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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
Lower Level Conference Room

October 7, 2019
6:30 PM

**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 Boritz & Blessington, Superintendent Stevens, Catherine Marx of the US Census Bureau and residents. First Selectwoman Wiecenski then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2019 with the following correction: Selectwoman Boritz was not in attendance and remove her as voting under approval of minutes at that meeting.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

Vote: 2Yes (Wiecenski & Blessington) 0 No 1 Abstain (Boritz)

Present to Speak

Catherine S. Marx; Partnership Specialist of the New York Division US Census Bureau was present. She held a brief presentation on the upcoming 2020 US Census explaining why it is safe, easy and important. The U.S. Census Bureau is the largest statistical agency in the United States. Census takers are in the field now performing address canvassing. The Census is mandated by Article 1; Section 2 of the US Constitution that a census must be conducted every 10 years ending in zero since 1790.

Ms. Marx stated that the Census shapes the community, determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and defines congressional and state legislative districts, school districts as well as voting precincts. Most importantly, it determines the annual allocation of federal funding.

The goal for this upcoming Census is to count everyone only once and in the right place. Private information is never published. Personal information collected cannot be used against respondents by any government agency or court. Census Bureau employees are sworn to protect confidentiality for life. Anyone found in violation is subject to severe penalties, including a federal prison sentence of up to five years, a fine of \$250,000 or both.

There are four ways to respond to the 2020 Census: (in 12 languages in addition to English)

- online
- phone
- paper or
- a personal visit by Census Employees.

It is estimated that the Census will only take 10 minutes to fill out. They will never ask for money or social security numbers, or anything on behalf of a political party.

The timeline is as follows:

*March 12-20 – an invitation to respond online

*March 16-4 – A reminder letter is sent

*March 26-April 3 – A reminder post card is sent

*April 8-16 – a reminder letter and paper questionnaire

April 20-27 A final reminder postcard before they follow up in person.

Lastly, Ms. Marx added that the Census is hiring! – Anyone interested is encouraged to go to their website: <https://2020census.gov/jobs>. There are several jobs to choose from in Connecticut.

April 1, 2020 is Census Day. For clarification; if a child is split 50/50 between parents; the place where that child lays their head to rest on April 1st is where they should be counted on Census day. All data must be tabulated and released to the President of the United States on December 31, 2020.

Complete Count Committees have been set up throughout the state among towns. Committees can be made up of 3 – 60 people which will assist the census workers in getting accurate counts. Members in Willington might consist of elected officials, library workers, senior center members, faith based members as well as school leaders. Ms. Marx added that the Census has many tools to assist Willington in getting the information out to the residents, noting that it is very important for renters and UCONN students to partake in the Census as well. The Data Dissemination Program is a free resource to residents; giving opportunities to teach the public how to access data. The tools and data is available at www.census.gov.

The complete presentation is attached to the minutes and will be loaded to the Town's website.

Selectwoman Boritz asked how long the personal information will remain confidential. Ms. Marx stated at least 70 years – outside a person's lifetime.

Jennie Arpin, Human Services Director asked if the Truck Stop will be counted; for example if a trucker were to be staying overnight at the Truck Stop on April 1st, would they be counted? Ms. Marx then clarified, in that case, that the April 1st date would not be used, but rather where they reside most of the time is where they would be counted. Stuart Cobb noted that there are a few residents who live at the hotel, and want to be sure they are counted when the time comes. Robert Jellen asked if there is any update on the question of citizenship regarding Wilbur Ross and the President. Ms. Marx stated that the forms have been printed and it does not include the question.

First Selectwoman Wicinski thanked Ms. Marx for her presentation. She added that the Selectmen will be discussing the formation of a count committee later in the meeting and will pass the information along once it has been adopted.

James Makuch asked if the water system discussion is on the agenda. First Selectwoman Wicinski stated it was.

Jim Bulick stated he has heard a lot of discussion regarding a new school but has not seen anything pass through the Board of Finance. When you start bonding out \$23 million over 30 years it equals about 2.7 mils. For a median house value of about \$214,000; equates to about \$590 per household per year increase – this could have some serious impact. He noted that one of the most important things is that this should be brought before the Board of Finance and also have some professional bond people take a look at it. He added if we are doing that, we should also take a look at other building's needs around town that need to be considered and in addition, not to forget that the Fire Department is looking for financial help for their recent land purchase. He stated that he is looking for a complete thoughtful approach to this.

Donna Cook submitted a letter to the Selectmen asking them when making a decision to build a new school, to consider the entire impact of that decision; such as having two vacant schools in town. She asked if the estimated construction includes new furniture, fixtures and technology, or will that come at additional costs? The letter will be forwarded to the entire Board of Selectmen.

Peter Latincsics added a follow up to Mr. Bulick's comments; noting that he is concerned about the totality of this project and disappointed with the Board of Education that this project was not submitted to our Capital Improvement Committee; nor was our Planning and Zoning Commission involved. These boards should be involved with important questions such as our bonding capacity and the impact of vacant buildings. He strongly encourages the Board of Selectmen to be involved in those discussions as well. Lastly, he asks that the discussion be cross sectioned as a community so that senior citizens will have their input as well as parents and all residents are well represented.

Brenda Abrams is concerned about a \$597 per month increase added to everyone's taxes. First Selectwoman Wieceński clarified that Mr. Bulick's synopsis was an estimation and it was per year/ per household, not per month.

Donald Parizek stated he is opposed to building a new school. We have 2 perfectly good schools that are well maintained. He does not see a need for it – especially with the drop in enrollment.

Correspondence

A list of Correspondence was available for the Selectmen.

Public Works

Public Works' Director Troy Sposato was present. He went over the list of items the crew has been busy with:

- Installed stone dust in the exercise work out area at RRRC
- Roadside mowing is continuing around town
- Meeting with DEEP about MS4 water systems
- Lindon Tree has been removing hazardous trees starting on Balazs, Potter School, Daleville, and Turnpike
- Jeff has been working on many repairs on the trucks and getting ready for the winter
- Fixed sinking dry hydrant trench on Jared Sparks Rd
- Installed two traffic signs one on Cisar Rd and one at Hall's School
- Paved trench on Luchon Rd
- Starting to fix curb around town
- Fixed driveway aprons around town and patched holes
- Installed new drainage at Center School upper parking lot
- The new motor for the trash compactor was installed
- Removed trees on Turnpike Ext
- Update on the concrete testing

Troy stated that he and Stuart Cobb tested out 2 portable radios and was very impressed. The radios were clear – even in spots where they currently do not have service. The reception was excellent. Troy said he is hopeful that we can install 5 radios before the winter months.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted at one of the last Board of Finance meetings, Stuart had inquired to about using the approved funding for the radios instead of the original intended project which was repeaters (instead of going through an entire new process). The Board of Finance stated that it was still in the same scope (improved radio coverage) and there was no need to start the process over. They will be able to use the funds to purchase new radios for the vehicles we have now and as we get more funds, expand to the entire fleet.

