

# TOWN OF WILLINGTON

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN Special Meeting Minutes

Board of Selectmen  
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Town Office Building  
Selectmen's Conference Room

October 23, 2019  
8:30 AM

### A. Call Town Meeting

First Selectwoman Wiecenski called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM with Selectmen Boritz and Blessington and residents.

**First Selectwoman Wiecenski warned the Town Meeting:**

### TOWN OF WILLINGTON NOTICE AND WARNING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The electors of the Town of Willington and all persons who are entitled to vote in Town Meeting on the matters mentioned in the following warning are hereby warned and notified to meet in Town Meeting at the Old Town Hall, 11 Common Road, Willington, at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 for the following purpose:

#### ITEM I

To see if the Townspeople will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a School Building Committee to serve for a period of 4 years from a date of said appointment.

#### ITEM II

To see if the Townspeople will authorize the Board of Selectmen to fill such vacancies as may occur during the life of said School Building Committee.

#### ITEM III

To see if the Townspeople will authorize the Board of Selectmen to prepare and present a charge to the School Building Committee on duties and functions and to appoint a committee chairperson.

#### ITEM IV

To see if the Townspeople, on the recommendation of the Board of Finance will authorize the appropriation of \$10,000 from the General Fund to provide in supplementary funding to Willington Hill Fire Department. Such funds will be in addition to those funds already allocated in the department's 2019/2020 annual budget and will be used to maintain property at 25 Old Farms Road.

#### ITEM V

To see if the Townspeople on the recommendation of the Board of Finance will authorize the appropriation of \$50,000 in supplementary funding to Willington Hill Fire Department. Such funds will be in addition to those funds already allocated in the department's 2019/2020 annual budget and will be constitute the town's contribution to the department's repayment of loans received as part of the department's purchase of 25 Old Farms Road.

#### ITEM VI

Should the Townspeople adopt a PA490 Open Space Ordinance for the Town of Willington?

ITEM VII

To see if the townspeople, on the recommendation of the Board of Finance, will appropriate 140,000 from the Reserve Fund to capital project account 04-4036, for the purpose of purchasing Infinite Visions General Accounting and PR/HR Software by Tyler Technologies for the Town and the Schools.

Dated at Willington,  
This 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of October, 2019

Willington Board of Selectmen:

**Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.**

**Selectman Blessington moved to amend the motion on the floor to move that under ITEM I be read:  
To see if the Townspeople will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an Exploratory School Building Committee to serve for a period of 4 years from a date of said appointment.**

**Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.**

Selectwoman Boritz said we cannot amend the motion – the opportunity to amend the motion was back during the original meeting where the original motion was made to create the committee. When the Selectmen voted on it the vote was unanimous to push to a Town Meeting.

First Selectwoman Wiczenski clarified that the Board of Selectmen agreed to form a committee named the “School Building Committee” for the purpose of exploring a PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade school on a site. She reiterated that this Board already made the motion to appoint a board so named “School Building Committee”. Selectwoman Boritz added that we voted on the motion and passed it at the point where the public was present and have comment. She added that this is a formality for us to bring to Town Meeting – the opportunity for us to have changed the name of the Committee was a month ago when we made the original motion. Selectman Blessington said he was in disagreement.

**Vote on the motion to amend the language on ITEM I: 1 Yes (Blessington) 2 No (Wiczenski & Boritz)  
*motion fails.***

**Selectman Blessington moved to change wording of ITEM IV to read: 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 owned 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.**

**Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.**

First Selectwoman Wiczenski stated that the same applies to this as item 1. She noted that she does not feel it necessary to put the entire wording of the Ordinance into the call of the meeting. The Ordinance will be shared with the public beforehand and will be presented at the Town Meeting. Selectman Blessington noted that the amendment read was the Ordinance that was originally voted on by the Selectmen, but on Monday night, it was rescinded and changed. He then asked why was it ok to change on Monday, but not ok to change now?

First Selectwoman Wiczenski clarified that the only item to discuss is calling a Town Meeting and that would be a completely separate discussion item. She reminded Selectman Blessington that we are not allowed to add items as this is a special meeting. Selectwoman Boritz stated that he is looking to change the item back to what we initially

talked about – she knew this was going to happen and she understands; adding that she also knew that this was not going to go over well. She added that we had that opportunity to hold discussions on Monday. Although it happened in a clumsily way as a result of the initial error, we conversed about it on Monday. It was the not outcome he wanted but this is what was voted and passed on Monday.

**Vote on the motion to amend the language on ITEM VI: 1 Yes (Blessington) 2 No (Wiccenski & Boritz)**  
*motion fails.*

**Selectman Blessington moved to delete item VII from the call as it is not an appropriate item to be held at a Town Meeting.**

First Selectwoman Wiccenski noted that the draft item VII (which was for the water connection on Old Farms Road) had been removed from the call.

Selectman Blessington said he was glad that it was removed and said he has no further comments.

**Vote 2 Yes (Wiccenski & Boritz) 1 No. Motion passes.**

**First Selectwoman Wiccenski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 AM**  
**Selectwoman Boritz seconded the motion.**

Respectfully Submitted:  
Robin Campbell  
Recording Secretary

TOWN OF WILLINGTON, CT

Received for record 10/24/2019

At 1:10pm Angela Jean T.C.