

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 3:00 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Kirkby (Excused)
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Keven Severance, Highway Superintendent
Kate Simmer, Town Clerk
Mary Godnick
Laurie Davis

PUBLIC COMMENT: Laurie Davis and Mary Godnick were present to ask the Town Board for financial support for the ADK Harvest Festival 2023. The ADK Harvest Festival is a very successful event that they are hoping will continue to grow.

RESOLUTION #71

DONATE \$3,500 TO ADK HARVEST FESTIVAL

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to donate \$3,500.00 of ROOST funds to the Cornell Cooperative Extension for the Adirondack Harvest Festival.

YOUTH COMMISSION: No comment.

RESOLUTION #72

APPROVE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens and approved with an all in favor.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the March 7, 2023 Regular Board Minutes as presented.

**RESOLUTION #73
APPROVE THE BILLS**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve Abstract #10 for \$77,924.41; vouchers 151-193.

**RESOLUTION #74
RESIGNATION OF ROBIN SEVERANCE**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, and seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the official resignation, submitted via email, from Robin Severance as a member of the Town of Westport Planning Board effective 3/23/2023.

**RESOLUTION #75
APPOINT DANIEL BERHEIDE TO THE PLANNING BOARD**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to appoint Daniel Berheide to the Planning Board effective 3/28/23.

RESOLUTION #76

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE BY THE TOWN OF WESTPORT TO GABRIEL W. PALMER OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY OVER, UPON AND ACROSS THE TOWN OF WESTPORT'S TOWN GARAGE PARCELS

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, and seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

WHEREAS, Gabriel W. Palmer owns a parcel adjacent to the Town Garage property and has requested to use the existing access on the Town property in order to have an alternate ingress/egress to his parcel; and

WHEREAS, the non-exclusive easement and right-of-way would be over, upon, and across the two Town of Westport parcels described in a deed given by Adolphus McGee to Town of Westport, which deed was dated the 31st of August, 1965, and thereafter recorded in the Office of the Essex County Clerk on the 1st day of September, 1965, at Book 435 of Deeds, Page 229 also known as 2023 tax map number 66.2-1-32.000, and in a deed given by May Hald to Town of Westport, which deed was dated 26th day of September 1980, and thereafter recorded in the Office of the Essex County Clerk on the 6th day of October 1980 in Book 718 of Deeds, Page 29 also known as 2023 tax map number 66.2-1-30.120.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Westport hereby authorizes the conveyance of the hereinabove easement and right-of-way to Gabriel W. Palmer;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any and all deeds of conveyance and other documents incident to these transfers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to law.

RESOLUTION #77

DESTROY RECORDS FROM 2016

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler

0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the retention committee to destroy Town of Westport miscellaneous fiscal records from 2016, per the request presented.

RESOLUTION #78

ONE TOWN BOARD MEETING IN APRIL, SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 18, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, and seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to schedule one Regular Town Board meeting during the month of April on April 18th at 7:00 pm. The April 11th meeting is rescheduled for April 18th and the April 25th meeting is canceled.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: The crew is in the process of repairing the dirt roads. There is a meeting about the Wadhams well on Thursday to prepare the ground for a test well. We have been receiving a lot of praise about the snow removal after the big storm. We are having truck problems, we really need another truck with a plow and sander. There are two trucks readily available. The Board has the specifications on these two trucks. Councilperson Viens recommends the 2023 with a larger motor and alternator. Chris Clark has been in contact about the truck, he plans to have it going by next week. If it's not fixed, we need to consider sending it to Albany, N.E. Cummings.

RESOLUTION #79

SPEND \$41,700 ON A 2023 F-350 VEHICLE WITH PLOW AND SANDER

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to spend \$41,700 on the purchase of a 2023 F-350 vehicle with a plow and sander, and additional expense of back rack.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Discussion about the increase in tire rates from the County. Discussed clean up weekend for the town to provide a trailer. Councilperson Viens inquired about the dip coming down Barber Lane, it's getting pretty bad. The Town is aware. The meters are in for Wadhams and the installation will begin soon. The EV charger is running. The Church's lease for the Heritage House with the Westport Chamber of Commerce/ Westport/ Wadhams Alliance is up. There was a meeting last night to discuss the future of the Heritage House. The church council will be meeting in May. We would like to get prices to build an outhouse at the transfer station. The cost of the portable toilet has increased significantly.

RESOLUTION #80
TRANSFER STATION TIRE RATE INCREASE

On a motion by Supervisor Tyler, and seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor.

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to increase the cost of car tire disposal to \$7.00 per tire and \$8.00 per tire on the rim.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to increase the cost to truck tire disposal to \$16.00 per tire and \$21.00 per tire on the rim.

RESOLUTION #81
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on an all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine Simmer,
Town Clerk