

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Agenda
June 15, 2023 at 7:30 pm
Meeting held In-Person and via Zoom**

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discussion / decision to approve a special appropriation of \$350,000 for ongoing school security initiatives for the Weston Public Schools
4. Interview of Marc Fontaine for possible appointment to the Commission for the Arts
5. Discussion / decision to appoint Jeffery O'Hara to the Veteran's Affairs Committee
6. Acceptance of resignation of Elizabeth Zeppernick from the Lachat Town Farm Commission effective July 5, 2023
7. Reappointment to the following Boards and Commissions:
 - Lachat Town Farm Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2026
 - Carol Baldwin
 - Nicholas Bell
 - Nicole Copans
 - Ellen McCormick
 - Commission for the Arts for a term expiring June 30, 2025
 - Kristin Kreuder
 - Ewa Ojarovska
 - Building Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2025
 - Jack Davidoff
 - Al Fazi
 - Megan Loucas
 - Richard Wolf
8. Selectwoman Amy Jenner report on Boards, Commissions, and Committees
9. Approval of minutes from the May 18 and June 1, 2023 regular Board of Selectmen meetings and June 7, 2023 Special Board of Selectmen meeting.
10. Adjournment

4. Interview of Marc Fontaine for possible appointment to the Commission for the Arts



Darcy Barrera-Hawes, Executive Admin <executiveassistant@westonct.gov>

[EXTERNAL] Re: Commission for the Arts

Marc Fontaine <marc_fontaine@icloud.com>

Mon, Jun 12, 2023 at 4:06 PM

To: "Darcy Barrera-Hawes, Executive Admin" <executiveassistant@westonct.gov>

Hi Darcy! Attached, please find my resume as requested. In summary, my wife Halina and I have been residents of Weston with our 3 children since 1992. I have also served on local boards including Weston Soccer, WestonArts and until recently was the President of the Board for Adam's House, a 501(c)3 grief education center for children founded by a former Weston resident. For a seven year stint I was also a volunteer religious ed teacher at St. Francis. I remain active supporting Town related events, and community theater at Lachat Town Farm. I am conversational in both Spanish and Dutch. Hobbies include acting, writing, landscaping and skiing.

If you need anything else, just let me know. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Marc
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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Highly accomplished Commodity Derivatives Platform Manager (with management of over 200 employees) and Corporate Strategist with strong client relationship building skills experienced in all facets of commodity trading, origination and operations at one of the world's largest global investment banks. Strong involvement in organic growth and acquisition to expand depth of product offering to meet diverse financial and hedging requirements of portfolio consisting of over 400 clients. Proven track record of managing a \$100MM+ business through all parts of the commodity cycle, most notably through the 2007 financial crisis. Responsible for reporting to and regulatory compliance with all Federal Reserve Board and CFTC requirements. Tenure includes both the largest global commodity finance bank, and the largest global trader of physical commodities. Currently interested in leveraging my business leadership skills and acumen to a Board of Directors position with a dynamic and growing corporation.

EXPERIENCE

MARC FONTAINE CONSULTING, LLC 2016-Present

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- Currently contracted with TBICO, Inc. a 501(c)3 in Danbury, CT to develop and lead both an organic and acquisitive growth strategy. Also responsible for Board of Directors development and organizational governance.
 - Advisory and consulting services for start-ups or established agencies in the commodity sector seeking to establish or further grow derivatives, hedging or brokerage franchise.
 - Recent President of Board of Directors for Adam's House, a grief education nonprofit center in Shelton, CT.

FREEPOINT COMMODITIES, Stamford, CT 2014-2015 *Managing Director Structured Finance & Origination*

- Directed origination of debt and equity solutions for E&P clients across the capital structure and integrated physical off-take facilities.
- Facilitated small to large cap public/private oil and gas producers to fund growth and provide acquisition finance.

BNP PARIBAS, New York, NY **1996 – September 2013** *Head of Commodity Derivatives – Americas, Managing Director (2008 – 2013)*

- Responsible for a portfolio of over 400 diversified clients with annual budget of \$100MM and managing 60 employees in NY, Houston, Calgary and Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- Regional co-head of internal joint venture between Commodity Derivatives and Commodity Trade Finance teams.
- Senior member of Fortis (FEMT) integration team.
- Responsible for all aspects of revenue generation and business development for marketing, trading, structuring, physical and futures execution and clearing.
- Directly involved in all bank initiatives that grew total revenue of \$15mm annually with 10 head count in New York to over \$500MM annually globally with 250 head count by 2006. Global platform was ranked as a top 10 provider of commodity derivative solutions and liquidity by Coalition Marketing Services. Specific focus on crude, oil products, natural gas, base metals and physical trading of natural gas and power.
- Oversaw all aspects of human capital including recruitment, talent development, and graduate and intern programs.

Global Head of Marketing, Managing Director (2000 – 2006), Co-Head Commodity Derivatives – Americas (2006-2008)

- Managed 10-person global sales team. Directly managed key relationships at Treasury/CFO level amongst largest E and P oil and gas producers, large independents, midstream operators, refiners and large corporate consumers including utilities, airline and shipping sectors.

Director of Energy Marketing (1996 – 1999)

- **Senior Relationship Manager** for over 75 bank clients with annual direct client revenue of \$10-15MM.

PHIBRO INC, Westport, Connecticut **1984 – 1996** *Vice President Energy Derivatives Marketing (1995 – 1996)*

Vice-President Base Metals Trading (1992 – 1995)

Vice-President/Co-Manager of Chemical Fertilizer Trading Desk, New York and London (1986 – 1992)

LEADERSHIP AND AWARDS

- Senior member of BNP Paribas Executive Committee for Global Commodity Derivatives.
- Member of BNPP Global Equity and Commodity Derivatives Committee for the Americas.
- President of BNPP Energy Trading Houston Board of Directors (formerly **Fortis Energy, Marketing and Trading**).
- President of the Board for Adam's House, Shelton, CT 501(c)(3) organization 2019-2022

- Energy Risk 2009 Award for Energy Finance House of the Year.
- Member of BNPP graduate recruitment team.
- Recipient of State of Connecticut Public Service Award 2005.
- Series 3 NFA Certified.

EDUCATION

- University of Connecticut Department of Public Policy/Encore nonprofit management certificate program.
- New York University, New York, NY – Bachelor of the Arts.

5. Discussion / decision to
appoint Jeffery O'Hara to the
Veteran's Affairs Committee

Jeffrey O'Hara

EXPERIENCE

LEUCADIA ASSET MANAGEMENT, TOPWATER DIVISION

Associate Vice President

Norwalk, Connecticut

July 2015 – Present

- Responsible for overseeing and implementing investment guidelines, front to back operations, and risk management for 40+ separately managed accounts.
- Curating risk parameters and management for unique investment strategies to ensure compliance covering all publicly traded securities across APAC, EMEA and North America.
- Experience with various products to include cash equities, options, swaps, fixed income, FX, and futures.
- Conduct daily Net Asset Value calculations and assist with month-end procedures for both offshore and onshore funds.
- Distribute intraday profit and loss and exposure reports for all managed accounts.
- Project manager for the implementation of our portfolio aggregation software, Bloomberg SAPI/Data license, and visual analytics integration with Tableau.
- Resolve trade/settlement related issues between portfolio managers, executing brokers and fund administrators.
- Respond to inquiries from our Portfolio Managers and LP's regarding portfolio construction and fund performance.
- Conduct a daily three-way reconciliation between managed accounts, prime brokers, and fund administrator.
- Responsible for the maintenance of our Security Master module and Bloomberg market data.

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS

Associate – Auditor

Stamford, Connecticut

September 2014 – July 2015

- Conduct reviews of publicly traded companies' revenue, payables and inventory practices and procedures to determine their compliance with US GAAP regulations.
- Assessed the design and operational effectiveness of a client's internal control structure and prepared summaries of observations and recommendations.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Infantry-Team Leader

June 2008 – October 2012

- Train and supervise a team of 12 Marines by educating and providing hands on training for special operations, team missions and responsible for maintaining team equipment.
- Deployed 3 times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with Secret Security Clearance

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Master of Science, Finance

Graduated: 2016

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Bachelor of Arts, Accounting

Graduated: 2014

SKILLS AND INTEREST

Technical Skills: Microsoft Office, Excel Macros, Tableau, Thomas Reuters EIKON, Financial Modeling, Bloomberg, Broadridge

Languages: C#, VBA, SQL

Skills: Effective Leadership and Communication, Operations, Risk Management, Data Analytics, Portfolio Management, Trade Reconciliation (equities, CFD/Swaps, OTC Derivatives, futures & options)

Interests: Skiing, golf, weightlifting, football, and the occasional pick-up basketball game

6. Acceptance of resignation of Elizabeth Zeppernick from the Lachat Town Farm Commission effective July 5, 2023

Elizabeth Zeppernick

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June 1, 2023

Board of Selectmen

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Weston, CT 06883

Dear Board of Selectmen,

I am writing to alert you of my resignation as Chair and Member of Lachat Town Farm Commission. I have the opportunity to take a semi-retirement and seek out warmer weather down South. While there would be no ideal time to step down from my role at Lachat and I do so with a heavy heart, the timing of this change is best for my family. My last day of service will be July 5th and I will use this time to devote myself to an appropriate and thoughtful transition.

Since the start of my first term in 2015, Lachat has proven to be one of the greatest joys and sources of pride in my life. This town, this little farm, our communal work and the most authentic spirit of volunteerism I've encountered have made an indelible imprint on me and on my family.

I would like to thank my fellow Commission Members, Friends of Lachat and the devoted community of volunteers who are essential to the farm's mission. These are my dearest colleagues, friends and what I've come to consider family. With particular admiration, I would like to thank Ellen McCormick and Carol Baldwin for their steadfast leadership, support and friendship.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Zeppernick

Chair of Lachat Town Farm Commission

9. Approval of minutes from the May 18 and June 1, 2023 regular Board of Selectmen meetings and June 7, 2023 Special Board of Selectmen meeting.

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023 7:30 pm
Meeting held via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Martin Mohabeer, Selectwoman Amy Jenner, Dispatch Director and Interim Facilities Director Larry Roberts, EMS Chief Michael Schlechter, Police Chief Ed Henion, Fire Chief John Pokorny, Matthew VanLandingham, Michael Lubell, Parks and Recreation Director Dave Ungar, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Elizabeth Pocsik, and members of the public.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Board of Selectmen led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Information Meeting – Land Mobile Radio Special Town Meeting Presentation and Public Comment: Selectman Mohabeer moved to open a Public Information Meeting regarding the Land Mobile Radio Communications Project. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Public Information Meeting commenced at 7:31. First Selectwoman Nestor stated that this meeting is for public comment and the Special Town Meeting for the Land Mobile Radio Communications Project will be held June 7, 2023 at the Weston High School cafeteria at 7:00 pm. Dispatch Director Larry Roberts gave a presentation on the Land Mobile Radio System replacement. Police Chief Ed Henion, Fire Chief John Pokorny, and EMS Chief Michael Schlechter, each expressed their support for and commented on the importance of the proposed project.
PUBLIC COMMENT:
Gregg Haythorn, 6 Winthrop Hill spoke and asked questions about the Land Mobile Radio Communication project. Larry Roberts responded to questions.
Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to close the Public Information Meeting. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Public Information Meeting ended at 8:11 pm.
4. **Interview of Matthew Vanlandingham for possible appointment to the Veteran’s Affairs to fill a vacancy:** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Matthew VanLandingham for possible appointment to the Veteran’s Affairs Committee. First Selectwoman Nestor made a motion to appoint Matthew Vanlandingham to the Veteran’s Affairs Committee, effective immediately. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Acceptance of resignation of Holly Charlesworth from the Conservation Commission:** Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to accept the resignation of Holly Charlesworth from the Conservation Commission. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Interview of Michael Lubell for possible appointment to the Conservation Commission to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Holly Charlesworth:** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Michael Lubell for possible appointment to the Conservation Commission.
7. **Accept resignation of Gretchen Wright from the Commission for the Arts:** Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to accept the resignation of Gretchen Wright from the Commission for the Arts. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
8. **Accept resignation of Judy Stripp from the Board of Ethics:** First Selectwoman made a motion to accept the resignation of Judy Stripp. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. First

Selectwoman Nestor and Selectman Mohabeer voted in favor, Selectwoman Jenner abstained. Motion passed 2 in favor, none opposed, 1 abstention.

9. Discussion / Decision to nominate from the Panel of Moderators a member to serve as a moderator and a member to serve as alternate moderator the June 7, 2023 Special Town Meeting: Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to nominate Robert Uzenoff as the Moderator and Barbara Reynolds as the Alternate Moderator for the June 7, 2023 Special Town Meeting. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Discussion took place. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Discussion / Decision regarding holding hybrid (in-person and via Zoom) Board of Selectmen meetings: Discussion took place regarding holding hybrid meetings and having public comment at meetings. First Selectwoman Nestor made a motion to begin holding Board of Selectmen meetings as hybrid meetings beginning June 1, 2023. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Discussion and potential action to withdraw Board of Selectmen referral to the Historic District Commission for proposed pickleball courts: Discussion took place.

Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to withdraw the 8-24 application pending further examination by the Board of Selectmen. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion was not voted on. Discussion regarding the agenda and motion process took place.

Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to add to the agenda discussion/decision to withdraw the 8-24 referral of the pickleball court to the Planning and zoning Commission. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Selectman Mohabeer and Selectwoman Jenner voted in favor of the motion, First Selectwoman Nestor voted no. Motion passed 2 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions.

Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to rescind the 8-24 referral of the pickleball court to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Selectman Mohabeer and Selectwoman Jenner voted in favor, First Selectwoman Nestor voted against. Motion passed 2 in favor, 1 opposed, no abstentions.

Discussion with Parks and Recreation Director Dave Ungar and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Elizabeth Pocsik took place regarding the pickleball courts.

Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to remove item #11 from the agenda. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

First Selectwoman Nestor made a motion to add an item to the agenda regarding cancelling the June 1 Board of Ethics public hearing to remove the remaining members of the Board of Ethics. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Selectwoman Jenner recused herself from this item. First Selectwoman Nestor and Selectman Mohabeer voted in favor. Motion to add to the agenda passed 2 in favor, none opposed, with one recusal.

Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to cancel the June 1 public hearing. First Selectwoman Nestor seconded the motion. Selectwoman Jenner recused herself from item and spoke briefly on this item. First Selectwoman Nestor and Selectman Mohabeer voted in favor. Motion passed 2 in favor, none opposed, with one recusal.

12. Discussion regarding the petition received addressed to the Board of Selectmen regarding canceling the public hearing to remove volunteers from appointed office: Discussion took place.
13. Approval of Tax Refunds: Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to approve tax refunds totaling \$9,950.26, as presented. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
14. Approval of minutes from the April 19, 2023 Joint Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance Meeting, April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting, and May 3, 2023 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting, as presented: Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2023 Joint Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance Meeting, April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting, and May 3, 2023 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting, as presented. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
15. Adjournment: Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to adjourn. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Minutes prepared by Darcy Barrera-Hawes, Executive Administrative Assistant

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2023 at 7:30 pm
Meeting held In-Person and via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor called to order at 7:30 pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Martin Mohabeer, Selectwoman Amy Jenner, Jeffrey O'Hara, Laurence Roberts, and members of the public in person and via Zoom.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Darcy Barrera-Hawes led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Interview of Jeffrey O'Hara for possible appointment to the Veterans Affairs Committee:** Jeff O'Hara was interviewed by the Board of Selectmen for possible appointment to the Veterans Affairs Committee.
4. **Discussion / Decision to appoint Michael Lubell for a possible appointment to the Conservation Commission:** Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to appoint Michael Lubell to the Conservation Commission to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Holly Charlesworth for a term expiring December 31, 2025. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Discussion took place. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Discussion / Decision to appoint Laurence Roberts as Director of Public Works and Facilities Management:** First Selectwoman Nestor recommended Laurence Roberts for the position of Director of Public Works and Facilities Management. Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to appoint Laurence Roberts as Director of Public Works and Facilities Management. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. The Board of Selectmen interviewed Mr. Roberts for the position of Director of Public Works and Facilities Management. Discussion took place. First Selectwoman Nestor and Selectman Mohabeer voted in favor, Selectwoman Jenner abstained. Motion passed 2 in favor, none opposed, on abstention.

First Selectwoman Nestor stated that a Roberts Rules hand-out had been distributed at this meeting and Roberts Rules will be followed by all.

6. **Acceptance of Resignation of Darrel Grigerick from the Parks and Recreation Commission:** Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to accept the resignation of Darrel Grigerick from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Acceptance of Resignation of Sarah Grigerick from the Board of Ethics:** Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to accept the resignation of Sarah Grigerick from the Board of Ethics. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Discussion took place. First Selectwoman Nestor and Selectman Mohabeer voted in favor, none opposed, Selectwoman Jenner abstained. Motion passed 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.
8. **Acceptance of Resignation of Ruth Israely from the Board of Ethics:** Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to accept the resignation of Ruth Israely from the Board of Ethics. First Selectwoman Nestor seconded the motion. Discussion took place. First Selectwoman Nestor and Selectman Mohabeer voted in favor, none opposed, Selectwoman Jenner abstained. Motion passed 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.
9. **Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation:** First Selectwoman read a proclamation proclaiming June 2, 2023 Gun Violence Awareness Day in Weston, Connecticut.

10. **Discussion regarding electric vehicle charger located at Town Hall:** Larry Roberts presented information regarding the electric vehicle charger located at Town Hall, research indicated the \$0.50 rate that the Town was charging was high and the rate has been reduced to \$0.30 and idle time fees have been eliminated.
11. **Martin Road Emergency Closure Update:** Larry Roberts discussed the emergency closure of a portion of Martin Road due to unsafe road conditions. The emergency closure was approved by the Police Commission. Mr. Roberts said there is access to Martin Road via Hemlock Ridge. Mr. Roberts said that he and the Public Safety Chiefs, Director of Public Works, and Police Commission recommend closing the road permanently. Permanent closure of Martin Road was discussed.
12. **Approval of minutes from May 4, 2023 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting and May 17, 2023 Special Meeting as presented:** Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to approve the minutes from May 4, 2023 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting and May 17, 2023 Special Meeting as presented. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Discussion took place. Motion passed unanimously.
13. **Adjournment:** Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm

Minutes submitted by Darcy Barrera-Hawes, Executive Administrative Assistant

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2023 at 12:00 pm
Meeting held via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Martin Mohabeer, and Selectwoman Amy Jenner.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Board of Selectmen led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Executive Session regarding school security pursuant to CGS § 1-200:** First Selectwoman Nestor made a motion to enter into executive session regarding school security pursuant to CGS § 1-200. Invited to attend were Police Chief Ed Henion, Police Captain Matt Brodacki, Weston Public Schools Superintendent Lisa Barbiero, Board of Education Chair Steve Ezzes, Board of Education Vice Chair Melissa Walker, Weston Public Schools Director of Finance and Operations Phil Cross. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session commenced at 12:03 pm and ended at 1:00 pm.
4. **Adjournment:** Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to adjourn. First Selectwoman Nestor seconded the motion. Selectman Mohabeer was not present for the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Darcy Barrera-Hawes, Executive Administrative Assistant