# TOWN OF WILLINGTON

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#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Via web interaction (via Zoom platform)

April 19, 2021 6:30 PM

## \*Minutes are not official until approved at the next regular meeting

First Selectwoman Wiecenski called the meeting to order at 6:30PM with the following in attendance; Selectman Boritz, Selectman Blessington and residents.

Pledge of Allegiance

## Approval of Minutes

Selectman Blessington moved to approve the BOS Regular minutes of April 5, 2021 as written. Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Boritz & Blessington) 0 No.

Motion Carried.

Selectman Blessington moved to approve the BOS Special minutes of April 12, 2021 as written. First Selectwoman Wiecenski seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Boritz & Blessington) 0 No.

Motion Carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to add an Executive Session as item twelve regarding the Cadlerock property.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Boritz & Blessington) 0 No.

Motion Carried.

#### Present To Speak

Kathy Demers 48 Mason Rd. It is her understanding that there is a vacancy on the School Building Committee and that Ralph Tulis's name has been put forth. She wanted to support that endorsement as she has worked with Ralph in various Town Committees. She personally finds him to be very interested in what's going on with the residents and the Town. He comes to meetings well prepared, he keeps abreast of what's going on with residents, and he follows the Selectmen Meetings and Board of Finance Meetings. He considers the ideas and opinions of others. Ralph is a great listener and he raises good questions with that said it is her belief that he would make a great member on that board.

Elaine Newcomb 28 Fermier Rd she wanted to speak in support of Ralph Tulis of his willingness to fill the vacancy on the School Building Committee. She expressed that Ralph is a lifelong resident of Willington, he has knowledge of the community. He will bring acute engineering skills that will be an asset to the Committee.

Brenda Abrams 63 Schofield Rd. She would like to support Ralph on the School Building Committee. It is her belief that he will be a great asset.

## Correspondence

A list of Correspondence was available for the Selectmen to view.

## First Selectman's Status Report

First Selectwoman Wiecenski provided a few updates.

There are no new updates related to our STEAP Grant for the Old Town Hall septic. We are still waiting for the contract from DEEP.

The School Building Committee reached out to the Office School Construction Grant Review (OSCGR) to get feedback on our facilities and the likelihood of their support for renovation vs. a new build. The Committee is also working on communication to ensure factual information is being shared with the community for transparency. On the Town's Website under School Building Committee you will see a link to a page that houses necessary documents as part of this process.

The LOTCIP Grant for the Route 32 project. Our Zoning Agent Mr. D'Amato is working with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation. We are waiting for the final design to submit a Request for a quote (RFQ).

There were two vacant positions in Public Works, we have hired Zyg Cascio as the new Assistant Transfer Station Operator who started two Saturdays ago now. Interviews will be held next week for the Laborer Technician position with in Public Works.

#### Public Works

Mr. Sposato reported the following that has been done by Public Works

- Continuation of trash pickup at park.
- Grading dirt roads
- Continuation of Street sweeping
- Helped install a 30x45 tent at Center School
- Removed wood alongside of Old River Rd.
- Roadside Mowing
- Plowed Snow

First Selectwoman Wiecenski discussed a reminder to residents that we accept cold wood ash only at the Transfer Station. Residents are bringing hot ashes to the Transfer station and coincidentally the hot ash was dumped behind the barrels and it started a small fire in the grass that was quickly put out this past weekend. This is a hazard, we cannot accept hot wood ash nor should hot ash be transported in resident's vehicles. This is the second incident that has occurred in a very short amount of time. If this continues to be an issue we may revisit weather or not we accept wood ash at all at the Transfer Station.

#### **New Business**

A. Approve Vendor for Senior Center Van

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to award the bid from Mobility Works for a new Senior Center van in the amount of \$25,468.50.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

Selectman Blessington inquired if the van will be Town owned? There is sales tax listed on the bid.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski responded to reference the contract we received earlier today should we approve this vendor. The contract does not include sales tax which totals \$22,497.01.

#### **Motion Amendment:**

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to award the bid from Mobility Works for a new Senior Center van in the amount of \$22,497.01.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Boritz & Blessington) 0 No.

Motion Carried.

