

Minutes of the Fourth Tuesday Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on March 23, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Connell at 7:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilman Tyler
Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Jerrold Sherman, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Nancy Page, Kevin Severance, Bob Rice, Bruce Ware, James Herrmann, Kathryn Cramer

RESOLUTION #77

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of March 9, 2010 as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Page asked about the replacement or repair of two 4'x4' sections of sidewalk near her home that had been damaged by a plow truck. Discussion took place as to the best course of action to take by possibly replacing the entire sidewalk or removing all of it completely. The Councilman shall each take a look at the area and be prepared to make a decision at the next meeting.

Bruce Ware asked if during the upcoming municipal center vote the town would consider holding a vote for the vacant town councilman position. Supervisor Connell felt this would probably have to be dealt with by the Board of Elections during the general elections in November. He will look into the matter.

Kathryn Cramer wanted to know what the timeline was on the bond vote for the municipal center. Mr. Connell responded that on Thursday, March 25th the project would be presented to the Planning Board. On April 13th the bonding resolution for the mandatory referendum will be presented to the Town Board. If the Town Board approves the bonding resolution, the vote would then take place no less than 60 days from that point and not more than 75 days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WESTPORT MUNICIPAL CENTER – The committee met last week and we will hold a Public Informational Meeting on Tuesday April 13th at 6:30 p.m. with the regular town board meeting to following immediately after.

YOUTH COMMISSION – The Commission met and interviewed 14 applicants for the summer program for the counselor and counselor in training positions.

RESOLUTION #78
HIRING SUMMER PROGRAM PERSONNEL

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Sherman and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hire the following Counselors and Counselors in Training at the designated salaries for the 2010 summer program.

Counselors – Tammy Clark \$7.75 per hour	CIT – Dorie Souris \$400
Alexa Mitchell \$7.75	Jack Newberry \$400
Delaney Sears \$7.50	Michelle Markwica \$450
Austin Martin \$7.75	Rachelle Abrahamsen \$400
Gabe Schrauf \$7.50	

Supervisor Connell asked Councilman Sherman to go back to the Youth Commission with his concern over the need for an educational component to be within the ski program for all children participating.

OLD BUSINESS

WADHAMS WATER – We have not received anything from the APA. The funding will be going before the EFC on Thursday. When bids do come in we would be scheduling a meeting with the residents of Wadhams.

ARTICLE 78 – nothing new.

LAWSUIT – Case was dismissed in Elizabethtown Court but Mr. Kuntz stated he would appeal it.

HAMLET EXPANSION – The notes of the first meeting are in the Board packet provided by Saratoga Associates. There is another meeting next week on Wednesday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

AUD –2009 Annual Financial Report

RESOLUTION #79
2009 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to acknowledge receipt of the 2009 Annual Financial Report(AUD).

RESOLUTION #80
BUDGET AMENDMENT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Sherman and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the budget amendment for the Quality Community Grant by Increasing Revenue Acct 3089C State Aid Other (Planning-blue ribbon) \$40,000
Increasing Appropriation Acct 8020.4 Planning (blue ribbon) by \$40,000 to \$50,000.

RESOLUTION #81
BUDGET TRANSFER

On a motion by Councilman Sherman seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the following budget transfer in General Fund:
Transfer from 19904.1 Contingency \$250 Transfer to 64104.1 Publicity \$250
Transfer from 14601.1 Rec. Mgmt \$2,000 Transfer to 80201.1 Planning PS \$2,000

RESOLUTION #82
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL RESOLUTION

On a motion by Councilman Sherman seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize each of the Town Justices to have separate bank accounts with Champlain National bank requiring only their signature.

RESOLUTION #83
CONTRACT KINSLEY POWER SYSTEMS

On a motion by Councilman Sherman seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote after discussion.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the service contract with Kinsley Power System for our three generators for one year for \$2,429.00.

RESOLUTION #84
APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of Abstract 3B of Vouchers 2010-121 through Vouchers 2010-163 in the amount of \$35,441.35.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Jerrold Sherman

Mr. Sherman requested approval for training for two drivers at \$100 each in Plattsburgh.

RESOLUTION #85
TRAINING APPROVAL

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the approval of two DPW employees to attend training in Plattsburgh at a cost of \$100.00 each.

The pump at the station by Schwoebel's in Wadhams is gone again. The company has picked it up and we are waiting to see what is wrong with it. It only has 45 hours on it since it was rebuilt.

We've received notification from the US Department of Transportation that we are required to replace all highway signs. There are certain specifications that we must abide by-uniform in design, reflective etc. It's not mandatory we comply until 2015 for road signs and street signs until 2018. It is the consensus of the Board to replace destroyed or damaged signs with the new reflective signs. Both of the footbridges have planks that need to be replaced. We've started some of the town spring cleaning with the help of the inmates. We are still repairing roads especially now since the recent rain damage. The new buzz saw is up and working.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

We received a letter from the Essex County Treasurer listing the monies paid by the Treasurer to our Town for 2009.

We received a letter from the Essex County Department of Public Works listing the money the Town of Westport received in 2009 under the County Road fund.

Congressman Bill Owens responded that he would assist however he can with our receiving the FEMA funds.

A financial update 3/22/2010 is included in the Board's packets.

COUNCILMEN COMMENTS:

Councilman Sherman asked about the "speedes" permit and the increase we applied for. Supervisor Connell replied that there has been no communication but he will contact them and check on the status.

ZONING OFFICER COMMENT:

George Hainer reported that due to the recently adopted amendments in the Land Use Law that a member of the community who came in this week and wanted to subdivide may now do so.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bruce Ware asked if the brush & plant matter around the bridge area in Lee Park could have 30-40% of it cleaned out.

Bob Rice commented on the recent tax information sheet that was mailed out to the public. He found it very informative.

RESOLUTION #86

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted.

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk