

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTH TUESDAY WESTPORT TOWN BOARD
MEETING AUGUST 24, 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 Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Councilman Tyler (entered at 7:05)
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Jerrold Sherman, DPW Superintendent
Thomas Gilman, Fountain Forestry
Jim Bullard, Gerald Goulat, Bob Rice, Ed White, Kevin Severance, Paul Spooner,
Nancy Page, James Herrmann

**RESOLUTION #169
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

3 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as received from the Town Board Meeting of August 10, 2010.

FOUNTAIN FORESTRY – TOM GILMAN

Supervisor Connell introduced Mr. Gilman to the Board and thanked him for taking the time to come. He discussed the forestry program on the watershed and the 30 years of forest management on the property that they have been involved with on the over 1,400 acres. The most recent up date to the plan was done in 2007. After his presentation questions were taken from the Board and others present.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jim Bullard asked about the status of the speed signs such as those in Willsboro.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – They have not met and the soccer program is underway.

WESTPORT MUNICIPAL CENTER – There was a committee meeting last night. Supervisor Connell did call Shawn Maguire of the Secretary of State's office and they will extend the grant as long as the building houses the same entities.

The next committee meeting will be September 22, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Everyone is to come back with his or her needs assessment.

TAX COMMITTEE – Councilman Sherman reported that they met at the library and reviewed and discussed properties that are exempt. They now want to go out to the County along with the Assessor and discuss how things work and points of law.

OLD BUSINESS

ARTICLE 78 Communication is going back and forth between the attorneys.

WADHAMS WATER – There was a construction meeting on Friday and the project is moving along. We have submitted the first round of construction bills and received the funds from EFC.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – Councilman Tyler reported that they had interviewed one individual and it had gone very well.

**RESOLUTION #170
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPOINTMENT**

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 Brandy Lynn Barnes as the Animal Control Officer at the budgeted salary amount.

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SEWER UP DATE – AES PROPOSAL – Councilman Paquette reported on the most recent discussion he had with AES and the DPW staff on August 6, 2010 about the flows generated on Sisco Street. AES in their 8/12/2010 letter offers to extend their proposal of 4/11/2008 at an additional lump sum fee of \$6,000 and \$400 per day. No motion was made.

ASSESSMENT REPORT – David Galarneau

The Clerk read the Data Collection Report stating that the project is 80% complete. There have 585 parcels done with about 130 left to review. They expect all the fieldwork to be completed by the end of August

2011 CWSRF Clean Water State Revolving Fund – We have received notice that we are a candidate to receive subsidized financing for the sewer project on Bessboro Lane.

NEW BUSINESS

WESTELCOM PROPOSAL – Application & Service Agreement for telephone and Internet service.

**RESOLUTION #171
APPROVAL OF WESTELCOM PROPOSAL**

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the contract with Westelcom following confirmation with the Westelcom technician that there will be a seamless changeover from Charter to Westelcom and that we will receive the same speed and bandwidth.

DOG LICENSING CHANGES – The latest packets of information are included in the Board packets for the Councilmen's review. The same have been given to the Attorney for the Town as there will be some things required of him as we work through this change over. As of January first the responsibility of licensing dogs turns over to the Town.

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SOIL & WATER REQUEST – Essex County Soil & Water Department would like to place storm drain markers around town.

**RESOLUTION #172
APPROVAL OF STORM DRAIN MARKERS**

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Essex County Soil & Water Department's request to place markers on the storm drains.

**RESOLUTION #173
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 approve the payment of Abstract 8B for Vouchers 2010-432 through Vouchers 2010-453 in the amount of \$11,575.92.

**RESOLUTION #174
APPROVAL FOR TRAINING**

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 George Hainer to attend a code enforcement course at the Town Hall in Plattsburgh on September 2, 1010.

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DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Jerrold Sherman

The air compressor broke and needs to be replaced. It is the time of year when the water flows are down and the alarms continue to go off so there will be some overtime involved. We continue to mow the roadsides and lawns. The drainage is done on Sisco Street and the paving should start soon. We do have to order about \$6,000 worth of tires.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS – The budget process has begun and the letters have gone out to all the various departments.

COUNCILMAN’S COMMENTS – Sherman-will we be doing the needs assessment on the municipal center at the next meeting? The Forester offered a tour once they get started-will we take him up on that? Supervisor Connell will set that up. Tyler asked if anything had been done on the condensation problem in the pipes at the sewer plant. That project should get started.

TOWN CLERK – The next meeting falls on primary day. The decision was made to hold the next town board meeting downstairs in the CourtRoom on September 14th.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Herrmann asked if there was a value as yet associated with the reassessment-No. Also, How much of the Wadhams project is done? They plan to be completed in November.

**RESOLUTION #175
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk