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First Selectman

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The following employees were recognized for service to the Town of Ellington.

30 Years of Service:

Lori Smith, Administrative Assistant II

20 Years of Service:

Katherine Boop, Library Assistant I
Cheryl Chamberlin, Library Assistant II
Tonya Glomboske, Emergency Medical Technician/Ambulance Driver (not in attendance)
Joshua Hebert, DPW Maintainer II
Linda Judd, Library Assistant I
Marie Sauvé, Human Resources Coordinator/Executive Assistant (not in attendance)

10 Years of Service:

Shawn Bull, DPW Maintainer I
John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Officer
Lindsay McKeegan, Library Assistant I
Gail Moran, Accounting/Payroll Specialist (not in attendance)
Rebecca O'Brien, WPCA Crew Chief (not in attendance)

5 Years of Service

An acknowledgement card was sent to:
Kayla Condron, Youth Services Program Instructor
Daniel Whitman, DPW Maintainer I

Monday, October 15, 2018
Town Hall Meeting Hall
Board of Selectmen Meeting

MINUTES

SELECTMEN PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Timothy Webb, Director of Public Works/WPCA Administrator; Sgt. Brian Santa, Resident State Troopers' Supervisor; LouAnn Cannella, Executive Assistant/Website and Social Media Coordinator; Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance & Operations, Ellington Public Schools; Jim York, Fire Marshal; Jack Rich, Chief, Ellington Volunteer Fire

Department (EVFD); Bob Smith, EVFD; Peg Busse, Board of Finance; Mary Blanchette, Library Board of Trustees; Chuck Petruccione, Brown and Brown Insurance Broker for the Board of Education; Michael Hurlburt, Jacquelyn Charest, Nancy Hurlburt, Dennis Milanovich

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by First Selectman Spielman.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS' FORUM [Non agenda items]

Michael Hurlburt (21 Glenwood Rd) said he has come to prior BOS meetings to bring up the issue of barking dogs in his neighborhood and its effect on his life. He feels like nothing has been done to help his situation. Ms. Spielman stated that she received a call from a woman who purchased the house in the same area, who stated that the barking is unbearable. The dogs bark late at night and her children cannot sleep. Ms. Spielman is going to meet with Sgt. Santa and the Animal Control Officer, Barbara Murdach.

Sgt. Brian Santa, Resident State Troopers' Supervisor, stated that he recently received a phone call from a resident and a State Trooper visited the house, but the dogs were not barking at that time. The Trooper went to the house and tried to make contact with the person who is responsible for the dogs, Mr. Matt Fischer, but was unable to. If the dogs aren't barking while the police are present there isn't much that they can do.

Mr. Stomberg stated that he has gone by the house five times and has never heard the dogs barking. He has heard from other people that this is an issue, but has not heard it himself. Mr. Hurlburt stated that they think someone gave Mr. Fischer notice that the dog barking was being recorded and noted by the residents for the month of September. It was fairly quiet during this time. The neighbors would like to push for some sort of noise ordinance to get this under control.

Jacquelyn Charest (18 Glenwood Rd) stated that multiple logs were submitted to the Animal Control Officer for the month of September regarding the barking dogs. She said that every surrounding town has a noise ordinance or an ordinance that limits the number of animals that can be kept on a certain amount of acreage. Ms. Charest feels that it is embarrassing to hear people say they did not hear anything when driving by the property. The neighbors are not making it up; they live with this every day, and it is horrible. She stated that she is ready to put her house up for sale and is unhappy with the BOS for not acting on this.

Nancy Hurlburt (21 Glenwood Rd) stated that as a taxpayer, she is unhappy with the Town. There is no noise ordinance and there has been a lack of response from the Town representatives. Nobody wants to deal with this next to their house. She is in favor of the agricultural aspect of the Town, but these dogs are not a part of it.

Ms. Cook asked if anyone has looked further into the hobby kennel license that is held by Mr. Fischer. She asked what draws the line between that and breeding and training. Ms. Charest

asked who issues that license. Ms. Spielman stated that it is issued by Planning and Zoning and the Town Clerk.

