

# TOWN OF WILLINGTON

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes  
Lower Level Conference Room

November 5, 2018  
6:30 P.M.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following in attendance: Selectmen Makuch & Blessington, residents and Sergeant Jeffrey Duda from the Connecticut State Police, Troop C Barracks. First Selectwoman Wiecenski then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Minutes:

Selectman Blessington moved to approve the minutes of October 15, 2018 as submitted.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

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

### Present to Speak:

Todd Bissonnette of Cosgrove Road stated that he would like to be able to interact and ask questions during the topic under old business.

Mr. Bissonnette also stated that he would like to reiterate how dangerous the area around the TA truck stop is; noting that there was an accident in that area on October 24<sup>th</sup> and it seemed like chaos; with people walking around in the roadway; which created a hazard and impacting traffic. Mr. Bissonnette stated that he will also be discussing the issue with Planning and Zoning regarding the signage but the traffic situation needs to be addressed. First Selectwoman Wiecenski clarified that she directed him to discuss his concerns with the Planning and Zoning Commission as they would be the Commission to address that issue. Mr. Bissonnette then stated that he would like to make a suggestion to have the TA move their shed further back into the property so the trucks do not back up into the road. First Selectwoman Wiecenski then clarified that the PZC would also possibly address that as well. She added that the Selectmen would not be the board to ask them to move one of their buildings. Randy Belair (who is a member of the PZC) was in attendance noted that a formal complaint would need to be filed with Planning and Zoning, and it would then be discussed openly at a meeting.

### Correspondence:

A list of correspondence was available at the meeting and in the Selectman's office.

### First Selectman Status Report

\*Construction at the TOB is moving along. The old ramp has been torn out and the contractors have poured the footings and walls. They expect to pull the forms down tomorrow, and back fill on Wednesday and the padding will be poured next week. The pillar work should be completed by the end of the week. First Selectwoman Wiecenski thanked the staff and residents for putting up with the construction.

\*First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that we have received a resignation letter from our Public Works' Director. Derek Dimmock's last day with the Town was last Friday. First Selectwoman Wiecenski wished him well in his future endeavors and thanked him for his service to the Town. We will begin our search for a new Director soon.

\*The search for a new Assessor continues. Rich Kryzak's last day as Assessor was Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. First Selectwoman Wiecenski thanked Mr. Kryzak for his service and wished him well in his new position in Georgia. We will begin looking at the applicants for that position.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to add item D under New Business, called "Approve the TSOMP (Transfer Station Operations Manual and Procedure).

The item was erroneously left off of the agenda when posted last week. The changes to the TSOMP will be adding the new mattress recycling program; which will be implemented on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

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

### Public Works

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that the Public Works' crew is gearing up for the winter season and we have a fantastic crew; many of them who have been with the town for several years.

#### A. Director Position Vacancy

First Selectwoman Wiecenski compiled job descriptions from several towns for the Director position and was hopeful that she would have had a draft for the Selectmen to review at this meeting, but it is not completed yet. Ours is missing some key components that First Selectwoman Wiecenski feels should be outlined. She will email a draft as well as the current description to the Selectmen so they can review and discuss at the next meeting. Given the nature of the position, it is important that we take our time to make sure we fill the position with the right person.

### New Business

#### A. Formation of the Willington Sustainability & Energy (WiSE) Committee

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that this would be a new committee formed and take place of the existing Energy Advisory Committee. We were contacted by Soha Hosiani asking for assistance in starting up the Committee. Mr. Hosiani had intended to be at the meeting, but was travelling and was held up. Most of the proposed commission members were in attendance.

Mr. Hosiani had emailed reference of the goals the committee will have, which is broken down in three sections:

Education - To inform the citizens of our town of ways to increase energy efficiency, decrease environmental impact, and apply for programs through energy providers, the state, and federal government.

Improvement - Assess energy consumption and efficiency in the town owned buildings. Provide a report with findings and possible solutions.

Change - Through education and process improvement, our end objective is to achieve change in Willington's environment footprint. To create sustainable systems for the health and well being of future generations.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that this Committee hasn't even been formed and they are starting off with 7 willing members.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to form a committee called the Willington Sustainability & Energy (WiSE) Committee comprised of 7 members with three year terms. The Committee will be charged with educating residents of ways to increase energy efficiency, decrease environmental impact and apply for programs through energy providers, the state and federal Government. The Committee will also assess energy consumption and efficiency in the Town owned buildings and provide a report of finds and solutions to Elected Officials.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

Selectman Blessington asked what this committee would do that the other one (EAC) did not?

Karen Warner stated that she believes the EAC was focused on getting baselines for energy usage in Town owned buildings and lessening environmental impact. She said she feels there are other ways the new Committee wants to go about contributing to sustainability in a broader sense.

Selectman Blessington said that the Town buildings were assessed for efficiency a few years ago and Eversource has a program that was pushed through the town a few years as well.

About half of the members from the EAC will transition over to the new Committee. First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that this will not cost the town anything. It will have a different and increased focus and the members are looking to educate the community. It is not often that we have something come with a full slate of people. First Selectwoman Wiecenski suggested that the terms should be staggered at first so the terms do not all expire at once.

Selectman Blessington said that he doesn't have any objections, but is hopeful that no money will be spent.

The EAC will be disbanded at a future meeting.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski amended her motion:

To form a committee called the Willington Sustainability & Energy (WiSE) Committee comprised of 7 members with staggered initial terms; 3-three year; 2 two year and 2 one year terms and three year terms thereafter. The Committee will be charged with educating residents of ways to increase energy efficiency, decrease environmental impact and apply for programs through energy providers, the state and federal Government. The Committee will also assess energy consumption and efficiency in the Town owned buildings and provide a report of finds and solutions to Elected Officials.

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

## **B. Appointments**

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to re-appoint Carol Jordan as a Regular member of the Conservation Commission; effective December 1, 2018; expiring December 1, 2021.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to appoint Mark Drobney as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission; effective December 1, 2018; expiring December 1, 2021.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

\*Mr. Drobney was a regular member; now appointed as an alternate.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to appoint Jackie Kulig as a regular member of the Conservation Commission; effective December 1, 2018; expiring December 1, 2021.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

\*Ms. Kulig was an alternate member; now appointed as a regular member.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to appoint Soha Hosaini as a regular member of the Willington Sustainability & Energy (WiSE) Committee; effective November 5, 2018; expiring November 4, 2021.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to appoint Karen Warner as a regular member of the Willington Sustainability & Energy (WiSE) Committee; effective November 5, 2018; expiring November 4, 2021.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to appoint Bill Luchon as a regular member of the Willington Sustainability & Energy (WiSE) Committee; effective November 5, 2018; expiring November 4, 2021.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to appoint Don Berg as a regular member of the Willington Sustainability & Energy (WiSE) Committee; effective November 5, 2018; expiring November 4, 2020.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to appoint Pam Wheeler as a regular member of the Willington Sustainability & Energy (WiSE) Committee; effective November 5, 2018; expiring November 4, 2020.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to appoint Norm Nadeau as a regular member of the Willington Sustainability & Energy (WiSE) Committee; effective November 5, 2018; expiring November 4, 2019.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to appoint Carolyn Johnston as a regular member of the Willington Sustainability & Energy (WiSE) Committee; effective November 5, 2018; expiring November 4, 2019.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to appoint Katherine St. Germain as a regular member of the Willington Parks and Recreation Commission effective December 1, 2018, expiring December 14, 2021.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

*\*Ms. St. Germain was appointed in September, but her position was filling a vacancy that was to expire in December.*

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski thanked all of the members who are serving on these committee/commissions.

### C. Tax Refunds

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$58.93 to Roland Savoir III on a certificate of Correction. Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$78.59 to Toyota Lease Trust on a Certificate of Correction.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$555.43 to Vault Trust on a Certificate of Correction. Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

### D. Approve updated TSOMP (Transfer Station Operation Manual and Procedure)

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that a new recycling bin for clean mattresses is being implemented at the Transfer Station. We currently accept mattresses in the bulky bin, but charge residents \$10 to dispose of them. The recycling program will begin on November 10<sup>th</sup> and we will no longer charge residents for taking clean mattresses in. If a mattress is soiled, a \$20 fee will be charged. The fee will cover what we are charged from Willimantic Waste to dispose of them.

