

# WINDHAM TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

WINDHAM TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.



The Town of Windham Council held a Public Hearing on October 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Windham Town Hall Auditorium, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, Connecticut, to hear public comment on the following ordinance:

- An ordinance relating to the naming of Town Property.

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Eldridge called the Town of Windham Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. to hear comments regarding setting an ordinance relating to the naming of Town Property.

## **Public Comments regarding setting an ordinance relating to the naming of Town Property.**

Shirley Mustard, Willimantic, feels it is good to have policies in place. She said when naming the McSweeney Center, Lauter Park and other places the Town Council and Selectmen made their decisions with a great deal of consideration. She would like to see the section deleted that postpones the vote until the next election.

Steve Kenton, President of the Textile & History Museum sees some gray areas. He stated the Museum is leased from the Town and he would like to have the ability to name a room or floor of a building to a large donor. He said he is not against coming to the Town however the process would be less cumbersome and he feels it is unnecessary. He feels it could also impact the organizations fund raising and if the lease was no longer in place the Town could then rename the property.

Mayor Eldridge turned the Public Hearing over to Mr. Underwood.

Mayor Eldridge, Windham, is not in favor of naming Town buildings. He feels there should be a limit of 5 years and then renamed.

Mayor Eldridge took back control of the Public Hearing.

Jean deSmet, Willimantic, is concerned and believes we should honor the people who served the community. She doesn't feel a company such as Coca-Cola should be able to make a large donation and have a building named after them.

Jerry Iazzetta, South Windham, referred to Section 2-126, he doesn't think the Subcommittee should be holding the Public Hearing. He will ask that it be changed to have the Town Council hold the Public Hearing.

Mayor Eldridge noted no further comments or questions.  
The Public Hearing closed at 6:10 p.m.

**Submitted By:**  
**Barbara J. McKinney**  
**Clerk of the Town Council**