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MATTHEW REED
Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 9, 2025

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

Prior to the meeting, the following Board/Commission/Committee members were recognized for ten and twenty years of service to the Town of Ellington:

TEN YEARS OF SERVICE

David Stavens, Board of Selectmen
Kerry Socha, Board of Education
Sean Kelly, Planning and Zoning Commission & Permanent Building Committee
Charlie Sandberg, Planning and Zoning Commission
Judy Stomberg, Library Board of Trustees
Rhonda Villanova, Patriotic Committee
Cheryl Samborski, Patriotic Committee
Marc Diwinsky, Community Voice Channel Board of Directors
Robert Zielfelder, Conservation Commission
Ronald Stomberg, Design Review Board

TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

James Prichard, Board of Selectmen
Steven Hoffman, Inland Wetlands Agency

The First Selectman also sent a card of thanks to each member who has served for five and fifteen years and expressed thanks to all who volunteer to serve the Ellington community.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Lori Spielman, David Stavens, James Prichard, John Turner, Ronald Stomberg, Jamison Boucher

Selectperson Absent: Mary Cardin

Town Staff Present: Walter Lee, Emergency & Risk Management Director; Tiffany Pignataro, Finance Officer/Treasurer; Tom Modzelewski, Director, Department of Public Works (DPW); LouAnn Cannella, Human Resources Coordinator

Elected Officials Present: Jen Dzen, Chairman, Kerry Socha, Board of Education; *Peg Busse, Library Board of Trustees

Emergency Service Agency Representatives Present: Peter Hany Sr., President, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC); Robert Smith, Chief, Cole Prato, Deputy Chief of Training, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD)

**Attended via ZOOM*

III. PUBLIC COMMENT [*Shall not exceed 30 minutes unless extended by majority vote of the Board*]

Chief Smith apologized for not submitting the monthly report, noting that the EVFD has been very busy. He shared that they have had to respond to two or three more calls on Green Road over the past month, putting out fires. There was a recent crash there as well, and the area is becoming more out of control. There has to be a discussion to come up with possible solutions to rectify the issue.

He shared that, due to the unexpected loss of the ride vendor, this year's carnival has been cancelled, though they are still in discussions regarding the parade. The EVFD's goal is to have a ride vendor contract in place early for next year.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2025 REGULAR MEETING.

B. May 13, 2025 Annual Town Budget Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2025 ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Library Board of Trustees Membership

1. Consideration of Ellington Republican Town Committee Recommendation

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT DEANNA WAMBOLT-GULICK TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ELLINGTON REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE, TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM THROUGH DECEMBER 1, 2025, CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF JANET WIELICZKA.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,017.52 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS STATEMENT DATED JUNE 2025 [ATTACHED].

B. Approval of Resident Trooper Agreement 2025-2027

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (BOUCHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE RESIDENT STATE TROOPER CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON AND THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027.

C. Exempt Salary Ranges 2025-2026

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO INCREASE THE EXEMPT SALARY CLASSIFICATION MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM RANGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BY THREE PERCENT (3%).

D. Budget Transfer Request – FY2024-25 – Capital Reserve Fund and Mill Rate Stabilization Fund

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$200,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FROM ACCOUNT 1011-60851 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO ACCOUNT 1046-60250 MILL RATE STABILIZATION FUND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER.

E. Closeout of Capital Projects – FY2024-25

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE OUT THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL PROJECTS TO THE GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE FOR FY 2024-25: EVFD-HVAC 29 MAIN STREET \$893.04, FS-SENIOR CENTER ENERGY PROJECT \$599.00, AND DPW PARKS EQUIPMENT \$5,050.00.

F. Approval of Job Description – Children’s Library Assistant II (New)

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CHILDREN’S LIBRARY ASSISTANT II JOB DESCRIPTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND AS APPROVED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

G. Recognition of Walter Lee, Emergency Management Director

First Selectman Spielman took a moment to thank Mr. Lee for his hard work and dedication over the past four years, sharing of the leadership and critical thinking he displayed during his tenure. Mr. Stavens added that Mr. Lee will be missed.

Mr. Lee thanked the First Selectman and BOS for the opportunity to serve this community, noting that it was a great experience. He added that the Department Heads are all phenomenal and that it was a wonderful place to work.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

There was no discussion.

VIII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Personnel Committee

1. Resignations: None
2. Appointments

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT MICHELE BEAULIEU, GARY CHAPLIN AND KATHERINE HEMINWAY TO THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT ATHERTON “JOE” RYAN TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO SERVE A FIVE-YEAR TERM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2030.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT DIANNE TRUEB AND FREDERICK JOURNALIST TO THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SERVE THREE-YEAR TERMS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT RYAN BIBEAU TO THE AD HOC ELLINGTON TRAILS COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026.

B. Liaison Reports: None

IX. FIRST SELECTMAN/TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

First Selectman Spielman attended a recent Eagle Scout ceremony for Lucas Murray who designed and built two chess tables and seating for Arbor Park. She along with Town Administrator Reed attended the CRCOG meeting last Thursday. She noted that many local town budgets have failed, reminding those present to vote in the budget referendum tomorrow, June 10th. There will be a Department Head meeting this week, and she noted that Mr. Reed is away on vacation this week.

X. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOS

There was nothing shared.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (BOUCHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 6:52 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
June 2025

VI.A

| Amount | Name | Tax | GL Year | Requesting Dept. | Reason |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| \$ 803.71 | ENTERPRISE FM TRUST | MV | 2023 | ASSESSOR | TOTAL LOSS 8/23 |
| \$ 5,269.86 | GONZALEZ EDWIN | RE | 2023 | TAX | OVERPAYMENT |
| \$ 278.44 | HONDA LEASE TRUST | MV | 2023 | ASSESSOR | SOLD 5/24 |
| \$ 219.76 | KENNY BRIAN | MV | 2023 | ASSESSOR | SOLD 1/24 |
| \$ 238.74 | MOHANAPASHYAM VIBRANARAYANAN | MV | 2023 | ASSESSOR | OUT OF COUNTRY 8/23 |
| \$ 86.94 | MOSES PAULA + DAVID | RE | 2023 | TAX | OVERPAYMENT |
| \$ 326.71 | NISSAN MOTOR ACCEPTANCE CORP | MV | 2023 | ASSESSOR | SOLD 1/24 |
| \$ 74.05 | PALMER STEVEN | MV | 2023 | ASSESSOR | REPO 3/24 |
| \$ 719.31 | SCHOTT STACEY | MV | 2023 | ASSESSOR | PAID IN TOLLAND |
| \$ 8,017.52 | REFUND TOTAL FOR JUNE 2025 | | | | |