Troy stated unfortunately we can't seem to find another contractor for snow removal this coming winter. He has reached out to numerous people and no one wants to do it. We have a person, but no truck to plow a route. We have a spare truck, but it is 19 years old; and would rather not use it to plow for safety reasons. Because of this, he has begun research on purchasing a new truck or used truck. He said it is hard to find a used truck that is reliable and worth spending the money.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that we have a new truck lease incorporated into next year's budget which is slated to go through the CIP process. She said our options are either put the spare truck (that is in much need of repair) out on the road with no back up; keep the plow runs as they are and divide up the last run over 4 runs. By doing so would add to the existing runs. Troy clarified that it might not sound like a lot, but even adding an extra mile in an ice event or large storm is a risk.

Troy noted that the spare truck is currently used to plow and sand all of the lots. If it is used to plow, then the lots will not get done in a timely fashion. He submitted two new-truck quotes for consideration. One is for a lighter duty truck \$161,452.91 and the other is a heavier –duty \$197,904.35. The light-duty truck is in stock. The heavy duty truck would have to be built and would be ready by the end of January/early February. The bids are off of the state contract. First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that we would be looking at leasing, adding that there isn't any funding in the budget for a new truck; it would mean going before the Board of Finance. We seem to find ourselves in this position more and more.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that we also are having an issue with the boiler at the TOB. Troy noted that EMCOR had been here over the summer to survey the equipment and it was noted that the boiler was in need of replacement. They noted that there was lack of maintenance on it, the exhaust pipe is rotted and flue pipe is gone. A few days ago, they were called in again because the heat was not working and they said that the motor seized. They were able to get it running again, but it is just a matter of time before it needs to be replaced at a cost of \$2,200. The cost to replace the entire furnace is \$13,970.

Troy added that the oil tanks at the Old Town Hall have also been found to be past their life expectancy and are in need of replacement – ASAP. Oil is beginning to drip on the floor. EMCOR noted that the cleanup for something like that would end up costing more than replacing the two tanks. This is an urgent priority. The cost to replace the tanks is estimated to be \$4,970.

Selectwoman Boritz asked how long the speed control signs have been out for? Troy stated that one has been up on Cisar for about two weeks and the other was just put up at Hall School today. The other sign will be moved to other areas of concern in the future. We will bring the data to Troop C.

New Business

A. Consideration of Resolution – Formation of Complete Count Committee for 2020 Census

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that she heard that people have already been out canvassing around town over the past few weeks. We shared some information regarding this on the town's website. As Ms. Marx mentioned, Census workers should always be easily identifiable.

We looked at different Resolutions that have been adopted by surrounding towns and drafted one that would fit Willington.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to adopt the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION
TO FORM COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE
FOR 2020 CENSUS**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution requires the federal government to count the population every ten years and the U.S. Census Bureau has the duty and responsibility to complete the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the official population count established by the 2020 Census is used to determine representation in state and federal government which is the foundation of our country's representative democracy; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census numbers are also used to determine the level of federal funding for state and local jurisdictions, including the distribution of important resources for health care, education, communication, transportation, infrastructure, senior services, public safety and social services, as well as providing key data for non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors and the International City/County Management Association recommend the establishment of a Complete Count Committee in order to increase awareness and motivate residents to respond to the 2020 Census questionnaire; and

WHEREAS, a Complete Count Committee is comprised of a cross section of local community groups with the mission to ensure that the importance of the 2020 Census is effectively communicated to as many residents as possible through locally based targeted outreach efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Willington establish a Complete Count Committee comprised of up to four members with representation from every aspect of the local community, including Human Services, faith based and community based organizations, library education & Government. Members will be appointed at a future date.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

Selectman Blessington asked if it should only be up to 4 members. First Selectwoman Wiecenski said we can make it more or less. Being a smaller town it is more difficult to find people from within our staff. She added that Jennie Arpin, Human Services Director has expressed interest in participating. This is to help make sure everyone is counted, only counted once and in the correct place. It is important to have the correct information because those numbers could have money allocated for Willington.

Selectwoman Boritz stated she would be in favor of increasing the members as well and might like to see membership from Emergency Services and perhaps from ITAVH (It Takes A Village Hill). Selectman Blessington then asked if we could add a youth group as well. He then stated that 4 would be too small and would like to see up to 8 members.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski amended the motion to have the last paragraph read:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Willington establish a Complete Count Committee comprised of up to eight members with representation from every aspect of the local community, including Human Services, faith based and community based organizations, library education & Government. Members will be appointed at a future date.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that she will start reaching out to the different organizations to see if there is any interest in serving on the committee.

Robert Jellen stated that he has concern in regards to the census that it is political. He thinks (in the interest of oversight) it would be a good idea to have someone represent the two major political parties in town. First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that Ms. Marx noted that this is not to be political and anyone is welcome to serve if they are interested.

B. Resident's request for refund of building permit fees from 2017

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that our Building Official had received a request for a refund of building permit fees at 119 River Road. The application was pulled on 12/29/2017 in the amount of \$2,460. Mr. Rupert added that the application never resulted in an approved permit. It was recommended that \$460 be retained to offset the cost of staff time and state fees that were paid on behalf of the application.

Adam Zalonis, the applicant who is requesting the refund was present. Mr. Zalonis stated that they executed the permits in good faith, but incurred unexpected medical expenses and are unable to move forward at this time. He stated that he is hopeful they will be able to pursue the project in the future some time.

Selectman Blessington stated he is in favor of returning the fees other than the state fees.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$2,000 of the building permit fees to the homeowner.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

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

C. School Building Committee Discussion

We received a letter from Superintendent Stevens on September 20th that the BOE unanimously voted to recommend the Board of Selectmen establish a school building committee. The motion read: *The Board of Education request the Board of Selectmen appoint a committee to pursue the building of a preschool through eighth-grade school on a site other than the current Center Elementary and Hall Memorial School.*

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to establish an 11 member School Building committee to explore the building of a new Pre K -8 school on a new site for an indefinite term. The committee will include: Member of the BOE, 1 Member of the BOF, 1 Member of the BOE Staff, 1 member with Construction Industry experience, 1 First Selectman or his/her designee, 5 members from the community at large and the Superintendent as a member ex-officio.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

Superintendent Stevens and BOE Chairman Michelle Doucette-Cunningham were in attendance. Superintendent Stevens noted that this has been many years in the making and then gave a brief presentation on how they got to this point.

Center School was built in 1952 and HMS was built in 1922. Superintendent Stevens clarified that the Town does not own the school but owns the driveway and lower field. The last facilities study was completed in 1987, noted deficiencies some of which are still there. In 1992, it was recommended for the school facility to find land to purchase but the search was unsuccessful. The Youngerman property has been mentioned on a few occasions, but the land has been found unusable.

Superintendent Stevens noted because of declining enrollment, regionalization discussions were held between Ashford and Mansfield in 2009 – 2010; but it was determined it would end up costing more. In 2016 the same discussions were held with Mansfield, but did not go very far because of unpopularity among residents in both towns.

The latest study was performed in 2016 and was finalized in 2017. The study has been posted on the school's website for quite some time. Superintendent Stevens added that he has been told by many people that both schools are fine, but these studies identify millions of dollars of things that need to be repaired or upgraded— and these things will not guarantee the longevity of the buildings.

There were several options given in the latest study (broken down into sections - the first were with maintaining 2 schools; however they were more costly – especially if we were to bring both schools up to code; it would end up costing more than an entire new school. Superintendent Stevens clarified the cost would remain more because we would still be maintaining two schools. The other options were consolidating into one school; using either of the schools – again, would end up costing more to bring up to code and renovation (adding on) costs. Option 6 was to renovate CES, keep PK-5th grade and send 6-8 grade out of district and that option was the most unpopular. Building a new school on CES grounds was also removed, because we would lose field & parking space. In 2019, the BOE had requested new options to build a new school on a new site.

Superintendent Stevens noted that the BOE debated the concept of a single school and discussed funding options over a lengthy period of time. The BOE held a survey and tried to engage the community as much as possible. Four community engagement events were held over a period of time, and each were just “ok” in attendance - the one held at the Senior Center had the highest attendance. Round table discussions were also held on the topic. The BOE eliminated all options at a recent meeting; due to several factors; leaving options 8A and 8B; one consolidated school on a new site (with the option of an auditorium). The BOE felt adding an auditorium is not their decision to make- it would be the building committee's job to determine the specs of a new building. Superintendent Stevens made it clear that we do not have any parcel of land identified at this time and no land has been pursued.

First Selectwoman Wicewski thanked Superintendent Stevens. The motion that was made was for an 11 member committee. It is important to include a wide cross section of people to be involved. She stated that we need to decide who those 11 members will be. We will receive applications from those interested and determine who will be the one to decide who will be chosen. First Selectwoman Wicewski clarified that it is very important that we get a wide cross section of residents who will serve. She added that one of the members will have “construction industry experience” – this is a new state requirement as of July 1st.

A charge must be drafted as well. She added that the largest hurdle that the committee will face is finding land. The last study held in 1992 resulted in a dead end because they could not find any land. First Selectwoman Wicewski cautioned that we could run into that again. In addition, the committee would have to study the impact of abandoning the schools – and decide how to move forward with them.

Selectwoman Boritz clarified the formation of this new committee is a recommendation – not making it a fact that indeed a new school is going to happen. It is important to hold conversations and explore options. First Selectwoman Wicewski agreed; noting that forming this committee does not guarantee that we will build a new school next year or the year after – the School Building Committee would go before the Board of Finance who would discuss bonding options once they determine all of the details. Several steps will be involved along a very lengthy process.

Selectman Blessington stated he is looking at the cost of this and wonders where we are going to come up with the money. He then asked if there is a cost limit set? First Selectwoman Wicewski noted that the costs will be determined once the building committee gather the details. She then cautioned that there are

limits and guidelines to building a new school - the square footage will be based on enrollment, etc. (the state sets as they reimburse a portion of the funding).

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that there will be some costs involved with this board. They will want to hire a recording secretary and perhaps an architect down the road. Selectman Blessington asked if Land Use should be involved to determine whether the land is suitable. Superintendent Stevens said there are companies who specifically focus on that. They help identify the areas that will best suit our needs; noting that farmland actually costs more to develop, and if we found land near existing utilities will cost less.

Selectman Blessington asked how the members at large will be chosen for this committee. First Selectwoman Wiecenski said we will need to determine that. She noted that there is a blueprint that can be followed. Tolland and Mansfield recently went through this and we can perhaps follow what they have done. That might help us decide on the credentials we are looking for.

Selectman Blessington noted that there are people who are not pleased with this whole idea - they are questioning whether it is affordable or not. If you are going to have a building committee - we are going to have people on both sides of the argument (of who wants a school vs. who think it is a bad idea). Selectwoman Boritz clarified that it is incumbent of people who have varying perspectives to volunteer. She then reiterated that this is not a deciding committee - everyone is going to be able to vote on this if it gets to that point. First Selectwoman Wiecenski agreed noting that everyone will have a say no matter how far it goes. She added that is why it is important to have a wide cross section across the board. These meetings will be open to the public and will give options for the public to speak. All minutes will be filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Adam Zalonis noted that transportation and infrastructure flow should be considered when finding the location; noting when school gets out in various sections of different towns, traffic can become a nightmare.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski warned it could take up to a year to find a piece of suitable land.

Peter Latincsics said it is encouraging to see that this is a feasibility exercise. He then asked for clarification in the charge of the committee. First Selectwoman Wiecenski clarified that it is an exploratory committee.

Randy Belair then asked what size land is proposed. Superintendent Stevens noted that the entire scope is based on the enrollment number, which is currently set at 19 acres, including field space.

Robert Jellen asked what the state reimbursement projection is at currently. Superintendent Stevens stated it is currently based at 54% on new construction.

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

The Selectmen thanked Superintendent Stevens and Chairman Doucette-Cunningham for their work in bringing to the Selectmen.

D. Appointments

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to re-appoint Don Berg as a regular member to the Housing Authority; effective retro-active August 2, 2019; expiring August 1, 2024

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to re-appoint Stuart Cobb as a regular member of the Capital Improvement Program Committee; effective October 7, 2019 expiring November 30, 2022.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to re-appoint Robert Shabot as a regular member of the Willington Historic District; effective retroactive January 2, 2018; expiring January 1, 2023

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to appoint Richard Mueller as a regular member of the Willington Historic District; effective retroactive January 2, 2019; expiring January 1, 2024.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to re-appoint Timothy Blauvelt as an alternate member of the Willington Historic District; effective retroactive January 2, 2018; expiring January 1, 2023.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to appoint Chad Smith as an alternate member of the Willington Historic District; TFV; effective October 7, 2019 expiring January 1, 2021.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

E. Tax Refunds

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$233.32 to EAN Holdings, LLC on a certificate of Correction.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$39.99 to Garrett Guilbault on a certificate of Correction.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$92.77 to Xiu Zhai on a certificate of Correction.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$15.14 to Jason Nelson on a certificate of Correction.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$76.33 to JAT Delivery Services, Inc. on a certificate of Correction.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$43.48 to Jon Hunziker on a certificate of Correction.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$100.65 to Michael Harnad on a certificate of Correction.

Selectman Boritz seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$57.94 to Marie Soucy on an overpayment.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$463.30 to JAT Delivery Services, Inc. on a certificate of Correction.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$473.01 to Benjamin Nichols on a certificate of Correction.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$433.00 to ACAR Leasing LTC on a certificate of Correction.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$89.58 to Kahtia Howard on a certificate of Correction.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

F. Award Contract for Concrete evaluations of Town owned buildings

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that one of the items approved on the CIP was to have the foundations tested on the municipally owned buildings. Troy submitted a quote from a CRCOG approved vendor; Structures Engineering. The quote covers the foundations at the Senior Center & pump house as well as the library. The total amount is for \$7,500 and includes 2 core samples from the Senior Center; 1 core sample from the pump house and 4 (2 interior and 2 exterior) from the library.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to award the contract for concrete testing to Ralph H. Tulis; D/B/A Structures Engineering in the amount of \$7,500.

Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.

Selectman Blessington questioned why we did not go out for a formal bid on this? First Selectwoman Wiecenski said we could go out for a formal bid, but the State Bid and CRCOG vendors have already been sought and approved.

Troy added that the cores that will be done will actually be plugs that can be taken out to look at things in the future, if need be.

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

G. Discussion – close TOB at noon for holiday party (12/13/19)

First Selectwoman Wiecenski said she would once again like to see the TOB close at noon so the employees can hold a holiday party. This year, the date that works best is Friday, December 13, 2019. Selectman Blessington and Selectwoman Boritz were in agreement; noting that it is a nice thing to do for the employees.

H. Approve 2018-2019 Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2018-2019 was prepared and submitted by Robin Campbell (which will be submitted to the Board of Finance.

A question was held on how Selectwoman Boritz should be listed on the report (as she had changed her last name during a portion of the year). Selectwoman Boritz asked to keep the name as it is now.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to approve the 2018-2019 Annual Report as written.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

Old Business

A. Review Proposed PA 490 Open Space Ordinance

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that the Selectmen had reviewed the Ordinance at their last meeting, but Selectwoman Boritz was not there. She then recapped that the PA 490 designation was an option for a municipality to adopt. The classification should not be granted if there is no ordinance in place. The classifications have been randomly applied to some parcels that are under the 5 acre minimum in the past.

We have 246 parcels ranging from 0.36 acres to 595 acres; currently designated with the open space classification. The POCD speaks to more than 5 acres. A memo sent from the PZC has requested us to keep in line with the POCD. First Selectwoman Wiecenski asked for a list of properties who currently have the designation and was given a list of 68 parcels that would be unqualified (because they are under 5 acres). Also, the last edits that were made on the proposed Ordinance was October 1, 2019 (Grand List marking period) and discussed adding in language that would make it so those parcels that are under are grandfathered.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski warned that we really should have no one under 5 acres that qualifies; therefore, if you grandfather those parcels in, it is not good practice to allow only a few handpicked parcels. – it is not fair across the board.

Selectman Blessington, who was looking at a property card stated that it would roughly cost an additional \$130 in taxes (for a 1.84 acre building lot with the excess in open space) if the open space designation was removed. He added that it sometimes makes sense to put that designation on a smaller parcel if it is wetlands and you can't build on it – so people are not paying full taxes on a building lot they can't do anything with. Selectman Blessington added he isn't sure what the criteria on this was at the time, other than perhaps common sense. He said he is willing to adopt this as long as those who have the designation are grandfathered. Selectwoman Boritz then asked if there are provisions in place if the land is sold, then the new owner would have to re-apply. Walter Topliff, Town Assessor, who was in attendance noted that there is a 10 year clause (that starts upon application process) that there will be no change of use and the land cannot be sold, otherwise penalties are invoked (a portion of the benefit that was received must be paid via conveyance tax). Other than, that, there is no re-application required.

Selectwoman Boritz cautioned that there are some challenges to this – partially because this was not done to any specifications – it should not have been done at all. The second challenge is that we are talking about a small town with a lack of funds to have a significant unbalance of how people are taxed is an issue. She said we need to consider the fact that there was no existing ordinance to begin with and the application was so random. First Selectwoman Wiecenski clarified that we know how many people were given the incorrect designation, but the thing we don't know is how many other people asked and were turned down. Our Assessor is just asking for us to put this on a level playing field.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski clarified that we should be keeping with the POCD. If we grandfather those parcels under 5 acres, then we are doing injustice to those who were denied. Mr. Topliff noted this happened in Bloomfield; who did not adopt a PA 490 Policy. Because of this, over 600 open-space parcels were removed from the grand list and it went to trial. There is a court case that defends the town's right to not only change their POCD periodically, but they also have the right to make changes (even with an adopted policy) in the future. Selectwoman Wiecenski then warned that it could happen here, if the ordinance does not pass, it could go away for everyone.

Selectman Blessington said it is just another tax increase. Why is it whenever we decide to level the playing field, the town gets the tax increase and the citizen gets the shaft. First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that this is the opposite. She clarified that we should be putting everyone on the same playing field. Unfortunately, it may be taking away from some, but it is not in keeping with the POCD, in which the townspeople voted in favor of. She said she sees it both ways – two wrongs do not make a right. Stef Summers explained if you go with the grandfather clause, then you are perpetuating inequity.

