

Minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2009

Supervisor Connell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Councilman Smith
Councilman Tyler arrived at 2:25 p.m.
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk; Jerrold Sherman, DPW Superintendent; Don Jaquish, Essex County Emergency Services; Jim Westover, Westport Fire Chief; Dale French, Supervisor Crown Point; Tom Scozzafava, Supervisor Moriah; Mike and Janet Denny, Goodrich employees; Michele Friedman, Principal Westport Central School; Sharon Garvey, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Ann B. Moore, Cornell Cooperative Extension; Alvin Reiner, Press Republican; Larry Carroll, Westport Marina; Brian Goodyear, Basin Harbor Club; Mike Fayette, NYS Department of Transportation; Richard Cutting, Essex County Sheriff's Office; Nancy Dougal, Essex County Transportation; Scott Moran, Superintendent Essex County Fairgrounds; Eric Gay, Ernie's Market; George Maffey, Westport Heritage House; Bruce Ware, Weichert Realty; NY State Police; Matt Bosley, Valley News; Jim Bullard

Supervisor Connell welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to discuss the "Foot Passenger Ferry" that would be crossing between Basin Harbor and the Westport Marina.

Nancy Dougal first reviewed what she had set up for transportation and where she felt the needs were.

Supervisor Connell stated we would all be ready to go Monday morning and that we would try to get people to park at the fairgrounds.

The Sheriff's Department will provide highway light boards with flashing information printed on them.

Brian Goodyear from Basin Harbor spoke on trying to keep the ferry service they were providing as simple with three trips leaving Basin Harbor in the a.m. and three leaving in the p.m. There would be bus service from Basin Harbor to Vergennes and to Middlebury. The cost will be \$8.00 round trip. and there would be a five-day pass available with a discounted price.

Crossing times would be as follows.

Leaving Basin Harbor 5:30 a.m. 6:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

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Leaving Westport 6:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.
 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

Information can be obtained on the website: basinharbor.com/ferry

Ron Jaquish from Essex County Emergency Services discussed briefly the increased risk of a water-related incident and the need for all emergency units to be prepared.

Supervisor Connell thanked everyone for coming and for his or her input and suggestions.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

RESOLUTION #208

**TWO HOUR PARKING – HARRIS LAND TO STEVENSON ROAD NORTH
END WASHING STREET TO SOUTH END OF WASHINGTON STREET**

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

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

RESOLVED to approve a two-hour parking limit on the West Side of Route 9N and 22 from Harris Lane to Stevenson Road and on the East Side of Route 9N and 22 from the North End of Washington Street to the South end of Washington Street.

RESOLUTION #209

TWO-HOUR PARKING LIMIT ROUTE 22 NORTH TO MARKS ROAD

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

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

RESOLVED to approve a two-hour parking limit on Route 22 from Intersection 9N North to Marks Road.

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RESOLUTION #210
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Paquette with a unanimous second to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk