

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF WINDHAM BOARD OF COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY, RECREATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Wednesday June 23 at 7:00 PM**  
**Town Hall Meeting Room**  
**Windham Town Hall**  
**979 Main Street**  
**Willimantic**

**1. Call to Order.**

Chairman Jerry Iazzetta called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Committee members present: David Howe, Arnaldo Rivera, Jerry Iazzetta, Lorraine McDevitt.

Town Staff Present: Town Manager Neal Beets, Town Engineer, Joe Gardner, Scott Clairmont Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Charles Olbrias, Recreation Department

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Citizens and Delegations.**

Dianne Rayhall, President of the taxing district stated she had questions regarding traffic study by school committee's engineer. She requested to be able to sit with the committee while they discussed the magnet school and Tuckie Road.

Tony Frantoli questioned easements for utilities. Stated they were not going to happen.

Lori Jeffers urged board to sign paper to revote on magnet school.

Anne King discussed problem of tractor trailer trucks on Card and Pleasant Streets going to and from Militskie's Egg Farm.

Rick King of 531 Pleasant Street questioned safety of radius for trucks turning at Card and Pleasant Streets. He stated trucks block traffic, and drive on wrong side of road.

Alan Casey 46 Card Street discussed problem of trucks turning into Pleasant from Card Street being on wrong side of road.

Peter McManus of 48 Card Street asked if Lebanon had to contact the Town of Windham regarding the approval to allow the egg farm to expand.

Town Manager Neal Beets explained site was beyond 1,000 foot limit at which they would have notified Windham.

David Howe speaking as a citizen stated the picture in report provided by Town Engineer showing truck on wrong side of road showed problem. He felt the proposed weight limit would solve problem.

**4. Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2010 Meeting.**

A motion was made by David Howe to accept minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Lorraine McDevitt and passed unanimously.

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

Jerry Iazzetta stated there had been several discussions regarding issue at previous meetings.

He asked committee whether Dianne Rayhall could be seated with them for this issue. There were no objections.

Jerry Iazzetta then gave a history of committees concerns and that they had asked through the magnet school committee for their consulting engineer BSC to do a study of options. Mr. Iazzetta then reviewed the various options that had been presented. Mr. Iazzetta stated his concerns were for the safety of children going to the school and independent of the costs.

Lorraine McDevitt questions sight lines and who would pay for any improvements.

Arnaldo Rivera stated he had been against magnet school from day one, but he respected the vote that had occurred. He questioned why located outside Willimantic, specifically why not the site on South Street. He said we were stuck with Tuckie Road site but did not want to spend town money on Tuckie Road. He stated a flashing light would not do it. He said road needs to be changed to make safer, need to widen but not with Town money.

Jerry Iazzetta stated he was against the site, we now own land, so his goal is to make as safe as possible. If there was no council revote he felt this was part of school project. He stated the Board of Education had promised the school would not cost the Town any money beyond the \$2,000,000 appropriation. He stated the project should move forward with the road work paid for by the magnet school committee.

Lorraine McDevitt stated she did not want to short change the school if they paid for roadwork. However she did not want town to pay for any road work.

Jerry Iazzetta stated if this was a private developer before town boards they would be required to widen road at their cost.

David Howe questioned if there would need to be land taking for a bypass lane. Jerry Iazzetta explained there would be. Jerry Iazzetta made a motion to recommend to the Council that a left turn lane be required in the north bound direction and that a 12 foot wide bypass lane also in the north direction be required at no cost to the town. Lorraine McDevitt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Truck Traffic on Card Street and Establishing a Load Limit of 20,000 Pounds.**

The Town Engineers report on turning movements and inability of trucks over 30 feet in length being unable to safely turn into or out of Card Street to Pleasant Street. The draft ordinance establishing a load limit was also reviewed. A motion was made by David Howe to recommend to the Council that a public hearing be held to establish a 20,000 pound load limit for Card Street. The motion was seconded by Arnaldo Rivera and passed unanimously.

**7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Bids for an Addition to the Public Works Garage.**

The Town Engineer passed out a memo summarizing bids that had been received the day before and methods to fund the work. To save \$7,700 the Public Works Department would do all the earthwork. A motion was made by David Howe seconded by Arnaldo Rivera to recommend to the Council that the project be awarded to the low bidder Mattern Construction in the amount of \$222,300. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Discussion and Possible action Regarding Changing the Hardball Baseball Field at Lauter Park to Soccer Field(s).**

Scott Clairmont made a presentation on how the baseball field is not used and the need for additional soccer fields. He felt the site could accommodate a full size field. His preliminary estimate was \$35,000 to \$40,000 to build the fields with the Public Works Department doing most of the work.

David Howe and Lorraine McDevitt both thought it was a great idea. Arnaldo Rivera felt it was an intelligent use of the park.

A motion was made by David Howe, seconded by Lorraine McDevitt to recommend to the Council that the baseball field be converted into soccer field(s). The motion passed unanimously.

**9. Citizens and Delegations**

Diane Rayhall thanked Committee for their actions regarding the magnet school.

She suggested another traffic study be performed.

Arnaldo Rivera questioned safety of bike path at Ash Street and whether additional signs were needed. The Town Engineer was asked to investigate by the Chairman.

He also invited public to the Poetry in the Park

Lori Jeffers felt the Greater Parcel was a better site for the magnet school.

Tony Frantoli thanked committee, felt they had made a wise decision. He stated if there was a revote that the magnet school would be voted down.

**10. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Arnaldo Rivera to adjourn the meeting at 8:20. The motion was seconded by David Howe and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted  
Joseph Gardner  
Town Engineer

