

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF WINDHAM BOARD OF COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY, RECREATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Wednesday February 24 immediately following special town council meeting**  
**beginning at 7:00 pm**  
**Main Meeting Room**  
**Windham Town Hall**  
**979 Main Street**  
**Willimantic**

**1. Call to Order.**

Chairman Jerry Iazzetta called the meeting to order at 8:12 pm.

Committee members present: David Howe, Arnaldo Rivera, Teri Santucci, Lorraine McDevitt.

Town Staff Present: Town Engineer, Joe Gardner, Brad Wojick Public Works Superintendent, Tara Risley Recreation Director

**2. Citizens and Delegations.**

Lori Jeffers questioned Magnet School and student selection by lottery

James Flores reminded Committee there was supposed to be a Hall of Fame to recognize town residents.

**3. Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2010 meeting**

A motion was made by Teri Santucci to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Arnaldo Rivera and approved unanimously.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Tuckie Road Magnet School Site**

Jerry Iazzetta stated issue was referred to committee from Council. Norm Benjamin from Arcadis introduced engineers from BSC Group. They presented study of Tuckie Road.

Jerry Iazzetta raised issue of children walking to school along Tuckie Road. BSC

Engineers estimated cost of bypass lane at \$400,000. Mr. Benjamin stated this would reduce funds available for school by eight million dollars. Town Engineer Joe Gardner

questioned accuracy of the \$400,000 estimate. Equated to \$470 per linear foot. Paula

Haney felt a turning lane unnecessary, other town schools do not have them. Susan

Collins suggested that the engineer could look at other options and come back next

month. Town Engineer Joe Gardner raised issue as to whether entrance was to become a town road with firm that sold land being able to develop lots. Committee members were

unanimous that they had not been told this. Susan Collins responded that they had. Town

Engineer Joe Gardner raised issue of drainage from entrance road and impact on Tuckie Road. Chairman Iazzetta stated allowing water to drain onto tuckie Road from the school

site was not acceptable. Paula Hainey stated they were still in schematic design phase.

Drainage not looked at yet. A motion was made by Teri Santucci to request that the

traffic engineer look into further ways to manage the entrance and provide accurate cost estimates. Motion was seconded by David Howe and passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion And Possible Action Regarding Butterfly Garden**

George Buch requested that a plaque be installed acknowledging a Mr. Schilberg who's company had provided funds for garden. Plaque would be 12 x 18 inches and set in a piece of granite supplied by town. Tara Risley noted that an application process existed and procedure be followed. Mr Buch would work with Tara Risley and would have application for next months meeting.

**6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Hop River Bike/Airline Bike Path Project.**

Dan Mullins president of Whitewater passed out literature on economic benefits of trails. Jerry Iazzetta questioned how they were going to raise funds. Arnaldo Rivera wanted to know how they would get funds now.

Mr. Mullins referred to plan submitted last September. Project was a high priority to the DEP. They have money to complete final design. Town Engineer Joe Gardner pointed out that if project stopped at final design that the Federal Highway Administration could require funds be returned in amount of \$81,000.

Mark Paquette Director of Wincog passed out a letter of support. Barbara McGrath, Chair of Finance Board pointed out she was no longer on Whitewater Board but supported proceeding with project. She suggested bidding in sections to keep within available funds. Mark Paquette pointed out that was Town Engineers Joe Gardner's suggestion at a recent meeting with Town Manager Neal Beets.

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt seconded by Arnaldo Rivera to recommend to the Council that the project proceed to final design. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Bids for Playground Equipment.**

Town Engineer Joe Gardner passed out a memo regarding bids received that day to furnish and install equipment at Lauter and Recreation Parks. He recommended award to low bidder. A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt to recommend to the Council awarding the project to P. Corsetti Inc in the amount of \$38,825.00. The motion was seconded by Teri Santucci and passed unanimously.

**8. Citizens and Delegations.**

Brad Wojick, Public Works Superintendent stated he had never heard Magnet School entrance was to be a town road. He questioned drainage and impact on Tuckie Road. He felt a bypass was needed and Town would end up paying for later if not built now.

Jeff Viens stated he had never heard entrance was to be a town road. A bypass lane was common sense.

Tara Risley stated she would have a packet for next meeting regarding Hall of Fame.

James Flores stated we were spending money on Magnet School that we do not have.

Lori Jeffers felt safety of entrance to Magnet School should be number one priority, need to find true costs.

**9. Adjournment.**

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt adjourn the meeting at 9:58 pm.  
The motion was seconded by Terri Santucci and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph Gardner,  
Town Engineer.