

# TOWN OF WILLINGTON

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes  
Lower Level Conference Room

May 21, 2018  
6:30 P.M.

*\*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 Makuch & Blessington and residents. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Minutes:

Selectman Blessington moved to approve the minutes of May 7, 2018 as written.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

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

### Present to Speak:

Registrar of Voters, Christine Psathas recapped on correspondence that was sent to the Selectmen regarding the recent Referendum and feedback that they received during the event. She stated that the Registrars seem to take the brunt of the lack of information spread to the townspeople on what they are voting on. This is mostly because they are the only officials there during that time. The Registrars expressed that the entire event is really a town function as a whole and there has to be a better way to get the word out to the residents prior to the event.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski agreed, stating that the signs do work to get the people in to vote on that day, but we need to figure out how to get the info out there beforehand so people know what they are voting on. She added that in this day and age it should be easier, with the electronics and social media that we have, but it is still not enough.

Ms. Psathas clarified that the Registrars are not allowed to discuss a budget or election event in the poll room, which is a state law, and a lot of residents are confused by that. They are not allowed to give any additional information regarding a vote, as it can be construed as trying to sway someone.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that she plans on having a sheet at Willington Day for residents to add their contact information at Willington Day. We will bring the information back and sign the people up here. She stated that Willington Day is a good place to get the information as it draws a large crowd.

Selectman Blessington stated that Registrars, Ms. Chapman and Ms. Psathas do a good job setting up the voting events and the town does a good job getting the word out. It is a matter of the people wanting to know what is going on and he doesn't think it is a horrible problem. First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that she agrees but added that it is a problem for those who don't know what they are voting on if they are uninformed. Selectman Blessington clarified that he thinks the people who do care do know about it.

Resident Jorg Graf stated that he researched to see what the vote was on the website and only found "yes or no" questions, which did not give him any detail of what he should be voting for. First Selectwoman Wiecenski

clarified that what he was looking at was the official ballot – and that is the legal way to display it on the website. She explained that the minutes of all of the various boards (for example, the Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen, Board of Education to name a few) have the details in their minutes, and that is where you will see where the numbers and topics are discussed and how they got to their budgets that will be voted on.

### Correspondence:

A list of correspondence was available at the meeting and in the Selectman's office.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that we received a letter from Willimantic Waste informing us that they have seen an enormous volume of unacceptable items in the recycling bins. The biggest culprits are plastic bags, trash and food waste (unrinsed containers). In addition, they have seen clothing, garden hoses, Styrofoam and small items such as needles, pens and small toys – these are prohibited in recyclables. If anyone needs clarification on what is acceptable to recycle, please see the Transfer Station Attendants. They will be happy to assist. In addition, First Selectwoman Wiecenski will ask the Public Works' Director to get a notice out to help educate and remind residents what is and is not acceptable.

### First Selectman Status Report

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that the River Road Lighting project is in the works. The Recreation Commission is holding their meeting at the River Road Athletic Complex tonight to work out the project plans.

### Public Works:

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

- Sweeping
- Cleaning catch basin tops
- Sign installation
- Grade gravel roads
- Dig holes for tree planting at Hall School
- Burn brush pile at Transfer Station
- Edge Tinkerville Road for paving

Derek had emailed correspondence that Tinkerville Road will be paved on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> (weather permitting) and asked residents to avoid that area if possible. The paving should be completed in one day.

### New Business

#### A. Discussion – Nuisance Ordinance Request

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that she had met with a few residents a few weeks ago and one of the residents had come to the last meeting asking the Selectmen to reconsider adopting a nuisance ordinance which was discussed last summer. First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that she had reviewed the documentation from discussions held and found that there was no outcome either way from those meetings last year. She stated at the time of the meeting, she informed the resident that she wanted to have the other Selectmen be able to review the documentation and outcome from the last year and added it to tonight's meeting for further discussion.

Several residents were in attendance. First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that she assumed that most of them were here to discuss this topic, and noted that they all would have a chance to speak; but asked them to limit their discussion to 3 minutes to allow everyone a chance to be heard.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that she received an email earlier this afternoon from a resident of Cosgrove Road, and read a portion of the email. The resident states: "they have lived on Cosgrove Road for 9 years and they have owned ATVs the entire time. She added that their neighbors on both sides of them as well as the neighbor across the street have ATV's too. Mr. Bissonette stated that a track was "installed" between two houses, I personally would not consider a handmade loop by the owners to be considered a "track". I can understand if people were riding up and down the road or if people were riding at all hours of the night but that is simply not the case. As far as the 4-5 hours of straight riding a few weeks ago, that was also not the case -- they rode for maybe a half an hour and then went into the woods. I feel if you are going to propose an ordinance and ask neighbors opinions, you should ask all the neighbors not just the ones who share your opinion. Part of the reason many people choose to live in Willington is to have enough property to do things like ride. While I many not enjoy listening to my neighbor leaf blow first thing in the morning, or listen to people chainsaw wood all day, I do not feel I have the right to tell them what they can or cannot do on their own property. As far as how the noise is affecting nervous systems and all that is a bit extreme in my opinion. I have a 5 and an 8 year old and if you asked their favorite thing to do at home, it would be to ride their ATV and dirt bike. I do not feel I am harming them by letting them do so. I feel this is more a personal issue than a town concern and would find it incredibly disappointing to see the town take away people's right to enjoy their property."

First Selectwoman Wiecenski clarified that the Board of Selectmen did not seek opinions from any of the residents; this topic was added on to the agenda as a discussion item.

Steven Johnson, 42 Cosgrove Road was present. He stated that he lives across the road from Mr. Bissonette and operates his ATV for about a half hour at a time, possibly an hour at most. He does all of his riding in his back yard and woods, noting that he has a very nice front yard. If you were to drive by his home, you might see a trail made from his ATV. He has had a few friends come over to ride with him in his trails, but they are both residents; and one is a neighbor. Mr. Johnson added that it is recreational fun -- it has never exceeded two times a week at most -- maybe six times a month. He does not want to see the Town of Willington take that away from him.

Brendan LaPlante of 50 Cosgrove Road stated that he read the minutes from the last Selectmen meeting and his opinion of the minutes are untruthful regarding the decibel levels and that the riding happens for over five hours are not accurate. He stated for the most part, we ride for maybe 20 minutes to a half hour and take a 20 -- 30 minute break perhaps three times on any given day -- which ends up to be maybe twice per week. Mr. LaPlante stated that their exhaust systems are also fully compliant with the State and DEEP codes. He clarified that they do not have multiple people from out of town coming to ride with them. He then clarified that his trail is far from a track -- it is more like a loop in the woods on private property (in which he owns) where he can go and legally ride and hopefully not be bothered by police officers. He added that he does not think it is fair to have that right taken away -- it is the main reason he purchased his home with five acres so he can enjoy his hobbies. He then added that the most important thing was to get the facts out.

Selectman Blessington asked Mr. LaPlante if he ever rides at night. Mr. LaPlante stated that he never rides at night (nor have any of his neighbors), mostly because they do not have lights on the apparatus. First Selectwoman Wiecenski clarified that the discussions held in her office with Mr. Bissonette and other residents did not elude to accuse anyone of riding at night.

Rob Dutton stated he has lived in Willington for 28 year and just built a home on Fermier Road. He has been riding with Mr. Johnson for about 2 years. His exhaust system is modified and with the modification, it actually decreased the decibel level from 94 to a 92. He then stated that they never ride for a super long time or at night. Mr. Dutton then said that no one has ever approached them to try to work something out or tell them that there was a problem; although they had a feeling there was an issue. If one of the neighbors respectfully came to them to inform them that they were unhappy, perhaps they would have worked something out. None of us want to lose the right to ride our ATVs.

Scott Smith of 24 Cosgrove Road stated that he has lived in Town of 10 years and has seen his neighbors ride their ATV's the entire time he has lived here. His two direct neighbors and the one across the street have them too, and there has never been a problem. He added that this seems to be a personal issue between two neighbors fighting with each other. This is not something that should be brought up here to affect the entire town just because someone has a problem with one of their neighbors. It does not feel like it should even be discussed to the point that the Town should take action – especially the amount of time they ride during the week. Mr. Smith then added that a State Trooper lives two houses down the road from them – and has never approached them to tell them they are doing illegal or unsafe acts. To him, it seems as if it is a personal issue that should be handled between two gentlemen, rather than dragging the town into it. He then said it is ridiculous to think that potentially, he could face having the police being called on him because he is swinging a hammer in his shed on a Saturday morning someday because of an ordinance.

