

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 7:00 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
Meghan McWilliams
Clay Reaser
Mike Fergot

PUBLIC COMMENT: Clay Reaser and Meghan McWilliams are present to share information pertaining to the Westport-Wadhams Community Alliance, formerly Westport Chamber of Commerce, and the Westport Heritage House budgets. The Chamber has grown significantly over the past year and is making an impact in the community. They expressed gratitude for the Town's continued support and explained they wouldn't be able to do it without the Town's support. Supervisor Tyler asked if they could come up with a figure that they need for the year going forward. He also congratulated them on the growth of the group.

RESOLUTION #63
\$2,000 FLOWERS PLUS-BRIDGE FLOWERS

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 \$2000.00 to Flowers Plus for the bridge flowers and new containers.

RESOLUTION #64

\$10,000 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to give the Economic Development Committee \$10,000.00 of ROOST funds.

YOUTH COMMISSION: No comment.

RESOLUTION #65

APPROVE MINUTES

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

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the February 28, 2023 Regular Board Minutes as presented.

RESOLUTION #66

APPROVE THE BILLS

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

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve Abstract #8 for \$15,214.48; vouchers #133-148, 150; and Abstract #9 for \$1,800.00; voucher #149.

THE TOWN BOARD IS IN RECEIPT OF FEBRUARY MONTHLY REPORTS FOR:

Westport Town Court
Westport Town Clerk
Westport Town Supervisor

RESOLUTION #67

HIRE JENNIFER WAID AS THE SUPERVISOR'S CLERK

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 hire Jennifer Waid as a part time clerk as of March 13, 2023 @ \$18.00 per hour and to hire her as a full time clerk on April 3, 2023 @ \$44,073 per year, with a six-month probationary period.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: reported that Kevin Brant will supply firewood now for \$1,800.00 for 12 cords, plus \$800 to deliver and process. Keven would like to order it now. Spring is coming and it is time to build picnic tables for Lee Park. Supervisor Tyler asked Keven to provide pricing to build the picnic tables at the next Board meeting. The goal is to build four to five tables, but perhaps more, if needed. The Beach House is coming alive and we need new basketball nets.

Discussion regarding the rising costs of materials, salt and fuel to operate.

COUNCILPERSON VIENS stated they would like to build the picnic tables now before the summer. Can we approve a couple of picnic tables?

SUPERVISOR TYLER agreed we could fund the picnic tables with Lee Park funds, so we could build them now.

RESOLUTION #68

KEVIN BRANT FIREWOOD

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

3 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to order, deliver and process 12 cords of firewood from Kevin Brant for a total of \$2,600.00.

**RESOLUTION #69
BUILD SIX PICNIC TABLES**

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 allow the crew to build six picnic tables for Lee Park, using ROOST funds for the materials and Lee Park budget for the labor.

SUPERVISOR TYLER: The cost of the portable toilet has increased significantly. I would like to get a price to have an outhouse installed. I will provide more information at the next meeting. The charging station is hooked up. The Wadhams Water project is moving forward. The test well will be dug soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT Michael Fergot was present to discuss the Town Clean- Up Day. He will be making a flyer. The clean-up is Saturday, April 1, 2023 to Monday, April 24, 2023. He is requesting a trailer be placed behind the Town Hall for any waste.

SUPERVISOR TYLER asked the Highway Superintendent if that was a manageable timeframe.

SUPERINTENDENT SEVERANCE responded that it would be fine and good for the community.

COUNCILPERSON MORRISON would like to wish the Town a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

**RESOLUTION #70
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved on an all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine Simmer,
Town Clerk