Selectwoman Boritz moved to bring PA490 Open Space Ordinance Draft to Town Meeting.

Resolved: Each parcel of record, as recorded in the assessment records, shall be treated as a separate parcel. No tacking or combination of separately assessed parcels shall be permitted to determine the eligibility of parcels for Open Space. Any residentially zoned parcel that exceeds 5 acres is eligible for treatment as Open Space for assessment purposes. No property for which the assessment is determined pursuant to the terms of Section 12-76 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time, shall be eligible. The property owner must make application for Open Space assessment as provided in the Connecticut General Statute 12-107e, as it may be amended from time to time. Effective October 1, 2019, and applicable to any and all new applications made from that date forward. This ordinance shall not apply to any parcels of record recorded prior to the effective date noted above.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

B. Update on Water Connection on Old Farms Road

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that any negotiations that we hoped to have worked out with Mr. Makuch with the agreement seemed to have stalled. – In an effort to resolve an issue that has been going on for more than a year, the proper course of action is at this point to take this matter up by the Townspeople. Mr. Makuch has stated that the Townspeople should have a say in this matter. In the way in which we do that is by vote at Town Meeting, the Town's legislative body.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski added as we went through this project, the process became more complex. When the motion was made in January, she warned everyone that we do not have a process in place and we did not have a way to administer water outside the system. It is now up to the Townspeople to decide.

Mr. Makuch argued that the issue has to do with the agreement. He said it turned out all of the statements about not having anyone to administer the water or a process were wrong.. The Manager at

White Water made it clear they have been running it (and prior to them CT Water ran it) and they have people in place; meters are read each month. He added that it has been 16 months with lawyers. The Town spent a fortune of town money and so has he. This should have been approved the day he applied.

Mr. Makuch then stated that the Town's lawyer spent 8 months working up an agreement, costing thousands of dollars and something totally different than what Mr. Wittenzellner (White Water) presented to this board; and what CT Water uses in this town. He then gave a brief history in his opinion of how we came to this point.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that we can agree to disagree, but the matter before us is an update on the connection. Mr. Makuch argued that the matter is the connection and he has waited for meetings when this was supposed to be discussed but never made it on the agenda or was taken off. First Selectwoman Wiecenski clarified that it hadn't been on the agendas as the matter was forwarded to the Attorney because of many threats of suing the town from him. For that very reason is why he has received communication from the attorney to such. She added that she can refer back to the minutes in which Mr. Makuch stated such threats or the letters from his attorneys to this office. She then told Mr. Makuch that the Town of Willington owns the water system. The entire town (all of the residents) have the right as to whether or not anyone is allowed on to that system. She then clarified that it is not your typical public utility - According to DPH there are two matters that would qualify anyone to connect to the system; one being if we were in an exclusive area or if there were a hardship (meaning there is no access to water or if he had a contaminated well) and neither of those applied in this situation. Mr. Makuch disagreed, stating that there were 4 exceptions noted on his end. He then said the reason they have this thing about him suing the town is so they can hide the money they are wasting on this to show off who the boss really is.

Mr. Makuch then handed out documents to everyone sitting in attendance.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski warned the liability concerning the water system is a liability of the entire town and our residents will be able to weigh in on and vote. Mr. Makuch then asked when the town meeting will be held. First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated the date is undetermined, but is forthcoming now that the PA 490 Ordinance has been set to go, there are a few other items on there that are being prepared and should be ready by the next Selectmen's meeting.

Selectwoman Boritz stated that we have explained the situation over and over. We tried to communicate about the initial misunderstanding way back a year and a half ago, which set us off on this downward spiral. She added Mr. Makuh refuses to accept the updated information that he has been given about what EHHD will allow us to do - she does not know what else we can do for him.

Mr. Makuch stated that he got a letter from the head of the drinking water section urging him to send the agreement, which is outrageous, insulting and demeaning to the public utility section. No person can sign such an agreement. Mr. Makuch then said he has tried to contact the Town Attorney but has been unsuccessful; adding that there are things that he has been told that just aren't true.

Selectwoman Boritz stated a while back the Selectmen had voted to allow him to connect to the system and a lot of the issues that are happening right now is frustration with the delay and the expense (which she states that she can understand) but she asked Mr. Makuch that he should reflect on what he has done to cause the delay and expense on his end, such as the letters and solicitations to pay for testimony. All of those things have added to the delay on our end as well as the expense because it required legal action. It is a very complex situation. What First Selectwoman Wiecenski is proposing - for the decision no longer be made by the three Selectmen but rather bring to the townspeople and see if they are interested in supporting his connection.

Selectman Blessington stated with all due respect – this gentleman asked us to approve him to tap into the water system in January. – which was voted on. All that needed to be done was to get the Water Company and First Selectman on board to work with the homeowner. We never heard anything for seven months and then he shows up at a meeting asking what the status is and we told him we don't know. Selectwoman Boritz disagreed. First Selectwoman Wiczenski stated that we did not have a process in place. Selectman Blessington said that the homeowner had sent us documentation on how to proceed and no one had seen it until it was inquired about 7 months later.

Mr. Makuch stated that he brought the board the documentation that CT Water uses and told this board that this agreement is used in 56 of CT Towns and over 300,000 people. You have now spent over \$20,000 in legal fees to come up with an agreement that has missing pieces. He added that you have an underutilized system that anyone in their right mind would dance around letting anyone connect to. He added it is like telling people they shouldn't use the library. Maybe we have to get a permit to travel on Old Farms Road.

First Selectwoman Wiczenski closed the discussion.

Good & Welfare

First Selectwoman Wiczenski stated that we have 2 vacancies on the CIP Committee. If anyone is interested in being appointed, please contact the Selectmen's office.

The PTA will hold their annual Trunk or Treat on October 23, 2019

The 17th annual Car Show was held this past weekend. This year was the most successful yet, maxing the entries out at 120 cars. Over \$1,600 was raised and donated to the MCLEF (Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation). First Selectwoman Wiczenski thanked Joe Phillipi for his work putting the show together.

There have been a rash of burglaries around town. Troop C has been in contact with town leaders keeping us in the loop with their progress. First Selectwoman Wiczenski reminded everyone to lock their vehicles if they are parked outside and remove any valuables. The thieves are also taking garage door openers as well. A lot of these homes have been hit in the early hours of the morning and while people are sleeping. This seems to be happening in different areas around town. First Selectwoman Wiczenski stated that we will update as we hear from Troop C.

We have found a recording secretary for CIP. The appointment will be made at the next BOS meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Campbell
Administrative Assistant

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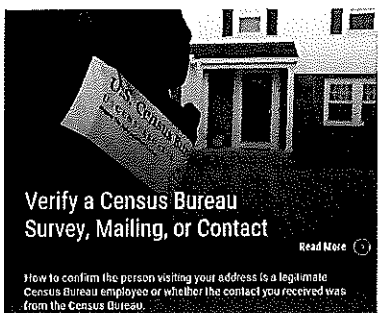
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 - Decennial Census
 - American Community Survey
 - Current Population Survey
 - American Housing Survey
- Economic Programs
 - Economic Census (Years ending in 2 & 7)
 - Census of Governments (Years ending in 2 & 7)

Survey Awareness

- Are you in a Census Bureau Survey?
 - <https://census.gov/programs-surveys/surveyhelp.html>
- Address Canvassing – 2020 Census In Field Operation
 - Census Employees are working to update Census maps, using laptop computers in many communities across the country
 - August – October 2019
- Report Suspected Fraud to 1-800-923-8282
 - You can also visit: <https://2020census.gov/en/avoiding-fraud.html>



Verify a Census Bureau Survey, Mailing, or Contact

How to confirm the person visiting your address is a legitimate Census Bureau employee or whether the contact you received was from the Census Bureau.

[Read More](#)

How to verify a mailing is from the Census Bureau

If you receive a survey or a letter in the mail from the Census Bureau, the envelope contains certain information that will help you verify its legitimacy.

How to identify a Census Bureau field representative

If you are visited by someone from the Census Bureau, here are some ways to verify the individual is a Census Bureau employee.

How to identify a phone call from the Census Bureau

If your address was selected to be in a survey, we may call you to participate.

The 2020 Census

Count everyone once, only once and in the right place.

- Increasingly diverse and growing population
 - 330 million people
 - Over 140 million housing units
- Mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution
- Conducted every 10 years ending in zero since 1790
- Representation and Funding

The Census is Safe, Easy, & Important!

2020 Census – It Is Important

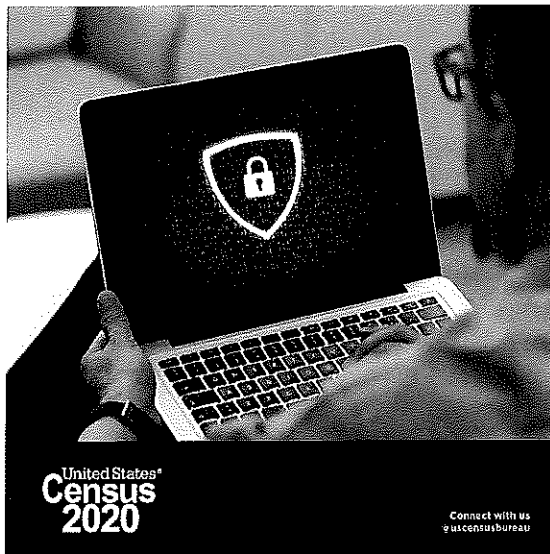
- Determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives
- Defines congressional and state legislative districts, school districts and voting precincts
- Determines the annual allocation of **\$675 billion dollars in federal funding**
- Medicaid, SNAP, Hwy Planning, Section 8 Housing, Special Education Grants, S-CHIP, Title I Grants, National School Lunch Program, WIC, Head Start, Foster Care, Health Center Programs
- Provides insight to governments, business and community planning groups for planning purposes

Provides population benchmarks for nearly every other United States survey

2020 Census – It Is Safe

- Private information is never published, including names, addresses (including GPS coordinates), Social Security Numbers, and telephone numbers.
- The Census Bureau collects information to produce statistics. Personal information collected by the Census Bureau cannot be used against respondents by any government agency or court.
- Census Bureau employees are sworn to protect confidentiality for life.
- Violating Title 13 is a serious federal crime. **Violators are subject to severe penalties, including a federal prison sentence of up to five years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both.**

Cybersecurity—Your Data Are Safe and Secure



Cybersecurity Focus

- From the beginning when a respondent answers to the end when the data products are released, data are encrypted, safe, and secure.
- Follow industry best practices to protect our networks from external threats and secure data inside the network.
- Advanced ability to continually identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover from possible cyber threats.
- Continuously improve our security posture.

2020 Census – It Is Easy

- Four ways to respond in 2020
 - Online
 - Phone
 - Paper
 - Personal Visit by Census Employee
- Name, age, DOB, race and origin, Hispanic origin, relationship, gender, tenure, operational questions (pop count, name, phone number, overcount, undercount)

We will never ask for:

- Your full social security number.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Your full bank or credit card account numbers.

Language Support

LANGUAGE SUPPORT ONLINE, BY PHONE, BY MAIL, AS WELL AS ADVERTISING

12 languages
(in addition to English):

- Spanish
- Chinese
- Vietnamese
- Korean
- Russian
- Arabic
- Tagalog
- Polish
- French
- Haitian Creole
- Portuguese
- Japanese

99%

English plus these 12 languages cover 99% of all U.S. households.



Overview of Non-English Language Support

Internet Self-Response	Census Questionnaire Assistance	Language Guides (Video and Print) Language Glossaries Language Identification Card					Paper Questionnaire & Mailing Materials
12 Non-English Languages Respondents will be able to toggle between the languages within the instrument. Spanish Chinese Vietnamese Korean Russian Arabic Tagalog Polish French Haitian Creole Portuguese Japanese	12 Non-English Languages There is a separate phone number for each language. This information is included in the mailing materials. Spanish Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) Vietnamese Korean Russian Arabic Tagalog Polish French Haitian Creole Portuguese Japanese	59 Non-English Languages Video and print language guides will be available online. Glossaries provide key terminology to bilingual staff. Language Identification Card expanded to 59 languages (50 in 2010). <i>Language listed below are in order of need (top to bottom, left to right).</i> Spanish Italian Khmer Tamil Croatian Chinese Farsi Nepali Navajo Bulgarian Vietnamese German Urdu Hungarian Twi Korean Armenian Romanian Hebrew Lithuanian Russian Hindi Telugu Malayalam Yoruba Arabic Ukrainian Burmese Swahili Czech Tagalog Bengali Punjabi Yiddish Igbo Polish Greek Lao Indonesian Marathi French Amharic Hmong Serbian Sinhala Haitian Creole Somali Albanian Tigrinya Slovak Portuguese Thai Turkish Ilocano American Japanese Gujarati Bosnian Dutch Sign Language					Spanish Bilingual mailing materials and questionnaires will be sent to addresses in bilingual tracts. Mailings will include instructions on responding via Internet or phone in 12 non-English languages. During Nonresponse Followup enumerators use: • A bilingual handheld instrument (English/Spanish) • Bilingual materials (English/Spanish) • Instructions to respond online or by phone in 12 non-English languages • Language Identification Card