## B. Approve Field Maintenance Contract

First Selectwoman Wiecenski started the discussion by saying you will see in your packet three bids for the Field Maintenance Contract for the period of 7-1-21. The bids remained sealed until last Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> where they were publicly opened. The only participants in attendance were the Public Works Director Troy Sposato, the Parks & Recreation Director Bethany Cologna and myself. Three quotes were received one from Greg Peck for \$27,865.00, Chris Varga from Varga Landscaping for \$21,065.00 & David Roy from Roy's landscaping Design LLC for \$27,955.00.

Troy Sposato spoke about the bids received, he advised that Greg Peck only fertilizes once per year. Roy's Landscaping put down what a normal application would consist of fertilizing and adding lime up to 3 to 4 times per year as long as the Town provides the fertilizer and lime. In the past we have had some issues with Greg Peck with weed whacking and blowing the grass into the fields after waiting too long to do. I would recommend Roy's landscaping in that he is willing to fertilize multiple times to get the fields back up to maintenance standards.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski commented that Roy's Landscaping bid is lower than Greg Peck in mowing. Chris Vargas request does not include license information. He does not currently hold a contractor's license while the other two submissions do.

Bethany Cologna spoke to the Board advising that although she is new from what she has gathered from Troy and the previous Director she would like to recommend that we use Roy's Landscape for the new field maintenance contract as it is only minimally higher than Greg Peck's bid. Roy's Landscape is offering so much more in lawn care and in treating our athletic fields to ensure healthy green grass.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to award the bid from Roy's Landscape for the Field Maintenance from 7-1-21 through 6-30-23 for the total amount of \$27,955.00.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Boritz & Blessington) 0 No. Motion Carried.

## C. Approve Tree Removal Contract

First Selectwoman Wiecenski started the discussion by saying you will see in your packet one bid from Lindon Tree Service LLC for Tree removal contract from 7-1-21 through 6-30-23. The bid remained sealed until last Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> where they were publicly opened. The only participants in attendance

were the Public Works Director Troy Sposato, the Parks & Recreation Director Bethany Cologna and myself. The hourly rate of \$175.00, additionally a daily rate of \$1,280.00 for an eight hour day or \$1,440.00 for a nine hour day.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to award the bid from Lindon Tree Service Inc. for Tree removal services from 7-1-21 through 6-30-23. Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion

Selectwoman Boritz commented that I know we have used Lindon Tree service in the past. Have they increased their rates or has the bid remained level to what we were paying in the past.

Troy responded to say they increased their rate by \$25.00 per hour from previous years. Additionally he would highly recommend Lindon Tree service they are always there when we need him. He is very efficient and easy to work with. We have never received a complaint or negative comments related to the work that they have done for us in the past.

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Boritz & Blessington) 0 No. Motion Carried.

## D. School Building Committee Appointment

First Selectwoman Wiecenski started the discussion by saying that we received a resignation from Nancy Baily from the SBC Committee. She thanked Nancy Bailey for her willingness to service. Additionally we received one interest letter from Ralph Tulis.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to appoint Ralph Tulis as a member regular representative on the School Building Committee; effective April 20, 2021; expiring once the charge of the committee has completed.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

Selectman Blessington wanted to express that everything he wanted to say regarding Ralph Tulis was already said by the residents in present to speak. He believes that Ralph will be a very good addition to the Committee.

Vote: 3 Yes (Blessington, Wiecenski & Boritz) 0 No. Motion Carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski thanked Mr. Tulis for his willingness to serve. She advised that he will need to be sworn in by the Town Clerks office before the next SBC meeting which will be May 5<sup>th</sup> 2021.

#### E. Tax Refund

First Selectwoman Wiecenski Moved to refund \$275.93 to Sarah E. Murray on a Certificate of Correction.

Selectwoman Boritz Seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Yes (Blessington, Boritz & Wiecenski)

#### Old Business

## A. 21-22 Budget update

First Selectwoman Wiecenski had hoped that she would have received the guidelines on how to use the ARP funds however that is not the case. As you recall we have halted the process until we receive such guidance. OPM has reached out to Municipalities to ensure all the financial set ups are in place and requirements are met in order for Towns to receive the allocated funding. To recap the Treasury has until May 11<sup>th</sup> to disperse funds to States where the funds will be distributed to municipalities. We are hopeful that we will receive the guidelines prior to that date.

## B. COVID-19 Update

First Selectwoman Wiecenski provided an update Willington has had cumulative 242 COVID positive cases, 3 deaths and 21 probable cases which is an increase of 14 cases since our last meeting on April 5, 2021.

As of last Thursday we are now in the Orange alert level resulted from a slight uptick in cases from two weeks ago (13.3 cases per 100,000). Organizations, families and individuals must continue to be vigilant with practicing basic COVID precautions. Wear a mask, wash your hands and stay socially distanced.

Residents 16+ are still eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. If residents are having difficulty in getting an appointment please reach out to our Human Services Department. They have a list of residents that they are sharing vaccine availability to ensure everyone who would like to receive a vaccine is able to get the vaccine.

Willington's vaccine data as of April 14<sup>th</sup> (45.4%) of our total population of 2662 received 1<sup>st</sup> doses. Although it is not required or mandated, it is encouraged that everyone 16+ years of age consider being vaccinated.

The current emergency declaration extension has been extended to May 20<sup>th</sup> 2021. Information was received last Friday that we should be looking out for an extension related to the in person and hybrid meetings. There is no Executive Order pending at this time that would change any vote that has to be by Town Meeting. As you may recall from the past there had been specific items that stated that you didn't have to go to a Town Meeting. Boards of Selectmen could make those changes. The information received stated that there is no further Executive Order that would take any of those powers away.

There is no new information regarding the American Rescue Funds at this time.

The Selectmen's office distributed a Town of Willington Operations Guide in response to COVID-19. This guide was posted on the Town's website additionally it was sent as an E-blast out to residents. The guide is a snapshot of departments and how they are running their individual Town services under COVID.

The First Selectwoman is looking towards the beginning to mid-June for a potential full reopen. We still have a few changes that will need to be made within the TOB before we can do that to ensure health safety for our staff as well as our residents. Our doors are currently locked and we are receiving residents by appointment however no resident has been turned away. If an appointment had not been made, staff has ask them to wait a few minutes if a staff member has an appointment already. We have not turned anyone away from a service at the Town Office Building.

#### C. Transfer Station Fee Discussion

First Selectwoman Wiecenski started the discussion regarding the proposed Transfer Station fee. Troy had brought to us at our last meeting a discussion about propane tank recycling and the charges associated. The Selectmen should have received information in their packet from the request of additional information from our last meeting. On the document you will note the recycling charges and or credits for good and poor condition. This was prefaced as a recap that currently the Town does not charge residents for propane tank disposal at the Transfer Station. Mighty Flame who takes the Transfer Station tanks for disposal charges the Town \$2.00 for a 20 lb. tank that is determined to be a bad tanks and will pay the Town \$2.00 for 20 lb. tank if the tank is good. Currently Mighty Flame takes the tanks and determines whether the tank is good or bad offsite. Then the reconciling takes place, if the Town owes Mighty Flame or if they pay the Town for the good tanks. We have no way of knowing if a tank is good or bad until they take the tanks are taken offsite to their facility. Mighty Flame currently charges the Town \$8.00 for the disposal of a 30 lb. tank in any condition & \$12.00 for a 40 lb. tank in any condition. There is no credit for 30lb or 40 lb tanks the cost for disposal is by for by the Town.

An analysis was done over a two year period from Feb 6, 2020 100 20lb tanks were deemed in good condition +\$200.00, 10 20lb tanks were in poor condition (-\$20.00), 3 30lb tanks where we were charged (-\$24.00) for a total paid to the Town \$156.00 credit.

On January 13, 2021 80 20lb tanks were deemed in good condition +\$160.00, 9 20lb tanks in poor condition (-\$18.00), 2 30lb tanks we were charged (-\$16.00) and 1 40lb tank we were charged (-\$12.00) for a total paid to the Town \$114.00 credit.

On March 4, 2021 14 20lb tanks were deemed in good condition +\$28.00 and 12 20lb tanks were deemed in poor condition (-\$24.00) for a total paid to the Town \$4.00 credit.

It was proposed by the Public Works director to charge for the 30lb and 40lb tanks as the recycling costs are on the Town.

A discussion was held by the Selectmen that we don't appear to be losing revenue and it is not a huge revenue maker. The consensus of the group is that during this fiscal climate it may not be a good time to add additional costs to residents. The process will remain the same with no added fees for residents.

#### D. Treasurer Position Discussion

First Selectwoman Wiecenski started the discussion regarding the Treasurer Position. We were notified that Laurie Semprebon is not seeking re-election, we know from the past that this is a difficult position to fill. Ms. Semprebon shared a list of documents to the Selectmen of duties of the Treasurer based on her overview of the position within the past year.

Laurie Semprebon summarized that as someone who has been in the position of Treasurer for the Town of Willington for over a year, I feel qualified to speak to whether the treasurer's position should be elected by the voters or selected by the Selectmen as a hired position. This position has always been an elected position, but with the few people looking for a part-time position with no benefits, the change in duties over the years, the level of expertise required, and the lack of accountability, I believe it is time to change the treasurer to a hired position. For the past several years, the town has had difficulty hiring a treasurer. After the person who served for eleven years (who was rarely, if ever, challenged for the position by another candidate) moved to another position within the finance department, the position was open for a

period of time. A person stepped forward and was in the position for less than a year. I took this position only because I knew that the town could not find someone and I was recently retired from my teaching career, with the intention to serve for a few months. Although I have served as a treasurer for several organizations during my lifetime and have a math background, I have limited accounting knowledge; therefore, this has been a steep learning curve for me, as it would be for anyone without a bookkeeping or accounting background. I have stayed on as long as I have because I have mostly enjoyed the work and my colleagues, and it was a rewarding commitment during the pandemic, when I was limited in travel and other activities. I am ready to return to my retirement, although I'm willing to stay on through the fall. I believe that I have a good work ethic and have been helpful to this department, but there has been a certain amount of activity for which the other members of the finance department have had to help more than they would for someone with a strong bookkeeping background. In the past, the town has elected treasurers who were not much interested in working the required time or couldn't do the work and ended up hiring temps or an additional part-time person to do the work. This is not a benefit to the town to have to spend additional money that we don't have to do the work that someone else is already supposed to be doing. It is also a huge strain on an already overworked finance department to have to pick up the pieces of a job not being done. There have been treasurers who refused to do certain parts of the job, and there was no recourse other than for others to take on tasks for which they have no time. If this position is a hired position, the other employees would not constantly be "covering" for someone not doing the job or teaching someone what they should already know, and the treasurer could be expected to do ALL of the duties of the position. The treasurer's position has also changed a lot from what it was originally. Making sure that there is money in the accounts to cover the bills and reconciling bank accounts is only a small part of the job. I have provided a second document with the list of duties of the treasurer, which is more extensive than most people realize and covers a lot of activities. This elected position was advertised as 20-25 hours per week, but I think it's closer to 25-30 hours per week. Last week, I worked over 35 hours. I do not think that the benefit of having someone who is definitely a resident and possibly more committed to the Town of Willington balances having someone qualified, willing, competent, and supervised in the position of treasurer.

Selectman Blessington expressed that the main reason we have a Treasurer is because that position is required by State law. There are certain items that the Treasurer must perform by signing off on this or that. Once upon a time many years ago the Treasurer was the Chief Financial Officer of the Town. At that point we established the position which is now called the Business Manager which is basically the Chief Financial Officer of the Town. The Treasurer was left on the wayside, he is not even sure why we need to have a Treasurer except for the State law. The Chief Financial Officer should be able to handle that Treasurer position in addition to her own duties so we do not need to hire additional staff. If the CFO needs additional staff to do some of the functions then maybe we have to look at expanding the Finance office. It is Mr. Blessington's belief that the Treasurer should be a resident of the Town, one who is investing in the Town. If we start hiring whoever we want he is afraid that we will have a burocratic nightmare on our hands who are more interested in using the Town as a stepping stone. He understands the constraints of trying to find people to fill the role however he believes we can find a resident willing to take on the role and he would like to see this remain as an elected position.

