

TOWN OF WILLINGTON
MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by First Selectwoman Erika Wiecenski

First Selectwoman Wiecenski read the call of the meeting and asked for nominations for a moderator. Phil Stevens moved to appoint First Selectwoman Wiecenski as moderator.

Walter Parsell seconded the motion.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

ITEM I

To see if the Townspeople on the recommendation of the Board of Finance, will authorize the appropriation of \$45,000 from the Capital Projects Fund – LoCIP River Road Athletic Complex Basketball Court Lighting to be reimbursed by the State of CT Local Capital Improvement Program.

Discussion was held. Tim Heim stated that this park is the best thing that has happened in Willington. He is in support of the lighting project. He added that he and his wife come to the park several times per week, since COVID-19 has hit and they feel safe here. Mr. Heim added that he wonders what type of people it will attract. Will the park be open year round and is there a plan for the upcoming winter months if the lights stay on all night long? He then noted that people will most likely stay to play basketball if there are lights.

Joe Colangelo, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission stated that the park will remain open year round. The Recreation Commission is working out the details as the season progresses; but clarified that the lights will have a 30 minute timer on them, so once everyone leaves the park, the lights will go out after that time. In addition, there will also be a turn off switch; where they will not be able to go on after midnight (actual time TBD).

Walter Parsell moved to approve the project.

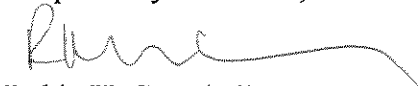
Joe Colangelo seconded the motion.

Vote: 21 Yes 1 No. Motion Carried.

Tim Heim moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM

Joe Colangelo seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin H. Campbell
Town Clerk

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At 10:10 AM Maureen Agantsev