

Town of Willington

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Special Meeting Minutes

In-Person only at Willington Fire Department #1 – 426 River Road

September 5, 2023

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: Selectman Bulick, Selectman Makuch, Chief Moore, a few members of the Board of Finance, Fire Department personnel, and residents.

Approval of Minutes

Selectman Bulick moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023, regular meeting.

Seconded by Selectman Makuch

3Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

Selectman Makuch move to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2023, special meeting.

Seconded by Selectman Bulick

3Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

A. Tax Refunds

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Allison B. Clark and George M. Clark, for an overpayment in the amount of \$7.20.

Selectman Makuch seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund George M. Clark and Allison B. Clark, for an overpayment in the amount of \$7.63.

Selectman Bulick seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Robert & Valerie Parmenter, for an overpayment in the amount of \$133.11.

Selectman Makuch seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Sarah C. Parsell, for an overpayment in the amount of \$10.09.

Selectman Bulick seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Elizabeth A. Tutone, for an overpayment in the amount of \$249.71.

Selectman Makuch seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Elizabeth A. Tutone, for an overpayment in the amount of \$520.03.

Selectman Bulick seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Sandra C. Cullen, for an overpayment in the amount of \$79.92.

Selectman Makuch seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Robert G. Whalen, for an overpayment in the amount of \$407.27.

Selectman Bulick seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Robert G. Whalen, for an overpayment in the amount of \$126.90.

Selectman Bulick seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Robert G. Whalen, for an overpayment in the amount of \$969.92.

Selectman Makuch seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Benjamin M. Lagasse, for an overpayment in the amount of \$90.94.

Selectman Bulick seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Custom Ventilation, LLC, for an overpayment in the amount of \$42.08.

Selectman Bulick seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Darnell R. Hunter for an overpayment in the amount of \$45.22.

Selectman Makuch seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Xing Jiale, for an overpayment in the amount of \$215.04.
Selectman Bulick seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Wayne E. & Kathleen B. Emmons for an overpayment in the amount of \$89.98.

Selectman Makuch seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund Wayne E. & Kathleen B. Emmons for an overpayment in the amount of \$93.80.

Selectman Bulick seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund CoreLogic for an overpayment in the amount of \$75.58.

Selectman Bulick seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund USB Leasing LT for an overpayment in the amount of \$214.99.

Selectman Makuch seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund James D. Spillane and Linda M. Spillane for an overpayment in the amount of \$168.42.

Selectman Makuch seconded.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

Walk-thru and Discussion of WFD #1 Facility

Chief Moore lead the walk-thru of the facility, he spoke about the mold issue that was discovered in March of 2023 and where those issues were in the building. After the remediation of the FD facility, we are left with just an empty shell with studs which show where rooms use to be. The FD spent just over \$25,000 dollars on the mold remediation costs. The hope was that they would not have to remove everything, but as the removal began the mold was everywhere as there was more damage than they originally thought. There is still water coming into the building that is visible in the channels. Chief Moore stated it could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to fix the building to make it usable. Right now, the FD needs to be able to winterize the building and get heat in it as it still houses necessary apparatus/equipment needed for emergencies. This fire department facility is also used as our EOC (emergency operations center) in the event of emergencies. This cannot happen with the state this building is in.

The Selectmen then discussed the current state of the facility, the impact on EMS & Fire Services as well as the needs of the facility moving forward. Chief Moore stated there is an increase in response time from the current station 213 vs Station 13, but they have not seen significant impact to residents as a result.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to open the floor to the residents that attended.

Stephanie Summers – Spoke regarding the pressing issue of figuring out the water issue and winterizing the building. The FD needs to have solid plan to present to the Board of Finance. All the particulars of cost and work to be done, need to be factored in.

Elizabeth Wolf – Spoke regarding having a space that is going to protect our equipment for emergency services and maybe we need to look at the whole infrastructure and not fix it with a band-aid approach.

James Marshall – Spoke regarding the reality is that the FD needs this space and hope that there is support to bring this FD back to where it needs to be.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that the conditions the FD personnel are working under are not adequate as this was only supposed to be a temporary solution.

Chief Moore stated the priority again, is getting heat into this building as it houses necessary apparatus/equipment needed for emergencies.

Present to Speak

Elizabeth Wolf – Asked if the Fire Department considered asking for generous donations from local large businesses.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

3 Yes (Bulick, Makuch & Wiecenski) 0 No. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Côté
Recording Secretary
Town of Willington

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