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Board of Selectmen
March 13, 2017
Town Hall - Meeting Hall

MINUTES

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Lori Spielman, Aaron J. Foster, James Prichard, David Stavens, Ronald Stomberg, John Turner, Melinda Ferry

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicolas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer/Treasurer; Gary T. Feldman, Sr., Chief, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD); Robert Smith, Deputy Chief, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department; Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner; Joy Hollister, Director of Human Services; Dan Flanagan, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department; Samantha Sojka, Eversource Energy; Chamae Mejias, SmartPower

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order by First Selectman Spielman at 7:05 p.m.

II. CITIZENS' FORUM [non-agenda items]

No citizens came forward.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 13, 2017 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

Mr. Foster noted that in the meeting minutes from February 13, 2017, in the corrections to the record from the January 23, 2017, there was an error. Ms. Ferry, not him, had made the correction on Item III-B so that the record would state that the Town would be reimbursed 80% from the State, not 90%:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2017 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION: ITEM III-B, FIRST PARAGRAPH, CHANGE MR. FOSTER TO MS. FERRY.

B. February 27, 2017 Special Town Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED (AYE: FOSTER, STAVENS, STOMBERG, PRICHARD, TURNER; ABSTAIN: FERRY) TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2017.

C. February 27, 2017 Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED (AYE: FOSTER, STAVENS, STOMBERG, PRICHARD, TURNER; ABSTAIN: FERRY) TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2017.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Revise Public Hearing Date for FY 2017 Small Cities Grant Application

MOVE (TURNER), SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 29, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. (REVISED FROM THE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MARCH 13, 2017 HEARING DATE) AT THE ELLINGTON TOWN HALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING CITIZENS TO COMMENT UPON AND DISCUSS THE FY 2017 SMALL CITIES GRANT APPLICATION.

It was noted that a Special BOS Meeting will immediately follow the March 29 Public Hearing for the purpose of voting on the required motions to apply for the Grant

MOVE (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD TO THE AGENDA UNDER UNFINISHED BUSINESS, ITEM B. SET TOWN MEETING DATE IN REGARD TO THE EVFD TRIPLE COMBINATION PUMPER.

B. Set Town Meeting Date: EVFD Triple Combination Pumper

Mr. Stavens asked what is going to happen to the value engineering and how that will affect the date of this meeting. Ms. Spielman responded that the motion will read that the value engineering has to be done before the meeting. Mr. Turner asked if there will be a committee that will have jurisdiction on this. Ms. Spielman said that the Board of Finance has decided there will be a committee made up of members from different departments.

Chief Feldman asked how they're supposed to value engineer the truck if they haven't yet accepted the bid.

Ms. Spielman asked if they have decided what they're going to do with the old truck; trade in or keep it. Chief Feldman said that the two Boards want them to do different things. The Board of Finance (BOF) wants EVFD to keep it. However, the truck is costing more money than it is worth. Most of the equipment coming off that truck would go onto the new one. If they kept the old truck they would have to buy all new equipment.

Mr. Turner said that this process started two years ago, and he does not believe it is in the best interest of the Town or the Fire Department, so he will not support the motion. Ms. Ferry asked if he can explain what he believes needs to happen at this point. Mr. Turner responded that this has been a lengthy process with many changes. Negotiating a specification is not the way this should be done in the industry. He does not believe that this is a dire situation.

Mr. Turner recommends that the BOS rescind their recommendation and reject all bid proposals. The Fire Department should then draft a generic Request for Proposal (RFP) specific to the needs of the community. He said there should be a committee with a liaison from the BOS and BOF to oversee to the process and send out the RFP on a future date.

Ms. Spielman expressed her frustration over wasted time. Mr. Turner said that he understands the frustration and that he does not speak for the committee or the Fire Department. He believes that this needs to be reassessed.

Mr. DiCorleto stated his experience in handling calls from multiple companies that wanted to bid but were fed up with the specifications of this truck because it was written specifically for a Pierce fire engine.

Chief Feldman said that one of their requirements is to have a service center within 35 miles of the firehouse. The vehicles that met that standard are Pierce, Sutphen, and Seagrave. Right now, when the ladder truck needs repairs, it is out of service for 3 days because the service center is 50 miles away. Mr. Stavens questioned if Chief Feldman had asked if any vendors would come to the Fire Station to perform repairs. Chief Feldman responded that the only companies that would do that are Sutphen and Five Star.

Chief Feldman expressed additional frustration that this has been going on for 2 years. Mr. Stavens said that they are over-specifying the requirements of this truck. Chief Feldman said that they are trying to get a truck that will last. He asked how they are supposed to value engineer the truck without accepting the bid. Mr. Stavens said that there is not incentive to value engineer if the bid is awarded.

Mr. DiCorleto said that he has been told that through value engineering there is the possibility to reduce the price of the truck by over \$100,000.

Chief Feldman was asked how much is spent on maintenance. He responded he has spent about \$2,000 above general maintenance already this year.

Deputy Chief Robert Smith of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department stated that the truck was out of service this week, and will probably be out of service again next week. He believes that purchasing a new truck is the right thing to do. Getting the committee group together to meet and talk about price is necessary at this point. There are many different opinions. However, it is time to replace the truck, and they have to do something as it is out of service too often. If the Board does not agree with the recommendations, they do not have to sign the contract.

Mr. Foster asked who is on the committee. Chief Feldman said that Mr. Stavens, Mr. Olender, Deputy Chief Smith, and Lieutenant Adams will be on the committee. Ms. Spielman reminded the BOS that J. Lyons Fire Consultants will perform the quality assurance inspection.

Mr. Stomberg said that he has issues with value engineering and believes that it leads to corners being cut. This is a 27 year old truck and won't get cheaper down the road. If the current truck isn't fit to be a first-line piece then we should not keep it. He asked for the amortization on the pumpers. Chief Feldman said that the one they are replacing was bonded for 20 years, so it has been paid off for 7 years.

Mr. Stavens asked what the cost would be of buying equipment for the new truck if they kept the old truck. Chief Feldman said that it would be about \$100,000 including the hose.

Chief Feldman said that it is also hard to find parts for the truck they are trying to replace. They have to go to junk yards to find the parts.

MOVE (TURNER), SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED (AYE: FOSTER, PRICHARD, STAVENS, STOMBERG, FERRY; NAY: TURNER) TO HOLD A TOWN MEETING ON APRIL 17, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE EVFD TRIPLE COMBINATION PUMPER, CONTINGENT UPON COMPLETION OF THE VALUE ENGINEERING.

V. New Business

A. Tax Refunds & Abatements

MOVE (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,892.90 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS STATEMENT DATED MARCH 2017. (ATTACHED)

B. Clean Energy Campaign Donation

Samantha Sojka from Eversource Energy presented a donation of \$1,075, representing the earned donations from the 2016 Clean Energy Campaign. She explained that \$25 was donated to the Ellington Fuel Bank for every completed project through a partnered vendor. Ms. Spielman thanked Ms. Houlihan for her help on this project. Ms. Sojka said that they are welcome to continue this project in 2017.

MOVE (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE \$1,075 DONATION FROM THE 2016 EVERSOURCE CLEAN ENERGY CAMPAIGN, ON BEHALF OF THE ELLINGTON FUEL BANK.

C. Solarize Connecticut Program

Ms. Houlihan introduced Chamae Mejias, a representative from SmartPower, who is looking to solicit local communities to take part in Solarize CT. Ms. Mejias stated that SmartPower issued a request for proposals and vetted contractors were able to bid. Ms. Mejias explained that SmartPower representatives and the towns attended vendor proposal review sessions and interviews. Ellington has chosen Earthlight as the installer. Mr. Stavens asked if this has eliminated the bid process. Ms. Mejias replied in the affirmative and said that the goal is to promote quality, reputable vendors and make the process easy for property owners. There is no requirement to work with Earthlight, but they are offering lower prices to those that do chose them as part of the campaign.

Ms. Houlihan said that Earthlight has competitive prices, and is a local business. Earthlight will also help to advertise this program. She said that Earthlight also offers the best warranty.

Mr. Stavens asked how they will reassure homeowners that they are getting a set price. The representative responded that it is a base price per watt.

Mr. Foster asked about the success of these programs. Ms. Mejias responded that it varies by community, but that they have seen success.

MOVE (TURNER), SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO SIGN THE SOLARIZE CONNECTICUT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. (ATTACHED)

D. 2016 Farm Viability Grant

Ms. Houlihan stated that the Department of Agriculture has awarded the Ellington Conservation Commission a \$7,200 grant through the Farm Viability Grant program to fund a Cost of Community Services Study. She explained that the grant is a 60/40 program and allows municipalities to meet match requirements through in-kind services. Mr. Prichard asked who will do the study. Ms. Houlihan said that Paula Stahl of Stahl Associates comes highly recommended and has conducted this program in other communities.

Mr. Prichard asked if this will decrease the money necessary from the new Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Ms. Houlihan said that the data will be used in the Plan of Conservation and Development but it cannot be used in place of it. This will help support future policies to preserve farmland.

Ms. Ferry asked why this was not included in the original plan. Ms. Houlihan said that this is a completely different study. It will look at the cost of services of different types of land such as commercial, industrial, residential, and working/farm land. It does not meet the needs of the POCD, but she is hoping that the data will contribute to the Plan.

MOVE (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE \$7,200 FARM VIABILITY GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AS AWARDED TO THE ELLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

E. Establish Ad Hoc Ellington Trails Committee

Ms. Spielman noted that a Trails Committee would relieve the Department of Public Works of some work, enhance our trails and promote use of the trail system. Currently the Conservation Commission has a group working at the Batz property and have completed the trail on Pinney Street that connects to the trail along the Hockanum River in Vernon.

Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner, said that there is interest in doing more on the trails throughout the Town. They would like to organize efforts and create a process for volunteers to maintain the trails, and they would like a committee to manage those efforts.

Mr. Turner said that he expects the purchase of tools to be handled by Public Works, and not by the volunteers. Ms. Spielman agreed, and said it would just be helpful if people on this committee could help clear the trails instead of tying up Public Works with small things.

MOVE (TURNER), SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC ELLINGTON TRAILS COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND ADVANCING THE TOWN'S TRAILS SYSTEMS. SAID COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF FIVE (5) MEMBERS FROM THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE WHO SHALL SERVE ONE-YEAR TERMS.

F. Establish Ad Hoc Ellington Beautification Committee

Ms. Spielman said that this Committee would also relieve the Department of Public Works of some work and spark some creativity among residents.

MOVE (TURNER), SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC ELLINGTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE BEAUTY OF PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS, THUS PROMOTING PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ELLINGTON. SAID COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF FIVE (5) MEMBERS FROM THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE WHO SHALL SERVE ONE-YEAR TERMS.

G. 2017 Small Cities Grant Program

This item was tabled until the Special Meeting on March 29, 2017.

H. Computer Service & Maintenance Contract

Mr. Foster asked what the total cost is for a year of service. Mr. DiCorleto said it depends on the labor, but it's about \$80,000-\$90,000 a year.

MOVE (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TOWN'S COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR TO APRIL 30, 2018, AS OUTLINED IN ARTICLE 3: TERM OF CONTRACT OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH THE COMPUTER COMPANY OF CROMWELL, CONNECTICUT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

I. Grant Permanent Status: Joy Hollister, Director of Human Services

MOVE (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT PERMANENT STATUS TO JOY HOLLISTER, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 23, 2017 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN.

J. Set Public Hearing – Crystal Lake Boat Club Regatta

MOVE (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017, 7:00 P.M. AT THE ELLINGTON TOWN HALL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING CITIZENS TO COMMENT UPON THE CRYSTAL LAKE SAILING CLUB APPLICATION FOR A REGATTA PERMIT.

K. Policy for Naming Town Buildings/Facilities

Ms. Spielman said that the parents of Jacob Poulin, a young boy who passed away, would like to donate a large playscape at the Pinney Street field in their son's memory. They have formed a Foundation and the Board of Directors would like to also help with constructing a building for bathrooms and have a Deck Hockey area. This would be an enhancement for this area of Town. The Poulin's would like to name the playscape after Jacob.

The Board discussed this request and stated that it should not be an issue; however, the current Policy for Naming Town Buildings/Facilities would need to be revised.

The BOS reviewed the Policy for Naming Town Buildings/Facilities. Mr. Turner stated that the Town Policies Committee should meeting prior to the next BOS meeting to review the language and make a recommendation to the BOS.

VI. Administrative Reports: So noted.

- A. Building Department
- B. Emergency Services
 - 1. Resident State Troopers' Office
 - 2. Emergency Management Director
 - 3. Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps
 - 4. Ellington Volunteer Fire Department
- C. Fire Marshal
- D. Hall Memorial Library

- E. Tax & Revenue Collector
- F. Town Planner

VII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel Committee:
 - 1. Resignations: None
 - 2. Appointments

MOVE (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT DAVID BIDWELL AND GEORGE NICKERSON TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS ENDING MARCH 31, 2021.

MOVE (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT DON-CHRISTOPHER HATTIN AS A MEMBER ON THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO SERVE A TERM ENDING MARCH 31, 2020.

MOVE (PRICHARD), SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT ANN HARFORD AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER ON THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING MARCH 31, 2019.

MOVE (PRICHARD), SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT LOIS TIMMS-FERRARA AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER ON THE CONNECTICUT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING AUGUST 31, 2017.

MOVE (PRICHARD), SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT DAVID OLENDER AS A MEMBER ON THE AD HOC EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 4, 2017.

MOVE (PRICHARD), SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT STEFANIE CUNNINGHAM AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, TO SERVE A TERM ENDING JANUARY 31, 2019.

MOVE (PRICHARD), SECONDED (FERRY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT JOHN BEHRENS AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO SERVE A TERM ENDING JANUARY 31, 2019.

MOVE (PRICHARD), SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT RON BROWN AND JEAN BURNS TO THE INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY TO SERVE TERMS ENDING JANUARY 31, 2021.

B. Other

Mr. Turner said that the Emergency Services Ad Hoc Committee met in the fall and will meet again prior to the budget process. They will have a draft of the proposed Emergency Services Survey for input and if they wish to consider any recommendations they can do so at that time. They expect the study to be done in summer or fall.

Ms. Spielman asked how much of the last Emergency Services Survey was carried out. Mr. Turner responded that out of everything suggested, about 90% were acted on and 75%-80% were implemented.

Chief Feldman stated that there were some things that they felt didn't reflect the department. Mr. Turner said that the survey will point the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in certain directions regarding personnel, equipment, and station placement. This will be done by a credentialed agency that does this nation-wide. It will be done by a company outside of Connecticut so that there are no local connections.

Mr. Stomberg asked if this study will be done for the whole Town, and expressed concern that the study would not be taken seriously. Mr. Turner said that the idea is to do it for everyone who provides emergency services in the Town. He expressed the need for a 3rd party verification that the direction of EMS and the Fire Departments is consistent with trends in the industry.

Ms. Spielman noted that those who are looking to run for Governor in the next election are suggesting regionalization of Police Departments and Emergency Services. Mr. Turner responded that Tolland County Mutual Aid was one of the first that regionalized. Tolland County Mutual Aid shares resources with 15 other towns and does a great job of it. Going forward if the Town was to regionalize the Ambulance, Fire Departments, and Police Department, there will need to be a cost analysis.

VIII. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Foster said that the Housing Authority voted to approve the unit of solar panels from Earthlight.

Mr. Turner said that Ellington Volunteer Fire Department submitted a Capital Improvements request for radio communications, which was denied and will not be moving forward currently. However, the Fire Department had a meeting with representatives from the regional dispatch center, in recognition of communication dispatch that they have, and are looking to move forward together and look at infrastructure, and equipment at a shared expense to make the necessary improvements. This would include a grant to help with funding. The new equipment being proposed would be compatible with whatever comes out of the Emergency Services Study.

Mr. Turner said that on March 20 there is a scheduled orientation to show how the 911 and dispatch system works at the facility. They are meeting at 7 PM at the Ellington Volunteer Fire House. Those on the Board who would like to join can come or he can arrange another visit.

Mr. Turner made comments on the budget, remarking that there were significant improvements this year from the Finance Office. Going forward, he noted he would like to see how the cost of all the programs are offset by their estimated revenue. This would help to understand which programs and services are self-supported, partially supported, and not supported by their own profits. The Parks and Recreation Department did a very good job, and their model can be followed by the other departments. In addition, Mr. Turner would like to see all Town Buildings in one report.

Mr. DiCorleto said that departments are supposed to fund items that cost under \$20,000 out of their own operating budget. He mentioned that it is frustrating to try to maintain buildings so that there are no bond issues. He also mentioned that it is essential that all the budgets go through the Board of Selectmen first.

IX. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

A. New Hires:

- Paige Flanagan, EMT/Driver [Per Diem]
- Christopher Cox, EMT/Driver [Per Diem]
- Collin Boske, EMT/Driver [Per Diem]
- James McKenna, EMT/Driver [Per Diem]
- Jacqueline Wagner, Tax Clerk

Mr. Prichard asked how many hours the Per Diem EMTs will be covering. Dan Flanagan (EVAC) said that they will be working between 0 and 20 hours, but that will vary. Mr. Foster asked if this was a result of suggestions from the EVAC study, and Mr. Flanagan said that it was not specifically a result. Mr. Prichard clarified that EVAC had been short-handed.

B. Resignations/Retirements:

- Retirement: Robert Hoffman, Police Officer
- Resignation: Mark Samsel, Police Officer

C. Other

Ms. Spielman attended the February 28 Legislator's Public Hearing regarding crumbling foundations, where lawmakers were urged to explore funding solutions for the many homeowners affected by foundations that are cracking beneath their homes. There were residents from Ellington, Tolland, Stafford, and Mansfield all working together to help the legislators understand the huge impact of the crumbling foundations.

Ms. Spielman held a staff meeting with all Department Heads on March 1, 2017.

Ms. Spielman reviewed the timeline for the Synthetic Turf and Lights Project. When the budget book is completed, Mr. DiCorleto will request that the bonding attorney prepare the bonding resolution for Board of Selectmen approval. The earliest that the Board of Selectmen can address this is April 17, 2017. If approved by the project will be referred to the Board of Selectmen, and they will refer the project to the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Finance for approval. If the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Finance approves the project, the Board of Selectmen will forward it to a Town Meeting which will be adjourned to a Special Referendum for approval by the voters. Applications for permits can be made to the Planning & Zoning Commission and Inland Wetland Agency after all approvals are obtained.

All Town buildings now have Safety Data Sheet (SDS) books in place; most are located in the kitchens, except for Crystal Lake Schoolhouse and the Senior Center, where they are located in the entryway.

Ms. Spielman said that she is continuing to get good feedback on the Ellington Events Magazine. There are many great advertisements that go into it.

Two upcoming budget meetings are the BOS Budget Presentation to the Board of Finance on March 28, and a Budget Public Hearing at Ellington High School on April 11.

Another upcoming event is the Penguin Plunge, benefitting the Special Olympics, on March 25 at Crystal Lake.

Ms. Spielman attended a CIRMA Claims Advisory meeting in which they discussed past events, such as the Tolland Department of Public Works employee who was hit and killed by a town vehicle while patching a road. This can help educate and prevent future tragedies.

X. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN AT 8:44 P.M.

Submitted by Meaghan Maguire Approved by Lori Spielman
Meaghan Maguire Lori Spielman

TAX COLLECTOR'S REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS		MARCH, 2017		V-A	
DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERSON/CORPORATION	MV/PERS.PROP	TAX/ASSESSOR	YEAR	REASON FOR
	REFUNDS	REAL ESTATE	REQUESTING DEPT.		
\$11.59	BOUCHARD MARION + JOSEPH	MOTOR VEHICLE	ASSESSOR	2015	APPLY VET EXEMPTION BALANCE
\$2,162.15	CHOUINARD ERNEST + NOELLA	REAL ESTATE	TAX COLLECTOR	2015	DUPLICATE PAYMENT
\$172.18	CONKLIN ETHAN	MOTOR VEHICLE	ASSESSOR	2015	SOLD MARCH 2016
\$1,224.43	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES (Carroll Dennis + Anna)	REAL ESTATE	TAX COLLECTOR	2015	DUPLICATE PAYMENT
\$1,705.56	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES (Delli Santi Paul + Yolanda)	REAL ESTATE	TAX COLLECTOR	2015	DUPLICATE PAYMENT
\$2,386.63	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES (Franklin Ryan + Emilee Blais)	REAL ESTATE	TAX COLLECTOR	2015	DUPLICATE PAYMENT
\$3,887.08	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES (Garg Vipul + Jain Shilpi)	REAL ESTATE	TAX COLLECTOR	2015	DUPLICATE PAYMENT
\$6,066.54	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES (King James + Kerry)	REAL ESTATE	TAX COLLECTOR	2015	DUPLICATE PAYMENT
\$2,975.74	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES (Macaluso Paula Denise)	REAL ESTATE	TAX COLLECTOR	2015	DUPLICATE PAYMENT
\$91.50	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES (Piona Jacob + Laura)	REAL ESTATE	ASSESSOR	2015	APPLY VA DISABILITY
\$1,608.73	CORELOGIC TAX SERVICES (Wysocki Edward)	REAL ESTATE	TAX COLLECTOR	2015	DUPLICATE PAYMENT
\$359.72	HONDA LEASE TRUST	MOTOR VEHICLE	ASSESSOR	2015	SOLD FEBRUARY 2016
\$165.19	HONDA LEASE TRUST	MOTOR VEHICLE	ASSESSOR	2015	SOLD FEBRUARY 2016
\$663.07	HONDA LEASE TRUST	MOTOR VEHICLE	ASSESSOR	2015	SOLD OCTOBER 2015
\$129.02	HONDA LEASE TRUST	MOTOR VEHICLE	ASSESSOR	2015	SOLD + REG IN GA JUNE 2016
\$180.00	LUOMA ALAN + MARCIA	REAL ESTATE	TAX COLLECTOR	2015	OVERPAYMENT
\$63.78	MELESKO THERESA	MOTOR VEHICLE	ASSESSOR	2015	REG IN VERNON OCTOBER 2015
\$59.99	MOSS ANTHONY	MOTOR VEHICLE	ASSESSOR	2015	REG IN NY AUGUST 2016
\$23,892.90	MARCH, 2017 REFUND TOTAL				
	ABATEMENTS				
\$0.00	MARCH, 2017 ABATEMENT TOTAL				
\$23,892.90	MARCH, 2017 REFUND AND ABATEMENT TOTAL				



Solarize Connecticut Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding is made between the Town of Ellington and Solarize Connecticut, a program managed by SmartPower, Inc. ("SmartPower"), sparked by the Connecticut Green Bank.

WHEREAS Ellington has been a leader in sustainability efforts in Connecticut;

WHEREAS solar energy is good for the environment and contributes to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS generating electricity from solar energy can save town homeowners money on their utility bills and can help residents of the Town of Ellington control future energy costs thereby saving taxpayer money;

WHEREAS solar energy creates opportunities for economic development and job creation while promoting energy independence;

WHEREAS SmartPower, a not-for-profit entity, is launching Solarize Connecticut to encourage more residential solar electric installations to reduce energy use, improve the environment, and create jobs by increasing the use of solar technologies;

WHEREAS Ellington has endorsed the goals of Solarize Connecticut;

WHEREAS SmartPower will promote Ellington for its participation in Solarize Connecticut in media stories, on its website, through social marketing and at presentations;

WHEREAS Ellington will promote Solarize Connecticut, including participating in joint outreach opportunities; and will designate a person to coordinate communications activities with SmartPower;

WHEREAS Ellington will assist SmartPower in selecting a solar installer to provide residents with quotes for reduced pricing for solar through the Solarize Ellington campaign;

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town of Ellington commits to promote and participate in the Solarize Connecticut effort known locally as Solarize Ellington with the goal of becoming a leader in residential solar electric installations in the State of Connecticut.

- 2. As is the case with all Solarize projects, Ellington makes no financial or contractual commitment for the Solarize Project. The Town's support for the project is through in-kind support such as Ellington staff or elected officials working with SmartPower and town volunteers to support the project through a variety of outreach methods.
- 3. Ellington will identify up to three residents and/or staff that can be part of the solar installer competitive selection process. After SmartPower has reviewed the proposals from solar installers, the Ellington team will in turn review these proposals and participate in a proposal review session, and have an opportunity to meet with installers. Ellington will make a recommendation listing 3-4 installers it would like to work with for the project and work with SmartPower to select the final solar installer for Ellington.
- 4. SmartPower will support Ellington volunteers for outreach including a town page on www.solarizect.com. SmartPower will hold initial organizing meetings and provide the Town with a Solarize Town banner and help draft press releases, newsletter articles, and letters to the editor as well as other promotional items. SmartPower will also hold bi-weekly conference calls for volunteers, Ellington staff/officials and the selected solar installer to coordinate activities, brainstorm outreach opportunities and share information about the progress of the Solarize project. However, while SmartPower will support Solarize Connecticut, it will be the responsibility of the Town and Ellington volunteers to spearhead outreach activities.

In agreement with the above, the parties hereby have affixed their signatures.

Town of Ellington

SmartPower, Inc.

Signature

Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Title

Title

Date

Date