to aid with certain elements of future projects. Mr. Reed added that as the lease holder, the Town needs to stand behind any plans for the property; he also noted that the lack of a formal plan has been a concern for the BOS historically. Mr. McGrath stated that the group has been informed that nothing can be done until there is adequate parking for the location; he noted that there is a commitment from a contractor who has agreed to install all fixtures and elements of the crosswalk at no cost. He also shared his opinion that the group has gotten no direction from the Town. First Selectman Spielman stated that a traffic study, including engineering, will be required, and she can get a detailed breakdown on this item for the group.

Dale Roberson stated that having the ability and support to apply for another Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant would be beneficial for the group. He also shared that the group has applied with the National Register of Historic Places in the past, and being able to reapply would also assist the group's efforts; that status would open up more funding opportunities. First Selectman Spielman would like to see a firm estimate of the cost to preserve the interior; Mr. Roberson said that they have received a cost study of the project, which he believes came out to around \$275,000, which could likely be covered by a STEAP grant. Mr. Lee asked if the building needed to be restored to its original, historical condition in order to receive Historical Landmark status; Mr. McGrath stated that it does not need to be completely restored to its original condition to be added to the Register. Ms. Cardin reiterated her desire for the BOS to voice support for the group's efforts, noting that she has not heard a request for funds from the Town. This item will be further discussed next month.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$660.28 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS STATEMENT DATED APRIL 2024 [ATTACHED].

B. Ellington Women’s Club Fair on the Green – Closure of Church Street

Mr. Prichard questioned the plan for parking; First Selectman Spielman shared that she has spoken with the Women’s Club to ensure that parking is properly regulated.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE CHURCH STREET DURING THE MAY 11, 2024 FAIR ON THE GREEN EVENT, SCHEDULED FOR 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM, PROVIDED THAT ALL NECESSARY TOWN APPROVALS ARE OBTAINED.

C. Farmers Market – Five Year Approval for Use of 72-80 Maple St

First Selectman Spielman shared that the Market has invested quite a bit into the property, and it was clarified that the approved use of the property will be limited to certain hours on the dates the Market is operating. There is significant on-site parking, and overflow locations are available as well. Ms. Cardin questioned whether the terms could be changed if, after this initial year, it is determined that there are significant obstacles or issues at the location; it was confirmed that the approval can be revoked or amended as necessary. Mr. Boucher expressed his opinion that if this proves to be a successful partnership, he would support an extension of this approval.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (BOUCHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON HEREBY APPROVES THE USE OF 72-80 MAPLE STREET BY THE ELLINGTON FARMERS MARKET, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A WEEKLY FARMERS MARKET. THE ELLINGTON FARMERS MARKET SHALL BE GRANTED EXCLUSIVE USE OF SUCH PROPERTY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 AM AND 3:00 PM EACH SATURDAY FROM MAY THROUGH OCTOBER. THIS APPROVAL SHALL REMAIN VALID FOR FIVE (5) YEARS, 2024-2028. THE TOWN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVOKE SUCH APPROVAL IF CONDITIONS WARRANT. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS APPROVAL SHALL SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 17 OF THE ELLINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES.

D. Auditing Committee Discussion

This item is a follow-up from the previous meeting, following research that was done by Mr. Reed. This Committee is currently mandated by Town Charter, and Mr. Turner recommended that this item be examined by the future Charter Revision Commission to determine if there is still a valid need for this Committee. Ms. Cardin stated that one question she had was who would address any potential lawsuit against the Town; Mr. Reed shared that any litigation would be reviewed by existing Town Counsel and the BOS would enter into executive session to review any charges, with the ability to form an investigative committee as warranted.

E. Job Description Approval: Tax Clerk Seasonal Position

Ms. Conti shared that this individual would work full-time from mid-June through the beginning of August, assisting with tax collection and related tasks. Ms. Cardin asked if this position was filled each year at this time; Ms. Conti stated that the previous part-time Tax Clerk retired in October, and she is looking to see if utilizing a seasonal position would fit the needs of the department.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE SEASONAL TAX CLERK JOB DESCRIPTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR AND THE FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER.

F. Re-establish Ad Hoc Committees

1. Beautification Committee

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RE-ESTABLISH THE AD HOC ELLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE FOR ONE YEAR TO APRIL 30, 2025.

2. Trails Committee

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RE-ESTABLISH THE AD HOC ELLINGTON TRAILS COMMITTEE FOR ONE YEAR TO APRIL 30, 2025.

G. Crystal Lake – Annual Regatta

Ms. Cardin asked why the BOS approves this item; it was agreed that this approval is needed due to the use and time on the lake.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (BOUCHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE 2024 SAILBOAT RACE SERIES, AS PLANNED AND PRESENTED BY THE CRYSTAL LAKE SAILING CLUB.

H. 2024-2025 Annual Town Budget Meeting Notice

1. Five-Year Road Reconstruction/Overlay Repair Plan
2. Payment of Real Estate, Personal Property, and Automobile Tax
3. Send Budget to Town Meeting or Adjourn to Referendum

Mr. Turner stated that in light of the potential tax increase, he would support adjourning to a referendum vote; other members agreed.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (BOUCHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SEND THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. To approve the Five-Year Road Reconstruction/Overlay Repair Plan (pursuant to CGS Sec. 13a-99) as recommended by the Director of Public Works/WPCA Administrator;
2. To determine that municipal tax shall be paid in two (2) installments for real estate and personal property tax in excess of six hundred (600) dollars and motor vehicle tax to be paid in one (1) installment with designated due dates as stated in the Connecticut State Statutes, Sections 12-142, 12-144, 12-144a and Public Act 77-343, Section 2 and to waive any property tax due in an amount less than five (5) dollars as stated in the Connecticut State Statutes, Section 12-144c, as recommended by the Tax & Revenue Collector;
3. To adjourn the Annual Town Budget Meeting to a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm, with the following question:
SHALL THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON APPROPRIATE, AS RECOMMENDED AND AS ALLOCATED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE, THE TOTAL SUM FOR ALL EXPENDITURES, A/K/A BUDGET GRAND TOTAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, THE SUM TO BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE?

4. Approval of Draft Legal Notice for Annual Budget Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE LEGAL NOTICE FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING, AS VOTED ABOVE UNDER ITEM VI.H-3, AND TO INCLUDE THE SUM AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE.

I. Fair Housing

1. Proclamation of April as Fair Housing Month in Ellington

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (BOUCHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION [ATTACHED]:

WHEREAS, the month of April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month; and

WHEREAS, Fair Housing is important to ensure to all Americans the right to live in a decent, safe and sanitary environment; and

WHEREAS, Fair Housing is the legal right of every American; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ellington is proud to participate in the recognition and support of Fair Housing Month;

NOW, THEREFORE the Ellington Board of Selectmen DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM April to be Fair Housing Month in Ellington, Connecticut.

2. Fair Housing Resolution

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION [ATTACHED]:

WHEREAS, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

WHEREAS, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ellington is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Ellington hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the chief executive officer of the Town of Ellington or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Ellington and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Adopted by the Town of Ellington on April 8, 2024.

3. Fair Housing Statement

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT [ATTACHED], AS IT IS THE POLICY OF THE TOWN TO PROMOTE FAIR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES AND TO ENCOURAGE RACIAL AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN ALL OF ITS PROGRAMS AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

J. Request for Bid Waivers

1. Chip Seal Services

Ms. Cardin asked for an explanation on the reasoning for these waivers. Mr. Modzelewski stated that this proposal satisfies state contract requirements and presents a cost savings for the Town.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS' BID WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE CHIP SEAL CONTRACT FOR ALL STATES CONSTRUCTION, INC. BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025 AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$5.70 PER SQUARE YARD.

2. Payroll and Human Resources Services

Ms. Pignataro stated that the Town has historically used Paylocity for payroll processing, and with recently added HR modules, the \$25,000 threshold would be exceeded, requiring the Town to go out to bid. She shared that changing payroll providers can take up to 12 weeks to fully switch over, and stressed that timing is incredibly important with this type of transition, due to financial reporting requirements. She shared her desire to take the time to fully determine the needs of the Town and work with Human Resources to develop a thorough and all-encompassing Request for Proposals regarding this item for when the Town does choose to go out to bid. Mr. Boucher asked if this is an item that may be considered under Shared Services; Ms. Pignataro stated that this item is fluid, and she has regular meetings with the Board of Education.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE FINANCE OFFICE BID WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE PAYROLL AND HUMAN RESOURCE THIRD PARTY SERVICE CONTRACT FOR PAYLOCITY, BEGINNING MAY 23, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 PER FISCAL YEAR.

K. Appropriation Requests

1. Local Capital Improvement Program

Ms. Cardin asked why this money needed to be moved. Ms. Pignataro stated that this falls under cost-reimbursable grants, and the amount of the grant increased from what was originally budgeted; therefore, the Town needs to increase expenditures to match the increased revenue for auditing purposes.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (BOUCHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROPRIATE \$60,509.91 FROM UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TO ACCOUNT 1000.11.01102.70.60750 LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. FURTHER, TO INCREASE IN THE GRANT REVENUE BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR ACCOUNT 1000.01.00000.00.40154 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,828.91, THUS RESULTING IN A NET TOTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE FOR LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ACTIVITY OF \$1,681.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

2. Development Rights for 101.98 Acres of Farmland South of Meadow Brook Road

Ms. Houlihan shared that this has been in progress since 2018; it was originally a larger parcel which was then split into three smaller portions, and this is the last piece.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROPRIATE \$35,649.11 FROM THE GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TO FUND 5235 OAKRIDGE FARMLAND PRESERVATION FOR THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON 10% COST SHARE OF THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR 101.98 ACRES OF FARMLAND SOUTH OF MEADOW BROOK ROAD, AS SHOWN ON THE PROPERTY SURVEY MAP PREPARED FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR PROPERTY OF OAKRIDGE DAIRY, LLC, DATED APRIL 11, 2023, AS PREPARED BY ROB HELLSTROM LAND SURVEYING, LLC, PENDING BOARD OF FINANCE APPROVAL.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mr. Turner noted that no report was received from EVFD. He has been tracking the percentage of volunteer time to paid services for EVAC and assumes, based on the original budget request for additional personnel, that it is not expected that volunteer hours will be increasing. Mr. Turner asked if the vehicle fire investigation listed in the Fire Marshal's report has been addressed with the fire department of record; Mr. York shared that the investigation has been conducted and the issue has been resolved. Mr. Turner commented that he was pleased to see that the elevator is back in service at the Library. Brief discussion was held on administrative reporting under Animal Control; Sgt. Santa outlined some of the limitations the department faces due to the current system.

VIII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Personnel Committee:

1. Resignations

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF J. ALBERT BRETON, JR. FROM THE AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE.

2. Appointments

Ms. Cardin noted that Mr. Veretto is not a Town resident; First Selectman Spielman shared that Ad Hoc Committees are excluded from residency requirements under the Town Charter.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (BOUCHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT LEON VERETTO TO THE AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING MAY 31, 2024, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (BOUCHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT BRIAN CHAMBERLIN TO THE PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2028.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT KATHERINE HEMINWAY, KAY LUGINBUHL, CAROLE GERBER, AARTI NATHAN, ALYCE MAYER, KAREN HUNT AND JENNIFER WELLS TO THE AD HOC ELLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE TO SERVE ONE-YEAR TERMS THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT DONNA ALLEN, VALERIE AMSEL, LINDSAY NEUBECKER, DEANNA WAMBOLT-GULICK, CYNTHIA VAN ZELM,

LINDA ANDERSON, JUDI MANFRE, WILLIAM SCHULTZ, TOM PALSHAW, DAN CHAMBERLIN, ROBERT BARONE AND ANN HARFORD TO THE AD HOC ELLINGTON TRAILS COMMITTEE TO SERVE ONE-YEAR TERMS THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT SHAWN KOEHLER TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM THROUGH APRIL 30, 2028.