Georg Graf, 35 Cosgrove Road stated that it is challenging for him to have this conversation, because he likes all of his neighbors and loves the town of Willington because it is quiet and has friendly people. People in the past have ridden ATV's and there was never a problem, but something has changed where the noise level has gotten louder. He noted he feels he cannot spend time outside because there are always noises. The ATV's are even louder than Todd's chainsaw - an ATV shouldn't be louder than a chainsaw. He added that a noise ordinance will not target an individual but it is something that will bring the residents together without getting into arguments. Mr. Graf then read part of a noise ordinance from Tolland: "Excessive noise must be controlled by the Town to protect, preserve and promote public health, society the safety and welfare. The Town Council recognizes the fact that the people have the right to and should be ensured that they are free of excessive sound". Mr. Graf stated that he deserves that too. He then stated the other residents should be able to enjoy what they want too, but at the level of 55 decibels as described in the Tolland Ordinance.

Todd Bissonnette of 41 Cosgrove Road said he is here to speak on behalf of himself and 10 other residents of Cosgrove Road (neighbors, property owners and family). Mr. Bissonnette stated that he was hopeful that the Town would afford him more than three minutes to dispute of what has been told and said. He stated that we are dealing with a couple of quad riders who like to ride and hang out together – they are sticking together. The level of track that has been displayed is not a little loop. He then added that his neighbor states that he stays in the back yard, but he has video of him coming down around at the end of his driveway and hauling back up his hill full boar. The noise comes into Mr. Bissonnette's house through his window. Mr. Bissonnette added that the noise is at 110 db – the same as a chainsaw. He then said if somebody wants to ride, then ride – have fun but don't do it at your neighbor's expense. He then said Mr. Graf eluded that Mansfield's Ordinance is set to 55 db's. We have a gentleman stating that he modified his exhaust to 92 db's which is still loud.

Mr. Bissonnette then presented the Selectmen with some documentation and a petition signed by 10 neighbors on Cosgrove Road. First Selectwoman Wiczenski asked if the petition has gone through the Town Clerk's office? Mr. Bissonnette said it hadn't. First Selectwoman Wiczenski clarified that the Selectmen cannot act on any petition that is not considered to be official. She added that all petitions must go through the Town Clerk's office, otherwise it is not a legal document. Mr. Bissonnette said it has signatures of residents on Cosgrove Road who said they've had enough. He then read a statement: My name is Todd Bissonnette I live at 41 Cosgrove Road I am here to speak of the ATV track that has been installed between 42 and 50 Cosgrove Road which is creating excessive noise pollution and nuisance within a residential neighborhood. A residential neighborhood that consists of families, babies, children and elderly persons up to 90 years old. He presented a petition that has been signed by 10 neighbors and himself, they are all property owners that are not in favor of what is going on and they have all asked him to speak on their behalf. These 11 property owners and their families quality of life has been negatively affected by the ATVs that are operating with exhaust systems or loud modified systems at 42 and 50 Cosgrove Road.

Resident Martin Drobney, of 52 Cosgrove Road gave Mr. Bissonnette his three minute allowance so he could continue speaking.

Mr. Bissonnette then read the petition:

*PETITION to the Town of Willington, CT:*

*Whereas, the Residents of Cosgrove Road and Willington, deserve the right to live free from the "but not limited to" excessive noise and nuisance which may endanger the inhabitant's health, welfare, safety, morals, possible inconveniences, and/or negatively affects property values and one's quality of life. Whereas the ATV riding and construction of ATV riding tracks, located at 43 and 50 Cosgrove Road in which that area is a residential neighborhood and such activity is not suitable or consistent of the character of the neighborhood and town of Willington*

*We Seek That Our Town Enforce a Cease and Desist Order to halt the ATV activity on Cosgrove Road and to Adopt an Excessive Noise Pollution and Nuisance Ordinance to preserve and protect the quality of life for all residents of Willington.*

*We the undersigned, also petition the Town of Willington, CT to adopt an Excessive Noise and Nuisance Pollution Ordinance that will allow Willington to remain the quiet corner for all residents.*

*The residents of Cosgrove Road are seeking help from elected leaders of Willington to address its growing problem while asking the leaders of the town to implement and enforce guidelines that are not consistent and suggested to or suggested within but are not limited to:*

- 1) Connecticut State Department of Environmental Protection all terrain vehicle policies and procedures*
- 2) Section 48a of the Environmental protection act of 1970 where it states that it is an offense to make unreasonable noise any time of the day.*

Mr. Bissonnette said 110 DB all day long is unreasonable coming from a recreational vehicle.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski then stated that she would like to open the floor to anyone who has not had a chance to speak.

Cosgrove Road resident Sara Smith stated it is referenced in the last meeting minutes that this is it is affecting people's livelihood – which doesn't make any sense - we may also have to question at what point to we stop mowing our lawns or using chainsaws on our property? She then stated that she knows that Mr. Bissonnette owns tractors and chainsaws that run at the same decibels – so what is the difference – even if they are running the ATV's in 20 minute intervals.

Martin Drobney, 56 Cosgrove Road clarified that what he and Mr. Bissonnette would be proposing is specific towards recreational noise, not that of maintaining ones home – that is how the Town of Tolland is set up -it is the term of what we consider as unnecessary. He then stated that there are certain noises and activities that are necessary, such as a lawn mower for example.

Michael Jerhansen, who lives at 326 River Road, which is right behind Phelps Plaza and for those who don't know, that area is known as the Willington drag way. The idea of noise ordnance makes him laugh, because the area he is referencing is a cut through road coming from Phelps and even though there is a stop sign at the end of that road, people like to use it as a drag strip to go towards Mansfield. Now that the weather is warmer, the motorcycles come buzzing down Route 32 wide open at all times of the day and night – that is most likely considered recreational, because they only do that type of thing in the warmer weather. He does not see how you can distinguish between ATV's quads, dirtbikes, motorcycles and even hot rods who again, are doing such activity all times of the day (and night), and how do you enforce it? Mr. Jerhansen added that he doesn't see how you can direct this towards residents who are riding on their own property – it is not fair to make complaints about that.

Maureen Lee who lives on 41 Cosgrove Road stated it is not about not losing your ride. Todd has a Harley and we have neighborhood courtesy – we don't ride it hard or rev the engine while coming into or going out of our

yard . The neighbors at number 52 also ride snowmobiles, dirt bikes and 4-wheelers and they ride all year round. Not every day, all day, but it is all year round and there is a gamut of things they ride over there. There are a bunch of them all running at the same time and they are zipping around and the noise is excessive. She added that chainsaws or lawnmowers are considered noises of the neighborhood and an excessive noise of a recreational vehicle is not. She personally is affected by the noises around her and the vibrations from those noises have also affected her health and sometimes give her migranes. She can hear the thunder from the riding when it goes up the hill, and Todd has video of it from their bedroom window. They can't open their windows so they are left to use air conditioning and although they are glad they have it, they don't always want to use it. They love to hear the birds chirping, but once the bikes start up, the birds fly away. They just want the neighborhood to be back to what Willington should be. With Willington priding itself as part of the quiet corner, Ms. Lee stated that she moved here from East Hartford, to what she thought would be a quiet neighborhood and she is not finding it to be what she thought.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski then opened the floor for discussion.

Selectwoman Makuch clarified that the Board of Selectmen are not a court of law and we cannot prove who is right and who is wrong. The only thing we can do is to consider whether the town is willing to consider the option of a noise ordinance in the future. She added that she is not a police officer and they cannot create a cease and desist order. In regards to this particular neighborhood debate, there is nothing we can answer for either side of the conversation, but we can continue on the discussions to see what our next steps are going to be. She added that she hears valid points on both sides and she wishes she could resolve it here, but it is not in our purview.

Mr. Bissonette stated that he has had 12 police officers at his home in the past 2 years and every one of them have told him that the offense would be considered disorderly conduct and breach of peace and they would be able to issue a citation only if a nuisance ordinance was put in place. Mr. Bissonette said the police have told him that it is against the law for them to be doing this because it is against DEEP statutes as well. First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that she is going to respectfully disagree, because if it were against the law, then it would be within the Troopers purview to take action. Because we do not have any laws in place; it would be up to the town to adopt an ordinance that would cover Mr. Bissonettes concerns – which would then deem them as illegal. Then the police would have recourse. Selectman Blessington agreed, stating that last summer when this was discussed, if it were found that people were disturbing the peace, then the police could issue a summons, only in the event it were found to be a true disturbance.

Mr. Bissonette said that Trooper Stackpole had given the (then Board of) Selectmen the paperwork last July. Selectman Blessington stated that what he had given us is the law as ordained in Mansfield and that only applies to the town of Mansfield – not Willington. Mr. Bissonette said that the documentation in Mansfield is also instituted and mandated the DEEP which shows the provisions of decibel levels for private property. He told the Selectmen that he has given that paperwork to you people and you don't want to look at it.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that “we people” are listening to you and we have listened to everything you all had to say, and now it is time to listen to us. The July 2017 Selectmen meeting minutes show no documentation that we are breaking any laws with DEEP. They said there is nothing in place to have anyone fined or arrested. If the town had an ordinance, then there are things that can be put in place, but the Mansfield ordinance cannot be enacted here in Willington. To further clarify, if we do not have an ordinance, then we follow State Statute. If a police officer is called, there is not much they can do. She then asked the residents of 42 & 50 Cosgrove Road if the police have been out to their residences. They both said yes, the police have been there, but tell them that they are not doing anything wrong.

Mr. Drobney asked if the Trooper had documentation to support the claim at the July 2017 meeting? Mr. Bissonette stated that Trooper Stackpole did provide documentation. Robin Campbell clarified that Trooper Stackpole provided the Mansfield Ordinance and a violation citation in which Mansfield uses. First

Selectwoman Wiecenski clarified that the minutes of July 17, 2017 reflect what was submitted and documented, but she again clarified that the Town of Willington cannot enforce a Mansfield Ordinance.

Mr. Bissonette said he understands we cannot use the Mansfield ordinance and he has no problem with his neighbors running their quads however DEEP mandates noise levels and they cannot be more than 67 decibels and they are already saying they are running at 92. He then said the DEP says it is the duty of the state municipalities to enforce the policies of the general statutes and according to them, all that is going on is illegal.

The Selectmen said they have not received any documentation from DEEP. First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that we have not done any decibel readings, nor do we have the equipment to do so. This board is now asked – do we push forward with the need for an ordinance on the entire town. What she is hearing at this point seems to be a neighborly dispute on Cosgrove Road; adding she is disappointed to hear that there have been no discussions amongst yourselves. She too, lives in Willington and likes it here because it is quiet, but doesn't expect it to be totally silent. Often times, she has to hear things that she doesn't like while outside.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski said that she is disappointed that this has become a town issue, when it seems more of a neighbor dispute issue. She then added that ultimately, if an Ordinance goes into effect, it will not be put just on Cosgrove Road, but rather the entire town as a whole. The three Selectmen can bring this issue to the entire town to vote on and you will all be able to have your vote. We cannot put an ordinance in place here at this meeting. She then clarified that we cannot say we need to stop all activity on Cosgrove Road – we have to look at the entire town. If we decide to put an ordinance in place, regulations need to be set as well as an appeals procedure. First Selectwoman Wiecenski then reiterated that we do not have a Resident State Trooper or anyone for that matter, who can enforce this, so these are things we need to look at as well. There are two sides to this (in which she can see both sides) and we have to think about everything outside Cosgrove Road and including Cosgrove Road. She then said frankly, it sounds like a neighbor dispute and she is having a hard time thinking of enacting an ordinance on the entire town of Willington – for something that hasn't even been tried to be worked out individually and that is disappointing.

Selectman Blessington said that there are some things you have to live with – in a small town, even certain noises. He then said he is hearing conflicting stories – that it is all day long three days a week, and that it is only 20 minutes a few times a week. He added that the State Police have been called numerous times and it has been found that the parties are not violating any laws. Mr. Bissonette asked Selectman Blessington what he would do when the State Police come and say that it is disorderly conduct and breach of peace and they cannot do anything unless an ordinance is put in place. First Selectwoman Wiecenski asked what law they are breaking then if we don't have anything put in place. Mr. Graf asked what makes Willington so different from Mansfield or Tolland that they have ordinances and we do not. Selectwoman Makuch stated we are just hearing the arguments and are looking at noise ordinances from other towns, but there is nothing telling her that it is not possible to put something like this in place but we have to go through the process, which takes a long while (to go through the legal actions, and then to town vote) so in the meantime, you all have to live next to each other – even if we did decide to implement an ordinance.

Selectman Blessington said that he hasn't heard anything to convince him that this is happening every day that we need to do something about this. He said one thing he likes about Willington is that we don't have a lot of laws and we don't try to govern your every move.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski then asked the Town Clerk, (who was in attendance) to explain the process of passing a petition through the town. Amy Lam, the Town Clerk stated that the official paperwork must come from her office and the petition must be worded in a simple yes or no question form and signed off by 25 +/- registered voters in the Town.

Selectman Blessington then added that there are 2 ways to hold a Town Meeting. The first is if the Board of Selectmen calls it, or it can be forced by a properly submitted petition. Signators must be legal voters in Town

or anyone who owns at least \$1,000 of property. Discussion was held on who would draft the Ordinance. First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that the Town Clerk will work with the residents if they bring an ordinance in which they are looking to bring forth.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski reiterated that no decision is going to come out of tonight's meeting and she stressed that any ordinance must be discussed and voted on at a Town Meeting where the residents can vote. Also, drawing up and passing an Ordinance can take time, so in the meantime, she encouraged the residents to try to work out their differences.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski asked what the next step will be. Selectman Blessington said he is concerned because he is not in favor of passing such an Ordinance and with all due respect to Mr. Bissonette, he most likely be circulating a petition to force a Town Meeting, however how do we ensure that the Ordinance is lawful? First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that the Town Clerk would have to look at it as well as the Town Attorney.

## Old Business

### A. Award Propane Bid

First Selectwoman Wiecenski recapped the bids that were received at the last meeting. She stated that a bit of clarification needed to be made to see how many times we have called for service and also clarify what the trip charge consisted of.

Robin Campbell submitted a detailed transaction report for both of the vendors over the past few years. (High Grade Gas Service is the current vendor; and Superior was the vendor the year prior). The reports do not show any labor rates; the charges are for delivery only. In addition, the trip charge which is quoted at \$15.99 from Superior Energy is a flat rate charge for each delivery. Superior stated that they would most likely only charge one trip charge if they were delivering to two locations on the same date.

To recap, we received the following bids:

Company name	Price per gallon	Labor rate per hour regular	Labor rate per hour after hours	Labor rate holiday	Trip charge
Superior Energy	\$1.239 1 year \$1.189 2 year	\$150.00 \$100.00 additional	\$275.00 \$150 additional	\$275.00 \$150.00 additional	\$15.99 haz mat
High Grade Gas Service	\$1.32	\$69.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	none

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to award the 2018-2019 propane contract to High Grade Gas Service as per their bid of \$1.32 per gallon, and no trip charge with labor rates of \$125.00 per hour regular and after hours and holidays.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

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

## Good & Welfare

We have been informed that Sherry McGann, our Sanitarian, will be leaving us in the next few weeks. Holly Hood will commence as Sanitarian on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. First Selectwoman Wiecenski wished Ms. McGann well and thanked her for her service.

We received a resignation letter from Kate Standish, who served on the Library Board of Directors. Ms. Standish's last date on that board will be June 15, 2018 as she will be moving out of state. The Selectmen thanked Ms. Standish for her service.

The annual Memorial Day Parade is set for Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> on the Town Green. The parade will step off promptly at 8:30 on the Town Green. Congressman Joe Courtney will be our guest speaker. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be moved inside the Old Town Hall, but the parade portion will be canceled.

Willington Day will be held on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the River Road Athletic Complex from 11AM – 3PM. The annual fun – runs and 5K races will resume at Center School the 5K will begin at 8:30 and the fun runs afterwards. The annual fishing derby will also be held at Thompson's Pond at 4:00 PM.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that this week is "National Public Works' Week" and our Human Services Department has teamed up with Public Works to fill a truck of non-perishable food items to benefit the food pantry.

Paving will begin on Tinkerville Road on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 – weather permitting.

**First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM**  
**Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.**  
**Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Makuch & Blessington)**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Robin Campbell*  
Administrative Assistant