Residents will be responsible for stacking their clean mattresses into the recycling bin. The recycling fee that is charged when purchasing a new mattress will cover the cost of this program.

The changes to the TSOMP are as follows:

*Page 13 Appendix A add: 40 C.Y. walk in container for mattress & box spring recycling.*

*Page 18 Appendix F change: mattresses & box springs to \$ 20.00 each non-recyclable (soiled) condition.*

*Page 19 Appendix G add: 40 C.Y. walk in container for mattress & box spring recycling.*

The Transfer Station page on the website will be updated once the recycling begins. Eileen will also be working on flyers to announce the changes.

Selectman Blessington said that he was under the impression that we were not able to recycle mattresses for quite some time. Resident Bill Luchon clarified that the state changed the law – there is a \$9 fee added to every new mattress purchase. The fee covers the cost of recycling the old mattresses. Recycling consists of stripping out the steel and fabric and properly recycles the materials properly.

Mr. Luchon said that we are one of the last towns to implement this program.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski added that this program will be very helpful to our residents. We are in the process of getting the announcements out to promote the program.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to change the TSOMP with the above referenced changes. Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

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

## Old Business

### **A. Speeding and Noise Concerns – A discussion with the Connecticut State Police**

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that the Selectmen have had several discussions over the last few months about speeding and noise issues.

A speed trailer had been placed on Cisar Road from October 12<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> and the results have been sent to the Selectmen for review. First Selectwoman Wiecenski thanked the Town of Stafford for loaning us the trailer and forwarding the data.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that the data from October 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> shows an average speed of 26-30MPH and 31-35MPH. Jason Wentworth, who lives on Cisar Road stated that the speed trailer was put on a corner, which was not a very good spot. First Selectwoman Wiecenski clarified that the trailer was put in a location where we received permission. She added that it only recorded data from one direction and to be honest, we know it isn't 100% accurate, because people usually slow down when they see it sitting there.

Selectwoman Makuch suggested looking into purchasing our own speed trailer; one which could be moved around town on various roads. She added that one of the studies that the Selectmen had looked at over the summer found that there is no long term solution for speeding. Something that is put out short term might have a larger impact, unfortunately, because it is short term is the downfall; however if it is something that would benefit more than one section of town, might be worth it. She then reiterated that we have limited options. The upside, would be that we would at least get data from the trailer, once it is no longer effective to slow traffic.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski added that the Board will resume research into temporary speed bumps, but would rather wait until we get a new Public Works' Director in place. She added that now is not the time to implement those because it is almost winter. Studies have shown speed bumps are not always effective and not really favorable; as sometimes the cars end up driving on residents yards, to avoid the speed bumps.

Selectman Blessington asked where this data came from in October? The speed limit is listed as 35MPH; but handwritten as 30MPH. He noted that data did not report a speed over 45MPH. Jason Wentworth stated that the study done in 2015 showed an average speed of 65MPH. He said everyone thinks it is 45 MPH, but it is much more than that.

Sabrina Wentworth then asked Sergeant Duda if Troop C would be willing to add more patrolmen on our roads to make the area safer? Sergeant Duda clarified that they only have a limited amount of patrols and there is only one Trooper assigned to Willington. He noted that the data provided does not show a problem in that area and would not be able to justify having someone sit out there for 45MPH average. Mr. Wentworth argued that the data was incorrect because the trailer was placed on a sharp corner, and he then stated if Sergeant Duda could review the data from October, 2015, it will show an average of 65MPH on that road. The Selectmen reviewed the file and found the data from 2015, where it was not listed as average speed, but rather the maximum speed captured was 61.5MPH from 2 vehicles. The average speed on the 2015 report was clocked at 45MPH.