How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond

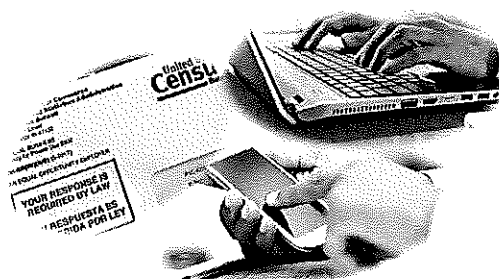


WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL

On or between	You'll receive:
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
	If you haven't responded yet:
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

Every household will have the option of responding online, by phone, or by mail.

Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and a paper questionnaire.



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Two ways you can help today as a trusted voice in the community.

- 1) Sharing the message that the Census is Safe, Easy, & Important
- 2) Promoting our 2020 Census Jobs!

<https://2020census.gov/jobs>

2020 Census Jobs

Earn extra income while helping your community.

Positions

Enumerators

Recruiting Assistants

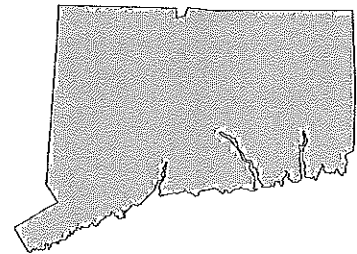
Census Field Supervisors

Office Operations Supervisor

Apply now at <https://2020census.gov/jobs>

There are a limited number of office manager positions remaining in our field offices. Interested applicants should apply through www.USAJobs.gov

2020 Connecticut Recruiting
Goal: 21,900



Key Milestones for the 2020 Census

- August 2019 – New Statistics in Schools classroom activities available online www.census.gov/schools
- January 2020 – Advertising campaign begins
- March 2020 – Group Quarters (GQ) Enumeration begins
 - Includes college dormitories, prisons, nursing homes, service-based locations (homeless shelters, soup kitchens, mobile food vans) and homeless count
- **Mid-March 2020** – Public can begin responding online at www.2020census.gov
 - Replying by mail or phone will also be an option
- April 1, 2020 – Census Day
- Mid-May 2020 – July 2020 – Census takers go door to door
- December 31, 2020 – Tabulate Data and Release Census Results

Complete Count Committee

What is a Complete Count Committee?

A group of government and community leaders who come together to raise awareness about the 2020 Census and motivate their community members to respond.

Who should be on the Complete Count Committee?

Elected leaders, school department, libraries, workforce development, immigrant organizations, faith-based leaders, senior services, community development and housing, community-based organizations, veterans services, higher education, business, media (not an exhaustive list).

How do we get started?

Appoint a chair; identify the individuals/groups to include; plan a kick-off meeting; form subcommittees to be dedicated to specific areas of need.

The 2020 Census Phases



Local governments and community leaders throughout the nation participate in activities highlighting the message that the 2020 Census is imminent and that it is easy, important and safe to participate.

- Education Phase – 2018 - 2019
- Awareness Phase – January – February 2020
- Motivation Phase – March – May 2020
- Reminder Phase – May – July 2020
- Thank You Phase – Starts July 2020

Next Steps

How WE support Partners

- Promotional Materials
 - Flyers (general and targeted)
 - Posters
 - In-language
 - Content
 - Sample message for email or blog
 - Drop in articles
 - Social media content and links
 - Graphics
- www.census.gov/partners/2020-materials
- Partnership presence
 - Connecting Partners with other partners

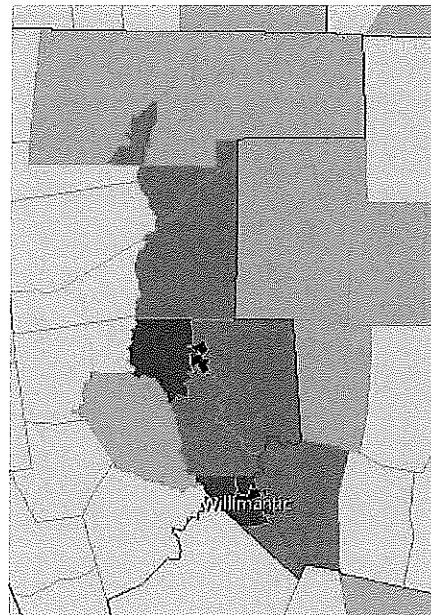
What YOU can do now!

- Share job recruitment information
 - Start the Census conversation
- Safe, Easy & Important**
- Become a partner
 - Start or join a Complete Count Committee (CCC)
 - Identify opportunities to include Census messaging, materials, or invite Census staff to your event

Response Outreach Area Mapper (ROAM)

www.census.gov/roam

- Developed to identify hard-to-survey areas
- Provides a demographic and socioeconomic characteristic profile using American Community Survey (ACS) estimates
- Low Response Score (LRS) is a metric to predict the percentage of households who will not self-respond to the Decennial Census
- Darker census tracts are harder to survey than lighter census tracts



Response Outreach Area Mapper (ROAM)

Census Tract 8401 Tolland County, Connecticut

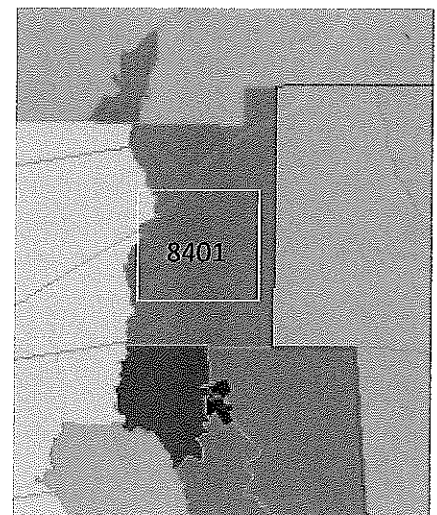
Low Response Score (%): 21.5
2013- 2017 ACS 5-year estimates