Ms. Hurlburt said that after the end of September, the barking started back up. Ms. Charest stated that Barbara, the dog warden, is very good friends with Mr. Fischer and she believes he was warned in advance that the neighbors were keeping a log for the month of September. As soon as the dogs started to bark, he was heard telling them to be quiet. Ms. Charest mentioned equipment that was purchased to help Mr. Fischer keep the dogs quiet; Mr. Prichard asked for more information. Ms. Charest said that the equipment emits a high-pitched sound that trains the dogs not to bark, but she does not believe it is being used.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 5, 2018 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING.

B. September 10, 2018 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING.

Ms. Cook clarified, regarding the Ad Hoc Drug Free Graduation Party Committee, that the Committee has to be voted on every year for re-establishment. It is important and she wanted to know if it could just automatically re-establish.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. August 13, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes; Agenda Item VI.I – EVFD Equipment for New Sutphen Pumper Clarification of Statements

Ms. Spielman stated that Mr. Jim Lyons was hired as a consultant for the fire truck project. He wanted to correct the record to include that his involvement would have been 100%, but he was not contacted to go to the meeting that was referenced in the August 13, 2018 minutes. He was not notified and there was no communication between himself and the fire department.

Bob Smith, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD) Member, clarified that the fire department did not contact Mr. Lyons originally, the Town did. They were under the assumption that a representative from the Town would be contacting Mr. Lyons. Going forward, they will be contacting him directly, as discussed.

Mr. Stavens clarified that there had been a perception of a conflict of interest, but there is no conflict of interest for Mr. Lyons working on this project.

B. EVFD Equipment for New Sutphen Pumper – Set Town Meeting Date

Jack Rich, EVFD Chief, stated that according to Town Charter, section 1009, subsection K, this should not have to go to Town Meeting because the revised number falls under \$40,000. The

longer the process is delayed, the less equipment they can order. The hose has to be ordered because the test is scheduled for November 6th.

Ms. Spielman said that Felicia LaPlante, Acting Finance Officer, stated this change has to go to Town Meeting for approval. Mr. Smith said that the larger amount was already approved at the Town Meeting. This has been approved many times already and it is causing a delay. He asked for something in writing to explain why this must be approved again.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RESCIND THE MOTION ADOPTED AT THE AUGUST 13, 2018 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AS FOLLOWS: TO APPROPRIATE \$35,743 FROM THE UNASSIGNED-GENERAL FUND BALANCE FY2018-19 TO FY2018-19 CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT-EVFD EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,743 FOR THE NEW SUTPHEN PUMPER, AS SUBMITTED IN THE HANDOUT RECEIVED AT THE AUGUST 13, 2018 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING. FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO WARN A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE ELLINGTON TOWN HALL MEETING HALL TO ALLOW CITIZENS TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON THIS ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION, PENDING BOARD OF FINANCE APPROVAL.

Ms. Spielman asked LouAnn Cannella, Executive Assistant, First Selectman's Office, to contact Ms. LaPlante, Acting Finance Officer, by phone for further explanation. Ms. Cannella left the room to contact Ms. LaPlante.

MOVED (STAVENS), SECONDED (TURNER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO TABLE ITEM V.B.

Ms. Cannella returned to the meeting and Ms. LaPlante called in. Via speakerphone, Ms. LaPlante stated that Mr. DiCorleto, Finance Officer/Treasurer, added a new line item to the budget. She explained that every time a new line item is added, Town Meeting approval is required in order to put the funds into the account, even though the amount is under \$40,000. Peg Busse, Board of Finance (BOF) member, asked if this item can go under an existing line item. Ms. LaPlante responded that if it goes under an existing line item, a new motion from the BOF would be required. The members of the BOS agreed to leave this how Mr. DiCorleto had laid it out, under the new line item, and to hold a Town Meeting on October 23rd at 6:15 P.M. Ms. Spielman thanked Ms. LaPlante for her availability by phone and disconnected the call.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO UN-TABLE ITEM V.B.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROPRIATE \$35,743 FROM THE UNASSIGNED-GENERAL FUND BALANCE FY2018-19 TO FY2018-19 CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT-EVFD EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,743 FOR THE NEW SUTPHEN PUMPER. FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO WARN A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018 AT 6:15 P.M. AT THE ELLINGTON TOWN HALL MEETING HALL TO ALLOW CITIZENS TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON THIS ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION.