Ms. Wentworth added that the speeding happens all times of the day and there have been 2 significant accidents over the past year. One was a head-on collision and the other was a car into a tree. People have to be speeding pretty fast to have that happen. Sergeant Duda asked if they have ever called the troop? The Wentworths said they call all of the time. Ms. Wentworth added that they have found when there is police presence, the traffic slows down; but once they disappear, it is like they were never there. They cannot walk on the road and it has gotten worse over the years. They welcome any suggestions that Sergeant Duda has to help calm the traffic.

Selectwoman Makuch is aware of the speed, having lived in that area. She added that the challenge is that we have minimal resources and minimal options and suggested that we look into the speed deterrents that we have talked about over the past few months and continue to speak with Troop C about patrols. There is no permanent solution.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that we also do not have a budget for this but will plan to discuss during budget time. She warned that even if it goes through the Selectmen's budget, it could get cut from the Board of Finance as they have more control over the Selectmen's budget.

Todd Bissonnette asked if it would be a possibility for the Selectmen to hire a trooper (and pay for their overtime) to run patrols? First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that it could be possible, however the Selectmen would have to figure out how much funding to set aside and then determine which roads would be patrolled. There are many roads in town that have speeding issues.

Selectwoman Makuch added that the Selectmen should seek updated information and revisit the Resident State Trooper option.

Maureen Lowe-Choa-Lee stated that it appears that we live in a lawless town and the residents seem to like it that way; she noted that it does not appear that the town is willing to grow with the population as far as putting laws and ordinances in place. First Selectwoman Wiecenski disagreed that we are a lawless town – that is not true. Selectwoman Makuch stated it seems there is a lot of town pushback, even though it seems as what is best for the town; still needs to be voted on at Town Meeting by the townspeople. She noted that one of the last ordinances that was put in place was an Adult Oriented Business Ordinance; which had over an hour and a half discussion and still only passed by a few votes. The town is very hesitant to approve any new ordinances; but she does not feel it is justified not to try to put it through if it is something that would be good for the town.

Sergeant Duda reiterated that he is not trying to brush off speed patrols, but there is one trooper assigned for Willington and he clarified that speeding is a lower priority as long as nothing else is going on. He will try to put Troopers on the roads if they have manpower.

Mr. and Mrs. Lazzerini complained about a neighbor that they are having issues with and asked if there is anything the Troop could do? The neighbor has made the neighborhood uneasy with his actions; such as burning out and loud music.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that she had forwarded some of the DEEP regulations to Sergeant Duda for review. Sergeant Duda had reviewed the regulations and had spoken with a DEEP Officer about them. The DEEP Officer was not in favor of enforcing noise regulations on private property.

Todd Bissonnette thanked Sergeant Duda for coming to the meeting and reiterated that he is not looking to add burden to fellow taxpayers. He is just looking for residents to have their peace of mind and quality of life – similar to what we went through when the State was trying to put the State Police gun range in town. He added that this is known as the quiet corner and that is why he chose to retire here. Mr. Bissonnette stated that some of these regulations apply to private property and some apply to state property. He then read EPA section 14a that states that excessive noise is not allowed.

Mr. Bissonnette then read the noise law act of 1970; section 14a of the Environmental Protection Act which states: *that at any time of the day excessive noise is not allowed/against the law.* Section 48a of Environmental Protection Act of 1970 makes it *an offense to create an unreasonable noise on residential property of any time of the day.* Mr. Bissonnette read further statutes recorded from the Secretary of State with decibel regulations. Mr. Bissonnette added that they are experiencing a private nuisance that occurs on a private property. He reiterated that it is against the law

whenever somebody prevents or disturbs your enjoyment of your property. (adding that it has been happening to him). We are asking what can we do? Mr. Bissonnette said he calls the police and shows them videos of what is going on and the police tell him that what is happening is against the law but there is nothing they can do without the town having an ordinance in place. The police tell Mr. Bissonnette that the town doesn't need an ordinance because it falls under breach of peace and disorderly conduct. Sergeant Duda asked if any arrests have been made and what they are doing? Mr. Bissonnette stated that the neighbors are running quads on their property; but it has been quiet for a while now and they haven't had any issues. First Selectwoman Wiecenski clarified that she believes that it may have been resolved when the neighbors all came to a Selectmen meeting to discuss and work it out over the summer.

When the State Troopers come out, they are polite and cordial, but tell Mr. Bissonnette that they cannot make an arrest. The neighbors are running quads with open heads on their property and they are blowing donuts in their front yard, which emits 110db and is as loud in his house; which he feels is against the law. He then said the State Statute says you have the constitutional right to live free and not be bothered by your neighbor who is making unnecessary noise. He then said the laws are clearly written and defined. First Selectwoman Wiecenski then clarified that we do not have an ordinance in place so therefore it does not fall to the town to enforce. Mr. Bissonnette then asked who enforces it? Selectman Blessington said the State Police enforce.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski said in lieu of an ordinance, the enforcement does not come from the town and you would take it to the state police. If you contact the police and they tell you something different than what you believe the action should be taking, the Selectmen cannot do anything about that or change it. Sergeant Duda said that something like that would fall under the DEEP.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that when this Board took office, the issue was a previous Board of Selectmen discussion that had been taken care of. It had recently been brought back to this Board to look into. We are trying to work with you to find a solution. The reason why we asked the State Police to come was because we had looked to see how other towns handle this situation. It was found that none of the towns that have a lack of police force have an ordinance in place because there is no way to enforce it. All other ordinances refer to their law enforcement agency.

The Selectmen asked Sergeant Duda what we can do moving forward? Sergeant Duda said he already spoke with DEEP and they are not going to take away someone's right to ride a dirtbike – especially on their own property. Mr. Bissonnette said it has nothing to do with DEEP but rather Connecticut General Statutes. Sergeant Duda then asked Mr. Bissonnette what he would like to see done? Mr. Bissonnette then said he just wants the neighbor to put a muffler on his quad - there are statutes that say this type of activity should not be going on and law enforcement should be enforcing when it happens. He then went on to say that the Statutes restrict noise from private property if it is an annoyance and a nuisance over a certain decibel onto another property. Mr. Bissonnette added that he understands that private property is not governed by the DEEP; but rather the municipality or State Police. – whether it be noise coming from a loud boom box or a dirtbike/ATV that is disrupting the peace.

Mr. Bissonnette stated that this has been going on for a long time and he is frustrated. His girlfriend has health issues that is affected by noise and he has been asking for help. When he calls the State Police to come out, they tell him that they would love to help (enforce) but they cannot without an Ordinance. Mr. Bissonnette then asked where do we go from here? Sergeant Duda asked when the noise is happening. Mr. Bissonnette said it usually happens on the weekends during the day. There are adults and children riding their quads and he just wants to not have to hear it come over his property line and he wants it enforced. Martin Drobney stated that once the neighbors had seen how many neighbors were fed up with it (over the summer at a Selectmen's meeting) they seemed to get it and have lessened the activity since then.

Sergeant Duda clarified that there is no way you can take away anyone's rights to ride a dirt bike on their own property. Martin Drobney disagreed, noting that if they made a tangible impact on his property, he believes he

could. Sergeant Duda then warned that unless you can show him case law that someone's rights to ride a dirt bike on their own property have been taken away, there is no way to enforce that.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski read a portion of the regulations: "neither statutes nor cases interpreted them explicitly authorize municipalities to regulate dirt bike use on private property; however it appears municipalities may exercise this authority pursuant to their zoning powers or regulations to general municipal powers through an Ordinance. – there are ways to go about this – which we have been discussing for a while. We are now at the point if we move forward would be to take a drafted Ordinance to Town Meeting and that is where all of the residents in town are going to be able to vote on it. She then asked who is going to enforce it? All of the ordinances that exist in Connecticut are from a municipality that has their own law enforcement – whether it be a Resident State Trooper or their own police force.

Maureen Lowe-Choa Lee clarified that she presented the Selectmen with three different municipalities who do not have any police force a few weeks ago. The Selectmen clarified that those three municipalities have the ordinance in place, but do not enforce because they don't have personnel.

Selectwoman Makuch stated that she says the same statement at every meeting: - We are challenged because we do not have anybody on staff who is qualified or able to do metering. That has to be someone who is legally trained and legally able to issue citations. We are in a position where we have to either go all in or we can't do this at all. Until we have a certified person, we cannot write an Ordinance where we have nobody to enforce. She added that the Selectmen have been discussing this at the last few meetings. In the meantime, we have to rely on the State Police.

Additionally, the Town would have to create an appeals process and how appeals would be handled. We have nothing to go by other than a he said/ he said situation. Selectwoman Makuch then reiterated that we would have to figure out who would be authorized to write a ticket or we'd need to figure out how to properly train someone to do so. In the case of the neighbor who is playing loud music all day, Sergeant Duda suggested the Police would be able to enforce that (without an ordinance) by issuing a ticket for creating a public disturbance. First Selectwoman Wiecenski then asked how do the police determine if it falls under a public disturbance. Sergeant Duda said that each case is different and subjected to the trooper handling the situation. Sergeant Duda then cautioned that it is difficult to enforce a noise situation without having someone sitting there measuring the noise without the proper equipment or a calibrated meter. It is nearly impossible, because by the time the officers show up, it most likely has stopped. He said is the same with speed – unless a trooper is clocking someone driving by on radar, it is impossible to track the actual speed. He added that it would never hold up in court if there is no charge.

Sergeant Duda then stated that he does not believe that the Town needs an Ordinance. There should be no reason why the troop cannot handle situations if they are illegal, or disturbing the peace. Mr. Bissonnette said that the previous Board of Selectmen had discussed the same thing a few years ago, and determined that the State Police would be able to handle the situation, rather than adopt an ordinance but he has called them several times over the past few years and they come to his house, but they don't do anything about it. All the troopers that come out tell him that it is unreasonable because it is so loud, but they don't address it. Sergeant Duda said that he has no problem having the troopers take care of it, but warned if it gets tossed out in court, then there is nothing else they will be able to do.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that we really haven't gotten the answers that we are looking for. We need to figure out where to go as a Board. Selectman Blessington said we are back to square one with this. We came to the conclusion with this board (and the previous board) that there is nothing that we (the Selectmen) can do. You can call the state police because they should be able to handle it. He then asked Mr. Bissonnette if he has considered civil litigation. Mr. Bissonnette said he has been taking the steps and litigation is one of the last steps (after speaking with law enforcement and town officials). He noted that his issues have stopped almost entirely since mid-summer.

Sergeant Duda reiterated that he sees no reason for the town to adopt a noise ordinance at this time. Mr. Bissonnette was in agreement – he has been saying that since day one. First Selectwoman Wiecenski said this frustrates her because he has been coming to the Board about adopting the ordinance regularly over the past few months.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski said she feels like we have been going around in circles about this. She wishes she had an answer to some of these issues.

#### Good & Welfare

CRCOG (the Capitol Region Council of Governments) in which Willington is a member, along with each of the 38 municipalities in the Capitol Region has updated the region's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. A Public Draft of the Plan is available for review on the Town's website for those who are interested. Comments or questions can be emailed to Lynne Pike DiSanto at: [Lpikedisanto@crcog.org](mailto:Lpikedisanto@crcog.org). Comments are due by November 21, 2018.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski reluctantly accepted a letter of retirement from our Assistant Tax Collector, Nancy Vogel. Ms. Vogel has been with the Town for over 18 years and was Democrat Registrar of Voters before transferring to the Tax office. Her last day with the Town will be December 4, 2018. First Selectwoman Wiecenski thanked Ms. Vogel for her service to the Town.

Tomorrow is Election Day. The Selectmen reminded everyone to get out and vote. The Town Office Building will be open for voting, but will be closed to the public because of the construction out front. Election Day Registration will be available to those who are not registered. The TOB will resume regular operations on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 P.M.**

**Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
*Robin Campbell*  
Administrative Assistant