Selectwoman Boritz responded to say in looking at all the documentation Laurie provided and has a realization of how much detailed work that is involved in this position. It appears to be the work of an accountant or a book keeper. When she thinks of a Treasurer with any union or large organization that she has been a part of, the Treasurer is the accountability in overseeing the work of what staff does. The Treasurer is the one that advocates for the Town. With that said it is her belief that the Treasurer oversees but does not facilitates all the detail work of essential tasks. She is unsure how we have found willing candidates to work 30 hours a week on a volunteer basis. We need to continue the discussion of reassessing the duties of our Treasurer if it remains an elected position. Then in reviewing the very long list of tasks that the Treasurer is expected to do to figure out where those tasks actually belong. If that requires more staff then it means we need more staffing.

Laurie responded to say she believes the times have changed. If you have a Treasurer who was responsible for overseeing this, how would you have somebody who even knew what all of these things are without any book keeping or accounting experience and or background. She expressed that she has been Treasurer in multiple organizations and she is currently the Treasurer for one other organization and have been for most of her life. She has a math background and was a Teacher by profession and she still has difficulty and finds it to be a huge learning curve. With the software and individual pieces that need to be done and connected together by meeting all the State and Federal requirements being in the position for a year now she feels she is just scratching the surface. The office staff are wonderful however the fact of the matter is they are working a full 40 hours per week and additionally cover for each other, there is a tipping point. It is her belief that an elected person just will not have enough knowledge to take this on without heavy lifting from the already over worked staff. We are fortunate to have two staff members in the Finance office who have held the Treasurers position in the past, once those staff leave us as a Town will lose all that knowledge and expertise. In efforts for longevity the position requires a level of experience that you just won't get with an elected position.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski responded to say she looks at it in two fold. If you look at the information we provided from CCM's research from the Town of Essex. They have the positon as Accountant/Assistant to the Finance Director. There is a clear variety of responsible duties that appear to be what our current Treasurer is doing. This positon reports to the Finance Director and also provides necessary information to their BOF. Essex also has an elected Treasurer in addition. We might want to start looking at the bulk of the work to be done by a hired individual. In that fashion then there is oversight of the work that needs to be done for accountability and transparency. Every time there is a change in the Finance office there is an incredible amount of heavy lifting from our current Finance Department to get them up to speed. Mind you there are three staff members in Finance who facilitate very different jobs with no ability to cross train to cover for tasks and functions solely due to the amount of work that needs to be done on a daily basis. Having to stop and train a new Treasurer is not conducive to proper workflow. Soliciting the Treasurers position as 10-15 hours per week is just not the case and is miss-leading to anyone who wants to participate. She would like to investigate moving in a different direction with duties.

Selectman Blessington responded to say we are beating around the same bush. The Treasurer again used to be the CFO, we hired someone to take on that position and the Treasurer just held on. The person that we hired if I'm mistaken is the highest paid employee of the Town of Willington outside of the Education portion of the house. The CFO is paid for and should be running the whole Town including the tasks of the Treasurer. He was in agreement perhaps we need to hire another staff member.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski responded to say that she believes we need an additional staff member to facilitate some if not most of the Treasurers duties. Then clearly defining the role and responsibilities of the Treasurer and lowering the stipend as much less time will need to be invested in the elected position. This will cost the Town an additional staff member with benefits.

The discussion continued and the consensus of the Selectmen is to look at the possibility of hiring an additional Finance staff member.

#### Present to Speak

Ralph Tulis 47 Village Hill Rd. Firstly he wanted to thank the Board for the SBC appointment. It is his hope that he can contribute in a manner that is in the best interest of the Town. He appreciates the support that he witnessed this evening for this position. He also wanted to update the Board that the condos on Baxter Rd. will be set down on its new foundation next week.

#### Good & Welfare

First Selectwoman Wiecenski provided an update to the group of the Troop C Police Report for March 2021

317 - Total calls for service
13 - Criminal Investigations
252 - Non Reportable Matters
42 - Traffic Stops
2 - Onsite DUI

7 – Infractions 2- Burglaries 2 - Written Warnings 18 - Verbal Warnings

29- Total Traffic Stops 3- Misdemeanor Summons

First Selectwoman Wiecenski provided some updates.

