



**TOWN COUNCIL  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
JUNE 1, 2020  
Regular Town Council Meeting**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Trinks called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Donald Trinks, Deputy Mayor Joe McAuliffe, Councilor Nuchette Black-Burke, Councilor Lisa Rampulla Bress, Councilor James Dobler, Councilor James Govoni, Councilor Donald Jepsen, Councilor Lenworth Walker, and Councilor Kenneth Wilkos

**2) PRAYER OR REFLECTION**

Councilor Rampulla Bress led the group in prayer/reflection.

Councilor Rampulla Bress had a moment of reflection. She reached out to the community members who are suffering during these difficult times, reflecting on the death of George Floyd. She also reached out to those who have lost loved ones due to COVID 19 and the difficulties faced with social isolation, health problems and loss of jobs or livelihoods.

**3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Rampulla Bress let the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4) PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS - None**

**5) PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Susan Miller, 10 Ethan Drive, followed up on Councilor Rampulla Bress' opening regarding the killing of George Floyd. Ms. Miller suggested that the town open a listening session to express how people are feeling and to bring the community together during this difficult time. She had one question for the Clean and Sustainable Energy Task Force. While she supports this endeavor, her question was in regard to the proposed mission. Is the expectation to produce a report with numerous suggestions for the Town Council to consider, or should the task force be undertaking the various programs or projects along the way and reporting its progress to the Council. If the goal is for the Task Force to take on those items, she would like a time extension for 12-18 months. It will be a good goal to reduce the use of fossil fuels and emissions, which will help improve the health of the community and lessen severe health conditions.

Meg Harvey, 37 Hobson Avenue, made a statement about the tax abatement for the Amazon project. Ms. Harvey has an opposition of any financial incentive to a one trillion dollar company such as Amazon, especially when Amazon has chosen the specific location to benefit their company. She also expressed her concern for the Town of Windsor and how it could negatively impact the town financially as well as the residents. She would also like to know how Amazon would promise 1,000 jobs to the Windsor community as a priority as well as a net positive.

Donna Grossman, 781 Kennedy Road, seconds Ms. Harvey's opinion regarding the tax abatement and agreed with Ms. Miller's thoughts on the task force. Ms. Grossman would like to emphasize the meaning of sustainability, which includes environmental protection, economic viability, and social equity, which is not addressed in the Task Force.

Eric Weiner, 76 Palisado Avenue, stated that he is against the tax abatement for Amazon, because he feels that Amazon has already made the decision to build and will seemingly do so with or without the approved abatement. The Amazon project and sustainability go together. The Task Force could over time investigate how other municipalities and states have tied together the construction of sustainable facilities into building codes and into tax abatement structures, such as solar energy generating capabilities. He would like to see how the task force responds to this project in order to build the best Windsor, as we approach our 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Clint Thornton, 85 Farmstead Lane, followed up on the subject of the tax abatement, which he is 90% against. Mr. Thornton would like to know if there were any promises made to secure jobs for Windsor residents and the economic viability of the project. Secondly, Mr. Thornton believes that a project like this is not sustainable for Windsor residents and employees. The abatement may be a small drop in the bucket for Amazon, but for residents it is not. He feels that public property repairs such as roads and certain infrastructures should be focused on first.

## **6) COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilor Dobler shared a moving quote from Michael Jordan in response to George Floyd's death, which expresses pain, anger, and wanting social justice for those suffering in order to see change and to be part of the solution. His goal is to ensure that nothing like this happens in the Town of Windsor. Everyone has to be a part of the solution and work together to ensure justice for all.

Councilor Walker wanted to remind residents to continue to stay safe and whenever possible to support small businesses.

Councilor Govoni would like to know if there is a designated area at the new safety complex for the existing memorial for the police officers and K-9's. Town Manager Souza confirmed that this is built into the plans to have a new monument built as well as maintaining the existing monument for the volunteer firefighters to remain at 330 Bloomfield Avenue, with a new outdoor public space. He will follow-up about the Addison Road location.

Councilor Black-Burke would like to thank all citizens who have spoken this evening. Councilor Black-Burke would also like to reiterate that the Census 2020 is still happening, and encouraged citizens to complete the census in order to secure funding for the town. Regarding the Wilson Redevelopment parcel, citizens have an opportunity to share thoughts with a survey that closes on June 5<sup>th</sup> via the town website. Councilor Black-Burke closed with a focus on the painful events our country is going through, involving the death of George Floyd and being a black woman with a black family. The loss of life and threats to people of color are simply heartbreaking and senseless. She wants a deeper dialogue in the community to discuss their pain and disturbances that they are facing with racism. Her prayers continue to go out to George Floyd, his family, and others that are involved in this turmoil. Stay safe and be well.

Councilor Wilkos wanted to thank all who have sent out their thoughts for the Amazon project.

Councilor Rampulla Bress would like to thank all the people for reaching out to the Council and expressing their thoughts. Tax bills will be coming soon, and she wants everyone to be aware that there is information on the Windsor town website about state and local tax reductions and benefits offered to qualified Windsor residents. There are also opportunities to lower taxes, as well as the deferment of paying taxes until October. Information regarding that can be found by contacting the town and looking for information in the email sent out. Councilor Rampulla Bress also wants to wish everyone a happy pride month.

Councilor Jepsen would like annual town requirements taken care of such as dog license renewals and the Census 2020.

Deputy Mayor McAuliffe recognized it has been one week since George Floyd's murder and he wants to know how to help as a white man. He would like everyone to think about the privileges they have had in their life and focus on those same privileges that are not given equally, due to racism. Sometimes it is hard to understand your own white privilege, so try to start thinking about it and what it means to those who are struggling during this time.

Mayor Trinks wanted to reiterate the thoughts about the events in Minneapolis that have been spoken by Councilor Rampulla Bress, Councilor Black-Burke and Deputy Mayor McAuliffe. The Town of Windsor took a very big step forward with a unanimous vote to become a diverse and welcoming community a while back and should continue to do this. Addressing Ms. Miller's comment from earlier, he ensured places of worship and other places in town will be holding virtual vigils. Keep an eye out for vigils and memorials to participate in with the town. The Town of Windsor will stay strong and resilient through all of these troubling times.

## **7) REPORT OF APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSION**

Mayor Trinks stated that the Board of Education and Historic District Commission has submitted a written report to the Council, and each Councilor has received a copy.

- a) Board of Education
- b) Historic District Commission

## 8) TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

### **Wilson Redevelopment Survey**

Following up with the Town Council's request for further input from neighborhood residents relative to re-use and possible development of the former Wolcott School site and the town-owned parcel on Windsor Avenue often referred to as the 'redevelopment parcel', staff had originally planned to have a public meeting, which was scheduled for May. Due to COVID-19, efforts were re-directed to conduct an on-line survey instead. The survey is currently live and will collect responses from Friday, June 29 until Friday, June 5 at 2 p.m. Marketing efforts were focused on Wilson and Deerfield residents and property owners. The town is reaching these two neighborhoods through the following means: (1) mailing informational postcards to 1,648 addressed, including all homes and businesses in the two neighborhoods; (2) geo-targeting Facebook ads which targets users in Wilson and Deerfield and will run as long as the survey is live; and (3) promotional fliers were posted in neighborhood businesses. The survey and background information on past public participation efforts conducted in the summer of 2019 are found on the town's website at <https://townofwindsorct.com/wilson-survey/>. To help promote survey responses, we are offering several incentive prizes for Wilson and Deerfield residents and property owners.

### **Project Updates**

#### *Windsor High School Tennis Courts*

Anticipated construction starts the week of June 8<sup>th</sup> with substantial completion by August 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Poquonock School project*

Anticipated parking lot construction will begin week of June 8<sup>th</sup>. Substantial completion is expected in late July. Light poles and fixtures will not be installed until the end of August due to a 12 week lead time. The School Business Manager has been in communication with the school PTO representatives relative to playground portion of project.

#### *Deerfield Road Paving Project*

The Contractor is mobilizing this week. The replacement of sidewalk ramps, drainage catch basins and road base repairs will take place through early July. Milling and paving is expected to be completed in the latter part of July.

### **Dog Licenses**

June is dog licensing month and dog owners are reminded to purchase a new license by June 30<sup>th</sup>. By state law, dogs six months of age or older must be licensed annually. All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies and owners must submit a current rabies certificate to the Town Clerk's office when licensing their dog. The license fee for dogs that are neutered or spayed is \$8.00 and the fee for dogs that have not been altered is \$19.00.

We encourage dog owners to use one of our contactless payment options. Dog licenses may be renewed online, by mail, or utilize the secure drop box behind town hall. To learn more about online payments, please visit our website at [www.townofwindsorct.com](http://www.townofwindsorct.com).

For more information call the Town Clerk's office at 860-285-1902.

### **Windsor Forward – Facility and Program Updates**

I'd like to extend my appreciation to all of our residents and customers, for their understanding and patience during the past two months as we have altered the manner in which timely and essential services have been provided. I also thank our employees for stepping up to the plate and developing new ways to continue our services and operations.

We have been spending the last few weeks preparing to move into the next phase of our Windsor Forward plan. This phase will be implemented in phases this month. We strongly encourage residents to continue to utilize the various methods of 'remote' service delivery, be it through on-line dog license renewal, researching land records, or mail-in building permit applications. A wide variety of programs are being offered virtually and will continue over the coming weeks and months.

We are modifying our facilities by installing acrylic separations, rearranging seating to ensure social distancing and placing informational signage and floor markings.

#### **June 8th**

- Town Hall will be open to the public during our normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Recreation and Social Service offices will be open to the public at the LPW Community Center. The LPW center will have in-person programs.

#### **June 22**

- Library facilities will reopen to the public. In-person programs will not be offered but many will continue to be offered on-line.
- Evening hours at the Main Library will be modified to:
  - Monday-Thursday – open 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
  - Saturday - open 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- Wilson Branch Library will have regular summer hours.
  - Monday – open 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
  - Tuesday – Friday – open 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
  - Saturday – open 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### **June 29**

- Recreation summer camps will be provided in a modified/scaled down fashion.
- Northwest Park educational camps begin.
- Recreation's day camps begin.

#### **First week of July**

- Welch and Goslee pools will be open. Swim lessons will be offered but class sizes will be smaller with limited classes.
- Youth Sports camps begin.

### Closed Facilities

- The Senior Center will remain closed for in-person programs.
  - Dial-A-Ride services are available on a limited basis.
  - Food and Fuel Assistance continues to be available by appointment by calling 860-285-1839.
- Caring Connection will be closed. It is expected that an opening timeline will be established toward the latter part of the month.
- Discovery Center will be closed. Opening time line will be determined later in June.

### Mobile COVID-19 Testing

Charter Oak Health Center will be sponsoring Mobile COVID-19 testing on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Windsor Shopping Center at 530 Windsor Avenue from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. It will be free with no appointment necessary. All ages 6 months old and up and walk up patients are welcome.

## **9) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Town Improvements Committee – Councilor Dobler would like to have the next meeting possibly on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and will look at schedules to set it up from there.

Special Projects Committee – None.

Health & Safety Committee – Councilor Black-Burke had nothing to report other than to try and schedule a meeting before July.

Personnel Committee – Councilor Rampulla Bress said it was a great meeting with the community and they received a lot of input via email on the mission and charge of the proposed task force. The mission statement is not included in the agenda item, but it is available to all councilors. At the next meeting, at the end of June, the Committee will be reviewing applications to the Farmington River Committee. There are several applications for the Committee. If approved this evening, there will be other applications reviewed for the Clean and Sustainability Task Force as well.

Finance Committee – Deputy Mayor McAuliffe said there will be a meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The committee will be reviewing year end procedures and will be discussing the amazon tax abatement.

## **10) ORDINANCES - None**

## **11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Creation of a committee on sustainability efforts

MOVED by Councilor Rampulla Bress, seconded by Councilor Black-Burke to establish a Citizen Advisory Task Force on Clean and Sustainable Energy and to approve the attached mission

statement. The role of the task force is to assist in developing recommendations for the town, and its citizens, on viable and sustainable projects and programs that reduce energy consumption and increase sustainability. Recommendations shall be submitted to the Town Council twelve months after members have been appointed to the Task Force. Citizens interested in serving should complete an on-line application form by June 22, 2020.

### ***Mission Statement***

#### ***Citizen Advisory Task Force on Clean & Sustainable Energy***

5/28/2020

#### ***Membership***

*The Task Force shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the Town Council. The Council shall not appoint more than a bare majority of any one party on any board, and in filling a vacancy the appointee shall be chosen from the same political party as the person vacating the office if that person was a member of a political party. This shall not, however, preclude the appointment by the Council of any person who is not a member of any political party.*

#### ***Terms of members***

*A membership term shall be for the duration of the Task Force.*

#### ***Filing vacancies, removing members***

*The appointing authorities shall fill vacancies in the membership of the Task Force and remove any member for cause. Council appointees shall be removed in the manner provided in Section 6-3 of the Charter. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings shall constitute a cause of removal.*

#### ***Organization***

*The Task Force shall select a Chairperson, Vice- Chairperson, and Secretary at its first meeting.*

#### ***Meetings***

*Regular meetings shall be held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act at such time and date as determined by the Committee.*

***Citizen Advisory Task Force on Clean & Sustainable Energy shall have the following mission and charge.***

- 1. Will work with Town Staff to identify sustainability opportunities.*
- 2. The task force shall identify and study viable and feasible sustainability projects and programs to reduce energy consumption and or expenses of the Town and Board of Education.*
- 3. Increase public awareness, education, municipal and community participation in sustainability efforts including energy conservation, renewable resources, and other environmentally friendly practices, including past efforts that have been completed.*

4. *The Task Force shall provide a report with recommendations to the Town Council and provide any reports as necessary and upon request.*
5. *Shall serve in an advisory capacity and recommendations shall not bind the Town to take any specific action or require that it appropriate funds.*
6. *Such other duties as assigned by Council.*

Councilor Rampulla Bress gave an overview of the item as follows:

On Tuesday, April 28, 2020 the Personnel Committee held discussions regarding the possible mission and purpose of a sustainable / clean energy committee as well as the differences between a standing advisory committee and task force format. The Personnel Committee determined that a citizen volunteer task force appointed by the Town Council would be the route to take in creating this group. Staff presented a draft outline of a possible mission, charge and areas of responsibility for a sustainability/clean energy task force to the Personnel Committee for their review.

On Wednesday, May 27, 2020 the Personnel Committee listened to input from the public regarding this task force. They drafted a final proposed mission or charge for the Town Council's review and consideration (see attached). Highlights of the outline include:

1. Work with town staff to identify energy sustainability opportunities.
2. Identify and study viable and feasible sustainability projects and programs to reduce energy consumption and/or expenses of the Town and Board of Education.
3. Increase public awareness, education, municipal and community participation in sustainability efforts including energy conservation, renewable resources, and other environmentally friendly practices, including past efforts that have been completed.
4. Provide a report with recommendations to the Town Council and provide any reports as necessary and upon request.
5. Serve in an advisory capacity and recommendations shall not bind the town to take any specific action or require that it appropriate funds.
6. Such other duties as assigned by the Town Council.

It is suggested that the Town Council approve the creation of a seven member volunteer Citizen Advisory Task Force on Clean and Sustainable Energy with the charge of reporting back to the Town Council at a date to be set by the Town Council. If approved, the Personnel Committee would begin the process of accepting and reviewing applications from interested residents for final review and approval by the Town Council.

Deputy Mayor McAuliffe asked to amend the seven month time period to an extended period of twelve months. Councilor Bress responded that the seven months could be too short of a time and has no problem with extending it to twelve months, but would like an opinion from other council members as well. Councilor Black-Burke and Councilor Walker responded stating they are also in agreement with the amendment in order to give more time for research.

Deputy Mayor McAuliffe commented on the purpose of the Task Force. He is personally looking for something more than delivering a list of items (also referring to Ms. Miller's comments from earlier) and would like to know what the town has done in order to move forward and fill in the gaps by using the latest and greatest technology. It would be great to get people who have extensive knowledge about the technology as well as with clean and sustainable energy.

Councilor Rampulla Bress commented on the third piece regarding the sustainability option which involved the community, because those items were discussed at the Personnel Committee meeting. It was decided that these suggestions be available to everyone in the community, especially to those who might be economically disadvantaged. This will also be further discussed within the Task Force.

Councilor Jepsen is worried that the Task Force is being pushed to move too fast while dealing with the timing, regarding COVID and the social ramifications happening in Minneapolis. He does not want town staff to be overwhelmed and wants to ensure that there will be a strong start to the Task Force. Town Manager Souza responded with a plan for the Council to establish the Task Force in July or August which would not officially start up until the fall, making it more manageable during this time. Councilor Jepsen followed up with being fine with the projected start of the Task Force as long as members will not be overwhelmed.

Councilor Rampulla Bress wanted to thank Councilor Jepsen for expressing his concerns and questioned if there can be a request for an extension later on if needed. Mayor Trinks has no problem with accepting an extension in the future if needed.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

## 12) NEW BUSINESS

### a) Introduction of a Fixed Assessment Agreement with Amazon

Town Manager Souza stated the project involves the construction of a multi-story, 3.7 million square foot facility. The proposed Windsor site is a 147-acre parcel located at 1201 Kennedy Road just south of the Route 20/Kennedy Road interchange. The estimated cost to construct and equip the facility exceeds \$230 million, including \$200 million for building and site features and \$30 million for machinery and equipment.

The company plans to create 1,000 new jobs at the facility within two years. The estimated annual payroll for Year 2 is \$29.52 million dollars.

The Amazon.com project qualifies for consideration under the town's economic incentive policies as a Significant Fiscal Impact project. The total capital investment in taxable personal property and real property improvements planned by the company exceeds \$230 million. The threshold for a Significant Fiscal Impact Project is \$60 million.

The company's request for a seven-year, 100% abatement as contained in their application is allowed under the town's abatement policy. However, it has been the Town Council's practice not to approve either so long a term or so high an abatement. Recently approved projects have had terms of three to four years and abatements of 50% or less. As a result, the staff and Company have discussed alternative terms for this project. The staff proposal is for a three-year term with a declining abatement schedule (70% in year 1, 50% in year 2 and 30% in year 3.) This provides an average 50% abatement over the term. In lieu of a longer abatement period, a 50% reduction of the upfront building permit fee is proposed. The building permit, with no fee reduction, is estimated to be \$2.6 million.

Mr. Brad Griggs, Senior Manager on the Amazon Economic Development team, discussed the project development on 147 acres on 1201 Kennedy Road and One Joseph Lane in Windsor. Amazon is trying use it as a sports and distribution facility, which will allow them to potentially expand their fulfillment network. It would be an Amazon Robotics Fulfillment Center, which would be 823,000 square feet. Amazon wants to be the world's most customer-focused organization. The building will allow storage for Amazon's products and products would be distributed to various locations in North America. It will cost approximately \$200 million to construct the facility and an additional \$30 million for equipment and robotics. There would be at least 1,000 new employee positions and all employees would start with an hourly rate of fifteen dollars an hour with health benefits, which will be open to Town of Windsor citizens first.

Town Manager Souza had nothing else to add, but to note if the town were to approve an abatement, the construction schedule would be within the town's fiscal year 2023. The three year abatement would expire at the end of fiscal year 2025 and following the expiration of the abatement, the tax revenue is projected to be approximately \$5.4 million on an annual basis.

Deputy Mayor McAuliffe asked how Amazon would ensure that Windsor residents get priority in the hiring and going forward for years. Mr. Griggs answered that Amazon utilizes their own internal staffing groups that partners with the communities who would meet with the Town Council. They will also be coordinating a hiring event to allow Windsor residents to fill available roles.

Deputy Mayor McAuliffe asked what percentage of residents are already working in the current distribution center on Day Hill Road. Mr. Griggs will respond with an answer later on, as he did not have that information at the time.

Councilor Black-Burke asked if Amazon has an office for external relations and if they do how do they interface. Do they connect with the schools? What is the establishment in the community? What is the long range plan? Mr. Griggs responded by explaining the company's initiative to engage with schools and introduce STEAM and STEM educational programs. Learning about robotics and other technologies in the facility is offered to students as well as the Future Engineers program. This program is offered to elementary students all the way up to high school and gives grants and scholarships to participating students. Amazon also works with first responders by fulfilling their needs, especially with the current COVID 19 pandemic. Working

closely with veterans is also part of their community outreach. Engaging with all of those sectors align with their current core principles.

Councilor Black-Burke would like to know if the economic development team or community relations team could quantify what those numbers look like. The community would want to see how Amazon can give back to the residents of Windsor.

Councilor Dobler had no questions, but spoke directly to the Windsor residents about the Amazon project. He does not want to close doors on any firm regardless of who they are. Councilor Dobler would like to find agreeable terms for the Town of Windsor, but if agreeable terms cannot be met, then he has no problem voting against the project. His interest is making the best decision for the town.

Deputy Mayor McAuliffe asked what kind of green technologies will be built into this Amazon building, such as solar energy. Mr. Griggs responded by stating that most facilities are designed with the capability for solar. Given the number of sites, there are ongoing evaluations for each Amazon building to determine whether or not the facility will receive solar. The plan is to install energy efficient equipment within the building.

Councilor Rampulla Bress asked about the 1,000 jobs that will possibly be offered to the local community for the first 5 years. Will there be opportunities to earn more than the projected fifteen dollars an hour rate for residents or an opportunity for career advancement? Mr. Griggs responded that there are significant advancement opportunities available. All employee' start at fifteen dollars an hour, but there is a rapid advancement rate to manager opportunities that offer up to \$60,000 annually. Councilor Bress expressed that this is good information to share with the community or to discuss at the next meeting.

Councilor Govoni questioned if there is not an abatement, will Amazon still be coming to this location? How do you decide on locations? Mr. Griggs answered that all projects are considered holistically in order to evaluate competitiveness and to provide customers with low prices and convenience. All projects are evaluated with cost perspective, financial assistance, transportation, location and etc. in mind. All locations are evaluated carefully in order to present this project with a holistic approach.

Councilor Jepsen asked if there should be a committee meeting due to the public's interest in this project. Town Manager Souza stated that there will be an opportunity for the public to view the upcoming Finance Committee meeting just as they would the Town Council meeting on Zoom.

Councilor Walker commented on having no problem with Amazon coming into Windsor to assist with the tax base. Strong companies do just that. He is very impressed with the level of noise testing, but he is not in favor of the 7 year abatement and would like to do more negotiating. Councilor Walker asked since the height will be 5 stories, how will that affect the fire department? Town Manager Souza stated that the Fire Marshall has reviewed the project to see if it will meet

the national and international building codes. The Fire Marshal and fire department did give its sign off on the review process.

Councilor Rampulla Bress concurred with Councilor Walker and Councilor Dobler. She does not agree with the seven year abatement and would like to look at different types of negotiation for the town. As a lifetime union member, she has philosophical concerns about the Amazon company, which she is hoping Mr. Griggs can clarify and dispel in order to share positivity with the community and potential employees.

Councilor Black-Burke stated that she is also not in agreement with the proposed abatement.

Mayor Trinks would like to refer this to the Finance Committee for its June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- b) Approve applications for submittal under the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program

MOVED by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Deputy Mayor McAuliffe that the attached resolution approving applications for participation in the 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program administered by the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services be approved.

*WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT (NAA) TAX CREDIT PROGRAM*

*RESOLUTION*

*WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut, acting through its Department of Revenue Services, administers a program authorized by the state legislature entitled the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit Program which provides corporations with tax liability in the State of Connecticut an opportunity to receive tax credits for donations made to participating municipal and tax-exempt organizations; and*

*WHEREAS, in order to utilize the NAA Program eligible municipal and non-profit organizations must first secure the approval of the local governing body in a town served by the applicant; and*

*WHEREAS, the organizations listed below have submitted applications for assistance in the NAA Program and the Town Council believes that the proposed activities are in the best interests of Windsor's residents.*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL that the following applications for participation in the 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program are hereby approved:*



<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Windsor Police Cadets, Inc.	\$ 7,000	2020 Program Sponsorship
Connecticut Radio Information System, Inc.	\$ 5,000	Audio Accessibility Program

Director of Economic Development, Jim Burke, stated the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credit program, established by the Connecticut General Assembly, offers non-profit and municipal organizations an opportunity to enhance their fundraising capabilities by offering tax credits to eligible corporations. Corporate donors receive a tax credit against their state corporate tax liability in an amount equal to 60% of their contributions or, in the event the proposed activity is an eligible energy conservation project, equal to 100% of their contribution. All applications are subject to approval by the local governing body, subsequent to a requisite public hearing to allow for public comment. Applications are ultimately reviewed by the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services as well.

The applications received this year include the following:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Windsor Police Cadets, Inc.	\$ 7,000	2020 Program Sponsorship
Connecticut Radio Information Inc.	\$ 5,000	Audio Accessibility Program System,

No further questions and comments.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

**13) RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Councilor Rampulla Bress stated that there are no resignations, but she did have names for consideration from the committee which will be visited at the next meeting.

**14) MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

- a) Minutes of the March 18, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting

MOVED by Councilor Jepsen, seconded by Deputy Mayor McAuliffe to approve the unapproved minutes of the March 18, 2020 Regular Town Council meeting as presented.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

**15) PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Clint Thornton, 85 Farmstead Lane, was pleasantly surprised to hear some of the Town Council's decisions and thoughts on this project. After listening to Mr. Griggs, the jobs and robotics

responses do not mesh. He is not against Amazon coming to Windsor, but he is against the residents of Windsor having to take on the tax bill for any amount of time. He wants the Finance Committee to look at what the revenue requirements are for the town and what Amazon will not be contributing.

Karen Rosol asked how the community will be kept abreast of the abatement. Deputy Mayor McAuliffe responded that the Finance Committee meeting will be public and there will be opportunities for the public to ask questions.

Councilor Rampulla Bress shared an email from Liz Dupont Diel, 78 Palisado Avenue, supporting a commission that supports the stop of fossil fuel use in order to slow global warming. It is imperative that we stop fossil fuels use and carbon emissions to prevent drastic climate change. The residents of Windsor call on our elected representatives and town officials to show leadership to do what is economically and morally right. There are excellent models for us to follow in order to tap the best knowledge and experts.

**16) EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**

**17) ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councilor Walker, seconded by Councilor Rampulla Bress to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Motion Passed 9-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Brisebois  
Recording Secretary