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## TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF ELLINGTON

#### MINUTES

October 21, 2013

A Special Town Meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Ellington, Connecticut, was held in the Meeting Hall of the Ellington Town Hall, 55 Main Street in Ellington, Connecticut, on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:15 p.m. for the following purpose:

- To discuss and vote upon a resolution re: Adoption of Ordinance Concerning Competitive Bidding Requirements

First Selectman Maurice Blanchette called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. and asked for nominations for a moderator.

**MOVED (Ron Stomberg) SECONDED (Leo Miller)** to nominate **John (Jack) Turner** as moderator.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Turner read the Warning of the meeting and advised those in attendance that the warning and copies of the draft Ordinance were available to all.

**MOVED (Maurice Blanchette) SECONDED (Leo Miller)** to approve the adoption of the Ordinance.

#### Discussion:

Matt Mullin, 14 Maplewood Drive, asked if this was in the best interest of the town.

Tim Webb, Public Works Director, explained that at times it is difficult to find multiple bids for certain jobs.

When more than one bid does come in, the department head and Finance officer will make sure they chose the most competitive bid. Nicholas DiCorleto, Finance Officer, explained that not all bids are competitive. Most informal bids are under \$25,000. This eliminates the review process by the Town Attorney, along with advertising costs. The Town uses State of Connecticut bid pricing along with CREC, CRCOG and Federal pricing guidelines.

Mr. DiCorleto was instrumental in new State Legislation in which the State raised their competitive bidding requirement from \$7,500 to \$25,000. Therefore, many towns are now following suit.

Leo Miller, 36 Hillsdale Dr., agrees that the \$7,500 ceiling is too low. The town has been at this level since 1990, according to Mr. Blanchette.

Eileen Wachsman, 24 Standish Rd., said she does not support this increase as it gives up too many opportunities for the sealed bid process.

Ted Graziani, 14 Punkin Dr. said that the competitive bid process is necessary to get the best bid for the benefit of the residents. Vetting is necessary.

Matt Mullin, 14 Maplewood Dr., agreed with Mr. Graziani that competitive bidding is necessary.

Mr. Webb stated he tries to get at least three quotes for jobs.

Hearing no further discussion or comments, Mr. Turner called for a voice vote.

Motion passes by majority vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted:  Diane McKeegan, Town Clerk

• Attachment



MAURICE W. BLANCHETTE  
First Selectman

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JOHN W. TURNER

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Monday, October 21, 2013

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The proposed new Ordinance is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office and at [www.ellington-ct.gov](http://www.ellington-ct.gov).

Dated at Ellington, Connecticut, this 18th day of September, 2013.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

  
Maurice W. Blanchette, First Selectman

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ORDINANCE CONCERNING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the authority granted by Connecticut General Statutes, Section 7-148v, as amended by Public Act 13-71, that authorizes Charter Section 1011 be amended by Ordinance, the second sentence of Charter Section 1011 is hereby amended so as to read, *For any purchase estimated at twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), or more, the Finance Officer shall invite sealed bids unless the Board of Selectmen shall decide it to be against the best interest of the town* and the last sentence of Charter Section 1011 is hereby amended so as to read, *For any purchase less than, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) or such other amount required by law, the Finance Officer or his designee shall negotiate directly with prospective suppliers prior to the Finance Officer awarding the contract.*

APPROVAL RECORD FOR ORDINANCE:

Board of Selectmen Approved for Public Hearing:	August 26, 2013
Public Hearing Notice Published On:	September 5, 2013
Public Hearing Held On:	September 16, 2013
Board of Selectmen Recommend Adoption:	September 16, 2013
Town Meeting Notice Published On:	October 10, 2013
Approved by Town Meeting On:	October 21, 2013
Town Clerk Published Legal Notice upon Passage On:	October 24, 2013
Effective Date of Ordinance:	November 14, 2013