C. Hall Memorial Library Roof Project

Mr. Stomberg said that he feels that this situation is getting ridiculous. There is a leaking roof and stained panels, and putting this off until the spring will not amount to anything except more

money. Ms. Cook said that she feels it is concerning that Mr. Webb had come forward to say he felt the situation involving the member from the BOF was unethical. Ms. Ferry said that no Town employee should take direction from anyone except for Ms. Spielman, the First Selectman. There is a conflict of interest or personality here and she doesn't feel it should be allowed to continue.

Ms. Spielman stated that she feels that Mr. Webb, as the Public Works Director, should be in charge of the roof replacement. Mr. Stomberg agreed, saying that if this project is pushed off until after the bad weather, there might be new and higher quotes in the spring. They might need a new appraisal done at that time.

Mary Blanchette, Library Board of Trustees Member, stated that she is concerned that pooling water on the roof can cause a hazard or liability in the Library. Mr. Stomberg said that the Library would like to put in new rugs, paint, and put up decorations, but they can't because it is being ruined by the leaking water.

Mr. Prichard asked how long it would take to rebid the project. Timothy Webb, Director of Public Works/WPCA Administrator, responded that Silkton Roofing was scheduled by the BOF member, before a contract was signed, to do infrared testing on the roof. Certain portions of the roof might show the need to be fixed and some may not. For \$180,000 maximum, the Town can get a brand-new roof with a thirty-year warranty before the bad weather hits. However the BOS decides to move forward, he will proceed accordingly. New bid specifications would cost about \$1,200. Silkton was the lowest priced, most qualified bidder.

Ms. Ferry feels that one person should not be determining the outcome of this project. Ms. Cook stated that she thinks that if this does not move forward, people will look to see what relationships did or did not exist with whoever gets the bid.

Dennis Milanovich (70 Crane Road) vouched for Silkton Roofing, stating that they have done good work locally for decades.

Ms. Busse said that this started because the Library Director initially received a bid for \$300,000 for the roof. The person on the BOF pushed back to get them to rethink the cost of the project. Now the price is down to \$180,000. That person thinks that they can get the price lower. Her personal feeling is that they should think of this as a victory of \$120,000 in savings and complete the roof with Silkton.

Mr. Stavens asked what the advantage would be of having the engineer do bid specifications and plans versus what they have now. Mr. Webb stated that nothing would be gained. The existing roof is to be stripped to the metal decking and rebuilt up to code with a thirty-year warranty. Ms. Spielman stated that she spoke to the engineer and he stated that it was not worth it to do the infrared and test cuts. This is what Mr. Webb has been saying all along.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND FAILED (AYE: NONE; NAY: TURNER/STAVENS/STOMBERG/FERRY/COOK; ABSTAIN: PRICHARD) TO RESCIND THE MOTION RELATING TO THE AWARDED OF THE CONTRACT FOR HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY ROOF PROJECT TO SILKTOWN ROOFING OF MANCHESTER, CT ADOPTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,819.93 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENT STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2018. [ATTACHED]

B. BOE Dental Self-Insurance Fund Ordinance

1. BOS Town Ordinance Committee Recommendation

Mr. Stomberg said that the motion at the Town Ordinance Committee meeting passed unanimously to recommend to the BOS the adoption of a new ordinance concerning the BOE dental self-insurance fund.

2. BOS Recommendation

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DENTAL SELF-INSURANCE FUND ORDINANCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY AND THE BOS TOWN ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

Peg Busse asked for clarification about the presentation. She said that in theory, every covered life could hit their maximum benefit, but she doesn't see a potential for \$330,000 anywhere. She understands that situation rarely happens, but it could occur. Chuck Petruccione, Brown and Brown Insurance Broker for the Board of Education, is an underwriter who looks at the claims experience. Ms. Busse made the point that the average person doesn't truly understand most of this. There is a possibility of more people hitting their maximums than what is projected. Mr. Petruccione said that would not happen, but they would not tell anyone that there is guaranteed savings. Mr. Turner said that he understands what is being said about the maximum exposure. However, if you look at the history provided, there is a potential for savings going forward. He thinks that this is in our best interest.

3. Set Public Hearing & Town Meeting Date

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE ELLINGTON TOWN HALL MEETING HALL TO ALLOW CITIZENS TO COMMENT ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DENTAL SELF-INSURANCE FUND ORDINANCE; FURTHER TO ADD THIS ITEM TO THE TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2018, TO BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING, TO DISCUSS AND VOTE UPON THE ORDINANCE.

C. Appointment – Hall Memorial Library Board of Trustees

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT MARY P. CONE TO THE HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED REPUBLICAN TERM ENDING DECEMBER 2, 2019, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ELLINGTON REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE.

D. Contract to Provide Snow Plowing Services

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE ACTING FINANCE OFFICER TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2018-2019 SNOW PLOWING SERVICES, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019, WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR PERIODS, TO COOKER CONSTRUCTION, LLC, OF SOMERS, CT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

Mr. Stavens asked if any other bids were received. Mr. Webb responded that three vendors attended the pre-bid meeting and one bid was received. Mr. Stavens asked Mr. Webb to clarify the areas that were added for plowing and the amount of equipment needed. Mr. Webb also clarified that the insurance information from the vendor will be provided at the signing of the contract.

E. Contract to Provide Cleaning Services for Town Buildings

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE ACTING FINANCE OFFICER TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH ADAMS & ADAMS BUILDING SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE CLEANING SERVICES AS OUTLINED IN "ARTICLE 3: DATES OF COMMENCEMENT & SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION" IN THE CURRENT CONTRACT, FOR A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO DECEMBER 31, 2019, UPON ALL OF THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE CURRENT CONTRACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS; FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT EXTENSION.

Mr. Webb clarified that the prices from last year are being held.

F. Contract to Provide Mechanical Services for Town Buildings

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE ACTING FINANCE OFFICER TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH ACTION AIR SYSTEMS, INC. TO PROVIDE MECHANICAL SERVICES AS OUTLINED IN "ARTICLE 3: DATES OF COMMENCEMENT, TERM AND OPTION TO RENEW" IN THE CURRENT CONTRACT, FOR A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO DECEMBER 31, 2019, UPON ALL OF THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE CURRENT CONTRACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT EXTENSION.

G. Standby Duty/Fire Marshal's Office

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE STANDBY DUTY POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL AND THE BOS PERSONNEL POLICIES COMMITTEE, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15, 2018.

Mr. Turner asked if this applies only to the staff of the Fire Marshal's office. In the past, they have been flexible about weekend and off-hour inspection. He asked if this is for emergency situations in which something is found and the Fire Marshal needs to stay. Jim York, Fire Marshal, responded that this does not apply to normal business hours. This is specifically for

times when he might not be available. Normally he covers the off-hour inspections and the rest is just an agreement to share and adjust schedules to fit things in.

Mr. York said that there is a separate statement that addresses the "fire watch" program. There are few situations in which that has been used, and that policy remains. There is an agreement with the BOE to work with a custodian to be dedicated to every function.

H. Community Connectivity Grant

Mr. Webb stated that the Town will hold a public information meeting on October 29th at the Town Hall Annex. Residents in the area will be notified of the meeting. The Town has a plan in place and a baseline survey, but input from residents will be sought before finalizing the project.

Mr. Stavens asked about the positioning of Route 83. Mr. Webb responded that the State has provided feedback for the pedestrian crossing, but there is discrepancy regarding who will design it. This is in the queue and he expects a commitment letter in early 2019. Two public information meetings have been held regarding the Middle Butcher Road sidewalk project.

I. Award of Bid – Analysis of the Town of Ellington Fire-Rescue and Emergency Medical Services

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE ACTING FINANCE OFFICER TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON ANALYSIS OF FIRE/RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO JLN ASSOCIATES, LLC. OF OLD LYME, CT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE. FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

J. State of CT Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security - Resolution to satisfy the Emergency Management Performance Grant and Homeland Security Grant Program Application Requirements

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MAY ENTER INTO WITH, AND DELIVER TO, THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY, ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS WHICH IT DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE; AND

FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT LORI SPIELMAN, AS FIRST SELECTMAN OF THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON, IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TO DO AND PERFORM ALL ACTS AND THINGS WHICH SHE DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE TERMS OF SUCH DOCUMENTS.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 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
 5. Crystal Lake Fire Department
- C. Fire Marshal
- D. Hall Memorial Library
- E. Tax & Revenue Collector
- F. Town Planner
- G. Human Services Department
- H. Finance Office
- I. Department of Public Works: Ms. Spielman congratulated the Public Works Department on second place in the "Snow Plow Rodeo." Mr. Webb stated that Dan Whitman, Maintainer I, took second place this year. The department also received an award for the best-looking truck.

VIII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel Committee:
1. Resignations

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MARY BETH O'NEILL FROM THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY.

2. Appointments

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT JENNA MILLER, REV. DR. JAY M. TERBUSH, AMY DARLING AND MELISSA ABBRUZZESE TO THE AD HOC COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPING POSITIVE YOUTH CULTURE TO COMPLETE ONE-YEAR TERMS ENDING AUGUST 31, 2019.

- B. Town Policies Committee

1. Update: Meeting set for November 5, 2018: Mr. Turner stated that the Town Policies Committee has scheduled a meeting for November 5, 2018 regarding pets in Town buildings.

IX. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Education Master Plan Committee: Mr. Turner stated that he is aware that the BOE had appropriated money for a master plan. Specifications went out and the committee interviewed three vendors before hiring one. There was a forum held on October 4th for people to come and voice their concerns regarding school facilities, content, and more. The committee has since met with the company and are in the process of putting demographics together and formulating ideas that they heard from the public. It is premature to make a statement regarding what is to come. It is clear from the public that there is concern regarding Windermere School. The physical plant is old and will need attention or other action. They also have to meet guidelines of racial balance at all of the schools. There are templates that showed occupancy levels in the schools. They believe that they have enough positioning to create some options. Financial boundaries will eventually need to be taken into consideration. The committee is meeting again in November.

Brian Greenleaf, Ellington Public Schools Director of Finance and Operations, stated that the next community forum will be held on November 15th. Five or six options will be presented and the public will be asked to comment on what they like or don't like about the different options. The Committee will then narrow them down to two or three that are more refined. There will then be another forum in January. Whatever comes out of that will be sent to the BOE for consideration.

Mr. Turner stated that it has been interesting to hear the concerns of the citizens. There are some requests that had been heard in the past but hadn't been acted on. Mr. Turner encourages everyone to attend and offer opinions.

Ms. Ferry stated that some of the things that came out of this public meeting were changing education, a need to collaborate, flexibility, common areas for interaction or work by self, STEM, vocational work, sustainability, technology, safety, and security.

X. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

A. Staff

1. New Hires: There were none.
2. Resignations
 - Meghan McCoy, Library Page

B. Other:

Ms. Spielman stated the following:

- This Saturday will be the last outdoor Farmers Market for the season. There will be a costume contest for the pets!
- The Trails Committee is doing a "Trail of Treats" event on October 29th from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. There will be 35-40 business sponsors. This is the first time the Trails Committee is holding this event.
- October 27th is National Prescription Drug Takeback Day. This will be held at the State Troopers' office, 33 Arbor Way, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- On October 1, Ms. Spielman attended the Hartford Foundation Public Giving Listening Tour Hall Memorial Library. This event was held to speak with residents regarding the needs of the community.
- Saturday will be the Fifth Annual Pet Adoption event at 287 Somers Road from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- Three out of five Eagle Scout projects are complete. This includes the Batz property, Sandy Beach, and Brookside. These are great and interesting projects. Ms. Spielman would like to have a presentation to show how much effort is put into these projects.
- There will be three enlarged sample ballots on display to show residents what the ballots will look like and give them a chance to review the questions. These will be on display at the Town Hall, Hall Memorial Library, and the Ellington Senior Center. There will also be one at the Ellington High School for the October 23rd Town Meeting. There will be flyers available explaining the proposed Charter revision questions. A mailing will be sent out prior to Election Day to familiarize residents with the ballots. There is a lot of information going out.

- EVFD is doing a Truck-or-Treat event on October 31st from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Mr. Turner stated that the Cadets will be there with the trucks and assisting with the event.
- CGI Communications has selected Ellington to produce a "Welcome to Ellington" video that will be added to the Town website to show what different departments and businesses in Ellington do. Ms. Spielman will be going to different businesses to do a video to showcase Ellington.
- There are new "no parking" signs on Abbott Road in front of Windermere School. Ms. Cook said that, as a parent who has to go to the school when there is a lot of traffic, she understands the reason behind the signs but feels like they are not making it any safer. She now has to park far away and walk with little kids to the school. Mr. Turner said that this is a critical issue that is difficult because of the layout of the area. Ms. Cook pointed out that the issue is when there is an event at the school. Mr. Greenleaf stated that the traffic patterns in that area are a concern.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission met last week regarding the Middle Road Field. The next meeting will be on October 22, 2018 at the Ellington High School.
- A Mass Casualty drill was held at the YMCA. This was well attended by emergency services and many volunteers.
- This year's Scarecrow Contest is in full swing and there are many entries from residents, businesses and civic organizations!

Peg Busse stated that the Friends of the Library is having a "Bag of Books" sale this weekend. For \$9 you will get a bag that you can fill up with books to support the library. There are over 12,000 items!

XI. CORRESPONDENCE: Oakridge Dairy Farm's latest newsletter was distributed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 8:46 P.M.

Submitted by Meaghan Maguire
Meaghan Maguire
Recording Secretary

Approved by Lori L. Spielman
Lori L. Spielman
First Selectman

TAX COLLECTOR'S REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS		V.I.A	
OCTOBER, 2018			
DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERSON/CORPORATION REFUNDS	MV/PERS.PROP REAL ESTATE	TAX/ASSESSOR REQUESTING DEPT.
		YEAR	REASON FOR
\$228.55	ALLY BANK	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 3/17/17
\$190.20	BADDELEY MARGARET	2017	ASSESSOR SERV.DISABILITY
\$134.85	BARNARD ALLENE T	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 9/15/17
\$5.58	BARNARD ALLENE T	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 8/31/18
\$108.47	CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 7/9/18
\$17.12	COBB GLEN A	2017	ASSESSOR VEH REG CA 8/24/18
\$65.52	COBB GLEN A	2017	ASSESSOR VEH REG CA 8/24/18
\$9.07	COBB GLEN A	2017	ASSESSOR VEH REG CA 8/24/18
\$46.34	COBB GLEN A	2017	ASSESSOR VEH REG CA 8/24/18
\$1,943.21	CORELOGIC FOR HOFFMAN ROBERT G/BRADFORD R	2017	ASSESSOR PAID AT CLOSING
\$66.86	DAIMLER TRUST	2017	TAX ASSESSOR VEH REG CA 8/6/18
\$18.11	GARRISON NANCY A	2017	ASSESSOR VEH REG NY 8/30/18
\$78.93	GUILLEMETTE LAWRENCE E/JUDITH A	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 7/25/17
\$488.84	HAAN AUTO TRUST	2017	ASSESSOR VEH LOSS 1/22/18
\$114.03	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 7/28/18
\$90.82	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 6/22/18
\$282.26	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 1/31/18
\$340.14	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	2017	ASSESSOR LESSEE RESIDES IN VERNON
\$351.23	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 3/2/18
\$17.88	KOONZE SHARON J/DAVID E	2017	ASSESSOR VEH REG NH 8/22/18
\$25.77	KOONZE SHARON J/DAVID E	2017	ASSESSOR VEH REG NH 8/22/18
\$27.11	LAFORGE SUSAN A	2017	ASSESSOR GIFTED 4/6/18
\$22.50	LUC CHRISTINE M	2017	ASSESSOR REG IN FL 8/3/18
\$18.30	MEYER HAROLD R	2017	ASSESSOR VEH REG TX 8/3/18
\$40.48	MEYER ROSE M	2017	ASSESSOR VEH REG TX 8/2/18
\$23.46	OAKRIDGE DAIRY LLC/OAKRIDGE FARMS	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 8/2/18
\$25.77	OAKRIDGE DAIRY LLC/OAKRIDGE FARMS	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 7/24/18
\$18.96	PARADIS DONALD (DONCO ELECTRIC)	2016	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 8/2/17
\$39.53	PONTIUS FRANK	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 6/14/18
\$55.32	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 7/19/18
\$73.87	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	2017	ASSESSOR VEH TRADED 7/27/18
\$233.91	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	2017	ASSESSOR APPLY AFA/CFB EX-JEFFREY VAIL
\$460.12	USB LEASING LT	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 5/1/18
\$70.98	USB LEASING LT	2017	ASSESSOR VEH TRADED 8/18/18
\$468.56	VAIL JEFFREY	2017	ASSESSOR APPLY AFA/CFB EX
\$320.01	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	2017	ASSESSOR VEH REG MA 12/20/17
\$290.27	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	2017	ASSESSOR VEH SOLD 4/11/18
\$7.00	WILK THOMAS S	2017	ASSESSOR GIFTED 8/21/18
\$6,819.93	OCTOBER, 2018 REFUND TOTAL		