



**TOWN OF WINDSOR
TOWN COUNCIL
HYBRID MEETING
MARCH 6, 2023
PUBLIC HEARING**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Mayor Trinks.

Present: Mayor Donald Trinks, Deputy Mayor Lisa Rampulla Bress, Councilor Black-Burke, Councilor James Dobler, Councilor Ronald Eleveld, Councilor Kristin Gluck Hoffman, Councilor Ojala Naeem, Councilor Kenneth Smith, and Councilor Walker

Mayor Trinks read aloud the notice of the public hearing to hear public comment on:

“PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT FOR TOWN-OWNED REAL PROPERTY AT NORTHWEST PARK, KNOWN AS THE LUDDY/TAYLOR CONNECTICUT VALLEY TOBACCO MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE BUILDING, LOCATED AT 145 LANG STREET, WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT.”

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Daniels, 28 Jubrey Drive, President of the Tobacco Museum, stated that this summer they were approached by Eastern to write a grant. He added that there will a series of films documenting the harvesting of tobacco and a piece showing the interior of the museum and talk with the curator. Tobacco is a very important part of Windsor. Some of the items they will be adding to the museum include the installation of a kiosk to take self-edit tours about tobacco and adding a projection screen where they can show movies. This will be a great educational opportunity for kids. This grant is going to change the museum. According to the Connecticut Humanities, this will be a ribbon cutting event as it will drastically change the museum. They will be getting more volunteer docents to help relieve the curator’s reign for some of the duties she does. Her time would be better spent writing grants than by giving tours, but she will still do them if there is nobody else around. The grant needs a 10 year lease with two five year extensions. He is looking to make that a 20 year lease with one 10 year extension.

The curator for Northwest Park, Rain-Michelle Ifill, talked about the grant. The “Good to Great” grant is not only based on tobacco history but also based on migration stories that brought generations of Afro Americans and others to Windsor to make it their home. A big part of the grant is celebrating diversity in Windsor. The grant also celebrates the location of the Tobacco museum in the Town of Windsor at Northwest Park. They expect to make Windsor their home for many more years to come and they expect this commitment to be long-term between the museum and the town.

3) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Trinks declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helene Albert
Recording Secretary