

**Windham Town Council
Public Hearing Minutes
November 29, 2016**

A Public Hearing was held by the Town of Windham, Town Council on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at 6 pm in the Windham Town Hall Bellingham Auditorium, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, Connecticut, to hear public comment on the request of Sportech Venues, Inc., to operate an OTB (Off Track Betting) operation at the Sports Bar, 157 Boston Post Road, North Windham, CT.

Mayor Eldridge called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M and asked for public comment.

Attorney Bill Sweeney, a partner with the Law Firm of Tobin, Carberry, O'Malley, Riley and Selinger, gave a brief presentation regarding the request. He also provided a copy of CGS Section 12-572(a) as well as pictures of the facility and parking area where the business will be located. In addition, Attorney Sweeney explained the background of Sportech Venues LLC, how the company operates and the benefits it could bring to the Town.

The following individuals spoke in favor of operating an OTB (Off Track Betting) operation at the Sports Bar, 157 Boston Post Road, North Windham, CT. They also spoke very highly of the Liapes brothers who currently own the Sports Bar. Executive Vice President of Nutmeg Broadcasting Colin Rice, Windham Wine & Spirits Owner Joe Randazzo, Windham High School Coach Patrick Risley, Windham Business Owner and Resident Joe Comeau and Windham Resident Julio Cuevas. There was no opposition to the proposal.

With no further public comment the Public Hearing was closed at 6:25 P.M.

Submitted by

**Barbara J. McKinney
Clerk of the Council**