

**TOWN COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
TOWN MEETING
WINDHAM TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
JUNE 1, 2011 6:45 PM
MINUTES**

In attendance: Christel Donahue, Kevin Donohue, Erika Haynes, Mike Lessard, Joe Underwood

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m.
2. Public Comment:

Chairman Kevin Donohue read the purpose for the town meeting: the town is considering naming the Town Hall Auditorium for Bruce Bellingham.

Shirley Mustard, Walnut St., Willimantic . This is the fourth time se has spoken on this issue. Bruce Bellingham was committed to preservation and lectured around the state. He was instrumental in changing the negative perceptions of Willimantic. After he founded the Willimantic Victorian Neighborhood Association and Victorian Days, Willimantic became a destination. Please honor Bruce Bellingham's commitment and contribution to the community and name the Auditorium for him.

Bob Horrocks, Lewiston Ave., Willimantic, President of the Willimantic Victorian Neighborhood Association - Bruce Bellingham was a visionary and we should name spaces after visionaries. Bellingham recruited and mobilized the community. It would be fitting to name the auditorium after him.

Leo Santucci, Windham St., Willimantic . Without Bruce Bellingham we would not have this keystone to our community . town hall. Bruce Bellingham deserves the naming of the auditorium.

Teri Santucci, Windham St., Willimantic . Bruce Bellingham rediscovered the auditorium. Without him, it would still be a storage space. Now, beautiful things happen in that space.

Peter Quercia, Walnut St., Willimantic . Wonders why this has taken so long

Charlie Krich, Prospect St., Willimantic . Agrees with all that has been said. Bruce Bellingham really mad a difference in this town, and was a fierce defender of the town. Naming the auditorium permanently after Bellingham would be a fitting tribute.

3. Adjournment . meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.