

TOWN OF WILLINGTON

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
Common Conference Room

January 16, 2018
6:30 P.M.

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

First Selectman Wiczenski called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM with the following in attendance: Selectmen Makuch & Blessington and residents. First Selectman Wiczenski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Selectman Blessington moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2018 at 5:00 PM
First Selectman Wiczenski seconded the motion.

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

Selectman Makuch moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

First Selectman Wiczenski moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM
Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

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

Present to Speak:

No one was present to speak.

Correspondence:

The correspondence list will be tabled for next meeting.

First Selectman Status Report

First Selectman Wiczenski noted that interviews will be held for the Assessor position this week.

First Selectman Wiczenski stated that she attended a meeting today in Ashford to review the RFP for the Cadlerock property (which is a joint project with the Town of Ashford). The RFP was finalized and approved at the meeting and will be published on February 1st for Phase I and II of the project.

Public Works:

Derek reported that the crew has been busy with the following:

- Ice removal on roadway with backhoe in various locations

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Received for record January 19, 2018
At 11:45am Angie R. Fawcett

- Move items to attic from WYFSS and bring unwanted items to Transfer Station
- Sign repair/replacement
- Vehicle/equipment repair
- Make sand/salt mix
- Push up sand/salt deliveries
- Plowing & sanding of roads municipal lots and sidewalks
- Wash & clean trucks
- Snow removal in municipal lots and intersections

New Business

A. Tax Refunds

First Selectman Wiecenski moved to refund \$3,473.44 to Corelogic/Smith & Pillori; for an overpayment. Selectman Blessington seconded the motion

First Selectman Wiecenski stated that we have a large amount of refunds going out, and clarified it is from taxpayers coming in to pay their real estate taxes in December to get a tax credit, but their bank also paid via escrow in January; resulting in overpayments.

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

First Selectman Wiecenski moved to refund \$710.13 to Corelogic/ Robert Dutton for an overpayment. Selectman Makuch seconded the motion

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

First Selectman Wiecenski moved to refund \$2,253.29 to Corelogic/ Beniit/Horowitz for an overpayment.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion

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

First Selectman Wiecenski moved to refund \$3,217.23 to Corelogic/Donald & Maureen Parizek for an overpayment.

Selectman Makuch seconded the motion

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

First Selectman Wiecenski moved to refund \$1,129.58 to Corelogic/Frank Mullet for an overpayment. Selectman Makuch seconded the motion

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

First Selectman Wiecenski moved to refund \$554.86 to Hewlett Packard Financial Services on a certificate of correction.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion

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

Old Business

A. Crumbling Foundation Update

We received news that the Town of Coventry was awarded the Community Development Block Grant to assist homeowners with crumbling concrete testing. We will report once we get the go ahead from Coventry (who needs to sign an agreement with the State before proceeding). If anyone is interested in signing up for assistance, they can contact the Selectmen's Office.

B. Budget Update

First Selectman Wiczenski noted that the Selectmen just held a budget workshop earlier. So far the budget is looks good. We have not seen any increases other than salaries which are in conjunction with the union contract. Otherwise everything is stable.

The next budget workshop will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd at 6PM.

C. Videotaping of meetings

Selectman Blessington noted that he discussed videotaping with the Willington Republican Town Committee last night and it was enthusiastically received. A few people at the meeting are helping out with public resources aspect to get the word out.

Selectman Makuch noted that she will send the draft documentation to Robin Campbell so the Selectmen will have a chance to review it.

In the meantime, the videos have been uploaded to You Tube under "Willington Town Meetings"

Good & Welfare

First Selectman Wiczenski stated that we received our update from the State Police from the month of December, 2017: (noting that most of the activity happens on Interstate 84)

8 Accidents	476 Non reportable matters
2 DUP's	17 Criminal Investigations
0 Burglaries	170 Traffic citations
0 Larcenies	38 written warnings

Also, the State Police had sent us a summary for the 2017 (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017) calendar year. Troop C had responded to a total of 7,941 calls for service. The breakdown is as follows:

106 Accidents	7,630 Non reportable matters
30 DUP's	186 Criminal Investigations
7 Burglaries	3,235 Traffic citations
19 Larcenies	680 written warnings

First Selectman Wiczenski stated that Donna Hardie has officially retired. We held an open house for her on January 8th. She was presented with a plaque to thank her for her many years of service to the Town of Willington. Our new Town Clerk, Amy Lam officially started on January 9th. She encouraged everyone to pop in and say hello and welcome Amy.

Robert Wiczenski asked how much money the town gets from the State in regards to issuing infractions? First Selectman Wiczenski stated that the report does not list any revenue, but might be able to look that up.

Mr. Wiczenski then asked the status of the "Welcome to Willington" signs. He noted that a few years ago, a committee was formed and were going to figure out where to put the signs at entry points into Willington. He asked First Selectman Wiczenski if she was going to take an initiative on getting them in place. Mr. Wiczenski

added" that the VFW would like to donate towards some signs. . First Selectman Wiecenski noted that she will look into it.

First Selectman Wiecenski moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 P.M.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Makuch & Blessington)

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Campbell

Administrative Assistant