Residents may notice our roaming speed radar signs around Town. Currently speeding is becoming a real problem and it is not just Willington. She participated in a Municipal meeting where other towns are discussing this problem on back roads. On roads that have 25 mph speed limits they are reporting in some cases people are being clocked up to 70 mph which is excessive. Our Town speed radar sign clocked someone going 67 on Glass Factory Rd at 2:30 PM in the afternoon. The data is being compiled however we want the residents to be mindful on back country roads as we may have children playing and people jogging or walking with their families and pets where we do not have sidewalks. Please slow down and be mindful of speed limits that are put in place specifically for safety reasons.

Connecticut Water is looking for a representative from Willington for the Water System Advisory Committee; Connecticut Water is pleased to work with local communities and stakeholders in meeting the water supply needs of the Mansfield area through our Water System Advisory Committee ("Advisory Committee"). The group was first established in 2014 under an agreement with the Town of Mansfield when we were selected to provide long term water supply for the University and the Mansfield community. The committee, which includes representatives of Mansfield, UConn, adjacent municipalities, regional planning agencies, and other stakeholders, meets quarterly. Members have been valuable in providing local input and ensuring communication and collaboration relating to the water system, system improvements, local planning, economic development, water and land conservation, and environmental stewardship. Please provide us with the name and contact information of a designee for the Water System Advisory Committee to serve a two-year term.

## You can find COVID information from https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus

Mobile Food Share will be here at the TOB this Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 from 11AM to 11:30 AM. Contact Human Services with any questions. We are currently using a drive through model and is open to everyone. First Selectwoman Wiecenski wanted to thank the core volunteers many of who are from the Senior Center.

Farmers to families' food boxes will be distributed Friday April 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM. 50 boxes will be distributed. Our Human Services department in conjunction with the Mansfield Lions collaborated for this distribution. This is open to any and all with a drive through model and will be first come first serve until the boxes have all been distributed.

Please if you can support our small businesses and restaurants.

Organizations, families and individuals must continue to be vigilant with practicing basic COVID precautions. Wear a mask, wash your hands and stay socially distanced.

Reminder that all of the Town's Meetings are still being held virtually and can be viewed live or on the Town's YouTube page. There is a link on the Town Website on the left hand that states Online Boards and Commissions Meetings. Inside that page will be a link to the Willington You Tube channel.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to go into Executive Session at 7:36 PM to discuss potential litigation and to protect the Towns Collective Rights and interest relating to the Lots comprised or known as the Cadlerock properties in both Towns of Willington and Ashford pursuant to 1-210b4 and invite Revenue Collector Janice Clauson and Heather Sharpley Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Boritz & Blessington) 0 No.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to exit the Executive Session at 7:42 PM

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to:

WHEREAS, the Town of Willington is owed \$91,430.29 by Cadlerock Properties Joint Venture LP for properties identified as Willington Assessor's Map No. 6, Lots 11 and 11A;

WHEREAS, on or about January 4, 2012, the Tax Collectors in the Towns of Ashford and Willington initiated a tax sale pursuant Section 12-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes and proceeded to auction the properties;

WHEREAS, the tax sale auction date was adjourned by each of the Tax Collectors;

WHEREAS, the Towns are working together and now seek to reinstate the tax sale for the sale of these properties and each Town now seeks to acquire the properties in each of the Towns if there is not full redemption by the owners or full payment of all taxes due by a third party;

## NOW THEREFORE it is hereby

RESOLVED that the auction date for the tax sale now proceed and that the Tax Collector do all things necessary, including retaining an attorney to continue with the tax sale auction and notifying the delinquent taxpayer, each mortgagee, lienholders, and other encumbrancer of record; and

RESOLVED that the Willington Tax Collector is directed and authorized, pursuant to Section 12-157(c) of the General Statutes to acquire and take title to these properties on behalf of and in the name of the Town if there is no bidder or if no bid equals the amount of the full taxes due (plus the costs of the tax sale) the Town.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Boritz & Blessington) 0 No.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM RECEIVED WILLINGTON, CT.

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Boritz & Blessington) 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Sharpley

Administrative Assistant

Town of Willington

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