B. Liaison Reports

EVFD: Mr. Turner shared that there was a serious house fire on the south end of Town and acknowledged the mutual aid by Crystal Lake and Vernon; three dogs and two cats were rescued, and Mr. Turner also expressed his appreciation towards EVAC, Animal Control, and the police in these efforts. There was also an aircraft incident at Ellington airport on April 7, with no injuries.

IX. FIRST SELECTMAN/TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Mr. Reed is working remotely while rehabbing after a knee surgery. He shared that interviews were held for the UConn Internship Program that was budgeted for in the upcoming fiscal year. He continues to work with the Town Attorney and other officials on the issue of well contamination in order to provide clean drinking water throughout Town. He has also been involved with the First Selectman and Ms. Phillips on some strategic planning. CPR training for Town staff is being planned and finalized through EVAC.

First Selectman Spielman has been involved with the April 20th Earth Day Event planning. She also attended a recent Housing Authority meeting. The next Department Head meeting is Tuesday, April 9th at the Annex building. Around 300 people attended the HML eclipse programming today. She spoke on recent CRCOG and CIRMA meetings, and shared that this month's TV show will feature Assessor John Rainaldi.

X. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOS: Nothing was shared.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Connor

Julia Connor, Recording Secretary

Lori Spielman

Lori Spielman, First Selectman

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
TAX AND REVENUE COLLECTOR'S REFUND REPORT
April 2024

Amount	Name	Tax	GL Year	Requesting Dept.	Reason
\$ 660.28	Oakridge Dairy LLC	RE	2022	Tax	Overpayment
<u>\$ 660.28</u>	REFUND TOTAL FOR APRIL 2024				



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FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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Programs funded and administered by the Town must comply with the provisions of Section 46a-64c of the C.G.S., and with related state and federal laws and regulations that prohibit discriminatory housing practices.

The Town of Ellington or any of sub-recipient of the Town will carry out an affirmative marketing program to attract prospective buyers or tenants of all majority or minority groups, without consideration of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, lawful source of income, disability, age or because the individual has children in all programs and housing development activities funded or administered by the Town.

The Town of Ellington's Human Services Department is responsible for the enforcement and implementation of this policy. The Fair Housing Officer, Rebecca Stack, may be reached by telephone at **860.870.3128**, by mail at 31 Arbor Way, P.O. Box 187, Ellington, CT 06029 or by email at [**rstack@ellington-ct.gov**](mailto:rstack@ellington-ct.gov).

Complaints pertaining to discrimination in any program funded or administered by the Town of Ellington may be filed with the Ellington Human Services Department. The municipality's Grievance Procedure will be utilized in these cases.

Complaints may also be filed with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, Special Enforcement Unit, 21 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106, Telephone (860) 541-3403 within 180 days of the alleged violation by submitting a notarized complaint and/or the Boston Regional Office of FHEO, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Room 321, Boston, MA 02222-1092, Telephone (617) 994-8300 or 1-800-827-5005, TTY (617) 565-5453. A complaint may be filed with HUD within one year after an alleged violation. Additionally, an individual may file suit, at his/her expense, in Federal District Court or State Court within two years of an alleged violation. If the individual cannot afford an attorney, the Court may appoint one. A suit can be brought even after filing a complaint, if the complaining party has not signed a conciliation agreement and an Administrative Law Judge has not started a hearing. A court may award actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees and costs.

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A copy of this policy statement will be given annually to all Ellington employees and they are expected to fully comply with it. In addition, a copy will be posted throughout Ellington's Town Hall.

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Lori L. Spielman, First Selectman

THIS STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT OR ON AUDIO TAPE by contacting Ellington's Human Services Department, 55 Main Street, PO Box 187, Ellington, CT. 06029-0187, Phone 860.870.3128.



EQUAL HOUSING
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