

## **Minutes of the Second Tuesday Regular Town Board Meeting on May 12, 2009**

Supervisor Connell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call vote were:

Councilman Tyler (7:10)  
Councilman Paquette  
Councilman Sherman  
Councilman Smith  
Supervisor Connell

Others Present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk  
George Hainer, Zoning and Codes Officer  
Jerrold Sherman, DPW Superintendent  
William Palmer

### **RESOLUTION #110 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting of April 28, 2009.

### **RESOLUTION #111 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board meeting of May 7, 2009.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

William Palmer referenced the request he has submitted to the Board to make a zoning change on a portion of his lot on Bessboro Lane from residential to commercial. It will be discussed later under New Business.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**GARAGE** – The next meeting is scheduled on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**YOUTH COMMISSION** – Councilman Sherman reported that the Dance Program would be performing in the Talent Show on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Baseball Program started this week and the Essex County Youth Bureau has set up dates and times for required training for Youth Commission staff.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**WADHAMS WATER** – nothing new at this time.

**MERRIAM FORGE** – Councilman Paquette reported that they are within the timeline.

**SEWER PLANT CONTRACT WITH AES** – nothing at this time.

**BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE** – nothing to report.

**ARTICLE 78 UPDATE** – process ongoing on earlier petition and another one has been filed.

**QUAD PERMANENT COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBIT** – consensus to still place on Town property.

**UNEMPLOYMENT REQUEST** – Denied but being reviewed again.

**SIDEWALK PROJECT** – All members were asked to look at the area near the Seed Co-op and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

**HEDGE AT SEWER PLANT** – Councilman Sherman will have information for the next meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ARTICLE 78** – Notice of Petition received on the Hamilton Funeral Home.

**RESOLUTION #112**

**ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN**

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

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5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to appoint Gary Wilson as the Attorney for the Town in defense of this petition and further to authorize him to seek the advice of other counsel, if needed.

**CARL RESEK REQUEST** – Lower speed limit on Ledge Hill Road.

**RESOLUTION #113**  
**REDUCE SPEED LIMIT LEDGE HILL ROAD**

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to accept the request by Carl Resek to reduce the speed limit on Ledge Hill Road from 55 to 45 mphs and submit such request to the Essex County Superintendent of Public Works, Frederick Buck.

**ADIRONDACK TOBACCO FREE NETWORK** – Received from them an invitation to attend a two-hour reception in Plattsburgh at the Burgundy Room.

**RESOLUTION #114**  
**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 05A, Vouchers 2009-313 through Vouchers 2009-342 in the amount of \$48,271.85.

**SUMMER BEACH** – The Department of Health has sent us an application to submit if we intend to open the beach. There was consensus to do so and to advertise for lifeguards.

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**ZONING CHANGE REQUEST – BILL PALMER** - Mr. Palmer is requesting a zoning change from residential to commercial on his lot on Bessboro Lane. Mr. Palmer was advised that he should fill out required application and submit it to the Planning Board.

**TOWN CLEAN-UP** - A Westport Spring Clean-Up Day has been scheduled for Saturday May 16, 2009 under the direction of Helen DeGroff. All volunteers should meet in Floral Hall at the Fairgrounds at 9 a.m.

**COMMUNITY CLEANUP-DAY**

**RESOLUTION # 115  
COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY**

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** that the Town will sponsor a Clean-Up Day on Monday, June 15, 2009. People must call and schedule pick-ups with the Town Office.

**APRIL TOWN CLERK’S REPORT** – The Supervisor is in receipt of the April Town Clerk’s report.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – JERROLD SHERMAN**

The Loader 644G has been repaired along with Truck #4 and #9. They have been cutting brush on Ledge Hill; mowing lawns; doing machinery repair; grading & raking roads. More sewer lines have been checked with the camera. Wayne Napper started back to work on Monday. They have also been replacing some rusted out culverts. A request has been received from a resident of School Street to put driving lines on the sides and the middle of the road. This has been taken under advisement. He will be spending some money to have some black topping done that is within the budget.

**COUNCILMAN COMMENTS:**

Councilman Tyler recently attended an ACAP meeting and was told that they have expanded the age for mowing. Supervisor Connell has submitted a request for two youth that could assist with the mowing.

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**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

The Board all received a copy of the correspondence from Interim Superintendent of Westport Central School, Dr. Gallagher, in answer to questions asked when he presented the Budget to the Board on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

We have received notification of work being done on Interstate 87.

Correspondence has been received from the Governor's Office regarding projects that were submitted under the Stimulus Package.

**RESOLUTION #116**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Paquette and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk