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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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LORI L. SPIELMAN  
First Selectman

Monday, October 29, 2018  
Town Hall Meeting Hall  
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting

## MINUTES

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Lori Spielman, Melinda Ferry, John Turner, David Stavens, Ronald Stomberg

**SELECTMEN ABSENT:** Sarah Cook, James Prichard

**OTHERS PRESENT:** David Olender, Board of Finance member, Tom Palshaw, Michael Richey, Cynthia Richey

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by First Selectman Spielman.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. CITIZENS' FORUM [non-agenda items]:

Mr. Michael Richey, 18 West Shore Road, asked Ms. Spielman for the status of getting his well cleared. Ms. Spielman reminded Mr. Richey that she has been working to set up a meeting with the individuals who have pertinent information regarding Mr. Richey's complaint. Mr. Richey said that he will not attend the meeting that Ms. Spielman set up for Friday, November 2, 2018. Mr. Richey handed Ms. Spielman a document that he stated shows a test of his well from last week. Mr. Richey requested a resolution from Ms. Spielman and she again stated that the parties with knowledge of the situation need to meet. Mr. Richey said he is not interested in meeting outside of a courtroom. Ms. Spielman said she will continue to look into Mr. Richey's concern.

Mr. Richey asked Ms. Spielman for the status of his \$18,000,000 claim against the Town and where the Town is in the process of settling it. Ms. Spielman stated that she could not comment on pending litigation. Mr. Richey continued to comment and told the BOS that the Town has five business days to settle this case.

Mr. David Olender, 220 Abbott Road, stated that he disputes what is documented in the minutes of the October 15, 2018 Board of Selectmen meeting; agenda item V.C Hall Memorial Library Roof Project, page 5. Mr. Olender said that it is inaccurate to state that "...Silktown Roofing

was scheduled by the BOF member, before a contract was signed, to do infrared testing on the roof". Mr. Olender said that he did not schedule Silktown Roofing and it was Silktown Roofing that contacted him regarding the infrared testing. He stated that he has proof through email communication. Mr. Olender said that he believes he is referred to in the minutes as unethical and he insists that he receive an apology from Mr. Webb. Mr. Olender told the BOS that if they are unhappy with what he's doing he can step away. Ms. Ferry said that Mr. Olender should go through Ms. Spielman with his concerns and not directly to Mr. Webb, as is part of the Town Charter.

Ms. Cynthia Richey, 18 West Shore Road, discussed her concerns regarding a box turtle that she said walks through her property and is considered a "species of special concern". She stated that the turtle is 120 years old and in 2017 hatched 30 baby turtles. Ms. Richey reviewed her concerns regarding the box turtle and her efforts to protect it as she believes the turtle is living in contaminated water. Ms. Richey shared pictures with the BOS. She insisted that the Board of Selectmen work to protect the turtle.

#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

##### A. Hall Memorial Library Roof Project


##### 1. Set Town Meeting Date

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD THIS ITEM TO THE TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018 AT 7:00 PM PREVAILING TIME AT THE TOWN HALL MEETING HALL, 55 MAIN STREET, ELLINGTON, CT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING ELECTORS AND CITIZENS QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN MEETINGS OF THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON, CT TO CONSIDER AND VOTE UPON APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,000 FROM THE 2017-2018 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE AND TO BE RECORDED IN THE CAPITAL OUTLAY ACCOUNT FOR FY18-19 FOR THE COSTS RELATED TO THE HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY ROOF REPLACEMENT.

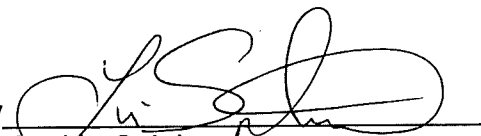
#### V. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 6:35 P.M.

Submitted by

  
LouAnn Cannella  
Recording Secretary

Approved by

  
Lori L. Spielman  
First Selectman