ACS Self-Response Rate: 68.2
Total Population: 5,916
Median Household Income (\$): 75,885
Median Age: 36.1
Population Under 5 (%): 4.23
Population 18-24 (%): 19.29
Population 65 and Over (%): 13.56
Persons Below Poverty Level (%): 12.30
Children Under 18 Living in Poverty (%): 10.72
School Enrolled Children Age 3 and 4 (%):
Not High School Graduate (%): 7.42
No Health Insurance Under 19 (%): 1.89
No Health Insurance Age 19-64 (%): 9.64
No Health Insurance Age 65 and Over (%): 0.00
Non-Hispanic, Black (%): 0.56
Non-Hispanic, White (%): 87.09
Hispanic (%): 5.24
American Indian or Alaska Native (%): 0.00
Asian (%): 5.63
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (%): 0.00
Some Other Race (%): 0.00
Foreign Born (%): 9.35
No One in Household Age 14+ Speaks English "Very Well"
(%): 5.03

Total Housing Units: 2,549
Total Occupied Housing Units: 2,366
Renter Occupied Housing Units (%): 33.31
Married Couple Households with Child Under 18 (%): 23.00
Family Occupied Housing Units with Related Children Under 6 (%): 15.79
Population 1+ Who Moved From Another Residence Within the Last Year (%): 20.21
Vacant Housing Units (%): 7.18
Multi-Unit (10+) Housing (%): 19.14
Households with No Computing Device (%): 4.23
Households with Computer (%): 90.07
Households with Only Smartphone (%): 4.27
Households with No Internet Access (%): 9.76
Households with Broadband Internet Access (%): 78.06
Population with No Computing Device (%): 2.13
Population with Broadband Internet and Computing Device (%): 86.41

FCC Residential High-Speed Connection Over 200 kbps: More than 800 connections
FCC Residential High-Speed Connection at least 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream: 601 to 800 connections

2020 Census Audience Segment Category: Sparse Spaces



Data Dissemination Program

- Free Resource to YOU
- Opportunities to teach the public how to access our data
 - Data Presentations
 - Data Access Workshops and Training Sessions
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 - Data and Survey Inquiries
- All tools and data available at www.census.gov
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 - Census Business Builder
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXJz7ZfzAuM>

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Census Jobs

Field & Office Job Opportunities

Website: www.2020census.gov/jobs

Office Managerial Job Opportunities

Website: www.usajobs.gov

Website: www.census.gov/about/regions/new-york/jobs.html

Data Dissemination Program

Email: census.askdata@census.gov

Phone: 1-844-ASK-DATA

Website: www.census.gov/data/training-workshops.html

Wilmington Public Schools Board of Education Building Committee Request



Wilmington, Connecticut

October 7, 2019

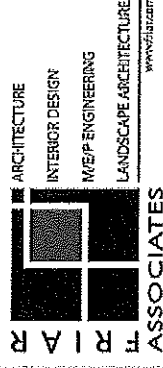
Willington Schools Facilities Study (2017)

- Gather data for strategic planning
- Identify facility options (10 options provided)
- Complete a formal architectural and structural survey
- Perform a formal mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, ADA compliance, and code survey

Available at: <http://friar.com/clients/education-k-12/willington-public-schools>

Username: WillingtonPS@friar.com

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Willington Schools Facilities Study

Research, Presentations & Discussions

Research

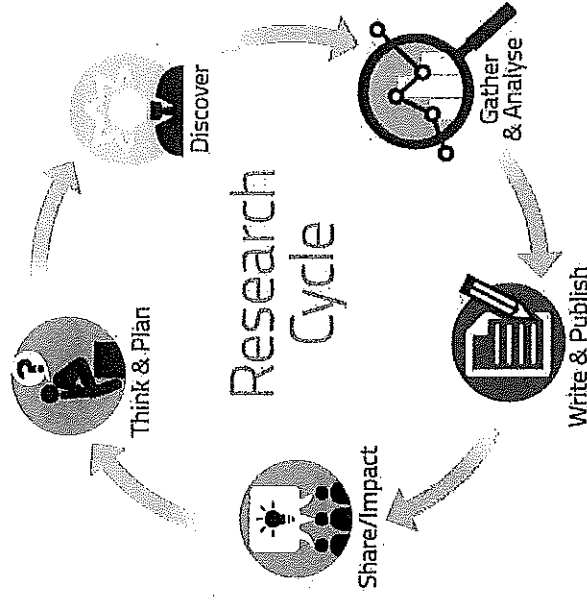
- Reviewed 2018-2028 Plan of Conservation and Development
- Drafted a list of operations/staffing changes if transitioned to one facility
- Principals visited other K-8 schools (Bolton, Lisbon, Baltic)
- Reviewed NESDEC school population projections
- Reviewed bond rates and potential costs to residents
- Surveyed townspeople regarding options
- Professional project managers provided feedback

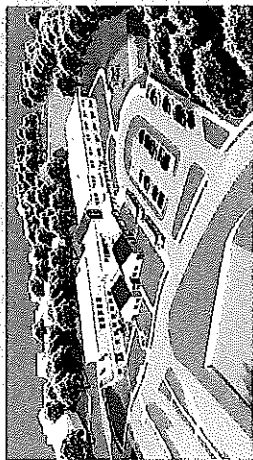
Presentations

- Community Engagement Events (4)

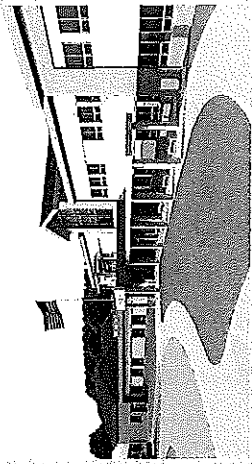
Discussions

- Roundtable Discussions (3)





Willington Public Schools Board of Education Formal Request



The Board of Education requests the Board of Selectmen "appoint a committee to pursue the building of a preschool through eighth-grade school on a site other than the current Center Elementary and Hall Memorial Middle School."

TOWN OF WILLINGTON, CT

Received for record October 10, 2019

At 2:00pm Mannenagand