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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, June 11, 2018  
Town Hall – Meeting Hall

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Lori Spielman, James Prichard, David Stavens, Ronald Stomberg,  
John Turner, Melinda Ferry, Sarah Cook

OTHERS PRESENT: Peg Busse, Cheryl Chamberlin, Nicholas DiCorleto, Dave Olender

## PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

First Selectman Lori Spielman opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and read the Notice of Public Hearing that was published in the Journal Inquirer on June 1, 2018. Ms. Spielman asked if anyone wished to comment.

Peg Busse (37 Abbott Road) asked how the Board of Selectmen (BOS) plans to inform voters that voted against this in the last election that either this should have not been a question on the ballot or that the BOS is moving forward with this despite the public vote. Ms. Spielman responded that she believes there was a miscommunication and that voters were not informed on this issue. She stated that the BOS is looking to revise the ordinance to bring this up to standard. Ms. Cook stated that this was the same thing that went to vote and was voted down. Ms. Busse stated that if this should not have gone out to vote, then it should be explained to voters why it was overturned.

Mr. DiCorleto stated that the Town Attorney identified that the Ordinance language was flawed and proposed that the BOS consider revising the Ordinance. The Ordinance was originally approved at a Town Meeting before the previous Charter Revision addressed the proposal to change the Town Charter. Ms. Busse asked why it was inappropriately on the ballot. Mr. DiCorleto stated that when there are changes to the State Statute, it is attempted to incorporate those changes into the Town Charter. However, some people made an issue out of this. Mr. Prichard stated that this was originally approved as an ordinance, but they wanted to clear it up so that it matched State Statute.

Mr. DiCorleto explained that State Statutes says they can do an additional appropriation of \$40,000. They were trying to make the Town Charter in sync with this. Ms. Busse stated that to the average person, it looks like they were given the opportunity to vote, but it did not matter. Mr. Prichard stated that it is a miscommunication. The BOS just wanted to clean up the language in the Ordinance before the current Charter Revision Commission considers the proposal to change the Town Charter. Ms. Busse reiterated that she doesn't understand why people had the opportunity to vote in the first place, considering that their vote on this did not matter. Ms. Cook said that it needs to be communicated that someone made an error and that this should never have gone out.

Dave Olender (220 Abbott Rd) stated that he believes that if they are going to use \$25,000 as the threshold then it should apply to everything, including the State bid prices.

Cheryl Chamberlin (9 Egypt Rd) stated that being transparent after the fact is the best thing at this point, because informing voters that their vote did not matter will leave a little bit of a sour taste.

Ms. Ferry stated that it needs to be made clear what happened. Mr. Turner stated that he believes people will understand if everything is explained appropriately.

First Selectman Spielman closed the public hearing at 7:17 PM.

Submitted by meaghan maguire Approved by Lori L. Spielman  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF ELLINGTON

**Monday, June 11, 2018**

The Town of Ellington will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Ellington Town Hall Meeting Hall, 55 Main Street, Ellington, CT for the purpose of allowing citizens to comment upon the following:

- Revisions to Ellington Code Chapter 28 Budget and Finance; Article 1 Competitive Bidding [28.1 through 28.3]

The proposed revisions to the Ellington Code 28.1 through 28.3 are available for review in the Town Clerk's Office, First Selectman's Office and on the Town website at [ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov).

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DATED at Ellington, Connecticut, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 2018.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Lori Spielman  
First Selectman

Journal Inquirer: June 1, 2018

## PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 28: BUDGET AND FINANCE

### Article I: Competitive Bidding

#### § 28-1 Requirements.

~~Except as required by any provision of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, sealed bidding shall not be required for contracts or purchases having a value less than \$7,500. For contracts or purchases having a value between \$5,000, direct negotiations with prospective suppliers shall be done. Pursuant to the authority granted by Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-148v, as amended by Public Act 13-17, that authorizes a municipality to establish competitive bidding requirements by ordinance, notwithstanding any provision of the municipal charter to the contrary, it is hereby determined that for any purchase estimated at twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more, the Finance Officer shall invite sealed bids. The Finance Officer shall provide a minimum of ten (10) days public notice to potential bidders by publication at least once in a newspaper having circulation in Town. The Finance Officer shall, with the approval of the requesting board, commission, committee or department (i) award the purchase or contract to the lowest responsible bidder thereon, provided that is determined to be in the best interests of the Town to accept such bid, or (ii) award the purchase or contract to such other responsible bidder that is determined to be in the best interests of the Town, or (iii) reject any or all such bids or proposals. All such bids shall be opened publicly. For any purchases less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), the Finance Officer or his or her designee shall negotiate directly with prospective suppliers prior to the Finance Officer awarding the contract.~~

#### § 28-2 Applicability.

These regulations shall apply to the awarding of any contract or the purchase of any personal property by the Town of Ellington.

#### § 28-3 Effect on Charter provisions.

This article supersedes the monetary limits of Ellington Charter §1011 until such time as said section is revised. It shall not alter or amend the remaining provisions of the Charter or limit the Selectmen's authority to waive bidding procedures as set forth in charter §1011

*Board of Selectmen Meeting: March 12, 2018*

*Board of Selectmen Town Ordinance Committee: April 30, 2018*

*Board of Selectmen Meeting: May 14, 2018*

*Board of Selectmen Public Hearing: June 11, 2018*

*Town Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_*