

4-8-2008 Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting 7:00 PM

The April 8, 2008 Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting was held at the Westport Town Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Connell at 7:00 PM with the following members present on a roll call

Councilman Tyler
Councilman McIntyre Absent due to illness
Councilman Sherman
Councilman Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Brenda McCooey, Town Clerk; George Hainer, Building Codes/Zoning Officer; Jerry Sherman, DPW Superintendent; Chris Maron; Dave Reckahn; Bob Rice; Bonnie Haberle; Albert Haberle; Jack Buttimer; J. Bullard; Betty Fox; Nancy Page; Bruce Ware.

Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RESOLUTION # 94
MINUTES APPROVAL**

On a motion by Councilman Smith seconded by Councilman Sherman the following was approved on a roll call

AYES 4 Tyler, Sherman, Smith, Connell
NAYS 0

Resolved to accept the minutes of the March 25, 2008 4th Tuesday Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting as presented.

Supervisor Connell welcomed all present, Town Clerk read letter from the Stevenson Road Neighbors concerning traffic safety issues.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR-STEVENSON ROAD NEIGHBORS-BONNIE

HABERALE-Much discussion followed on the use of Stevenson Road by trucks and cars with regard to lowering the quality and safety of neighbors residing on Stevenson Road. The Neighbors are seeking help from the Town Board in seeking a solution to speeding traffic and increased truck traffic, and cross walk designations. The Neighbors suggest possible alternatives would be to send truck traffic over Napper Road, lowering of the speed limit on the road and posting speed limit signs. Town Board will apply for a speed limit change, research weight limits, cross walks, and rerouting truck traffic. State Police can be notified to police for possible infractions on Stevenson Road. Supervisor Connell stated a community wide meeting would be scheduled some time in May to brainstorm for revitalization of Westport and seek any comments from the Residents. Preliminary meeting have begun for this with one scheduled at the School tomorrow April 9.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR-CONSERVATION EASEMENTS-CHRIS MARON-Mr. Maron supplied the Town Board with 2 annual monitoring reports. One for the Evens Farm, which is in compliance, but which sustained a fire, and is proposing a sub-division which must be resolved. Second for the Marsh Farm, though in compliance, owners should have notified the Nature Conservancy and the Town upon leasing the property to the Evens. Mr. Maron stated he would like to see a green up day in partnership with the Nature Conservancy either May 3rd or 17th.

During Mr. Marons dissertation, Councilman Smith had to leave the meeting for health issues.

**RESOLUTION # 95
GREEN UP DAY**

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Sherman the following was approved on a roll call

AYES 3 Tyler, Sherman, Connell
NAYS 0

Resolved to support a Green Up Day in conjunction with the Nature Conservancy, and for the DPW Crew to remove the trash picked up along sides of the Stevenson Road and the Hamlet.

Mr. Maron supplied assembly with an article, which appeared in the New Yorker called The Dark Side regarding light pollution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **YOUTH COMMISSION**-Councilman Sherman reported the Youth Commission Board met last night April 7th and is working on getting the summer program together, still in need of a Director. Supervisor Connell has been in contact with County Clerk Provoncha and there is still time to address the summer lunch program. The Youth Commission skied 7 times and had one injury reported, Bidy Basketball is completed and was successful.
- **GARAGE**-No report
- **BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE**-Meeting scheduled for Monday April 21st

OLD BUSINESS

- **ZONING**-A Public Hearing is scheduled for April 22, 2008 at 6:30 PM to seek Public Comment on the proposed Local Law # 2 of 2008 Amending the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code Local Law # 1 of 1998

- **TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW**-Discussion followed on the proposed telecommunication law-issues remain which must be addressed prior to presentation. Councilman Sherman to research passed laws within the APA concerning telecommunications.

RESOLUTION # 96
TELECOMMUNICATION LAW

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Sherman the following was adopted on a roll call

AYES 3 Tyler, Sherman, Connell
NAYS 0

Resolved to table telecommunications law.

- **ADIRONDACK PARK REGIONAL ASSESSMENT REQUEST**-Councilmen charged to peruse and forward suggestion to Supervisor Connell.
- **AMENDING LOCAL LAW # 1 OF 1998**-Addressed earlier.
- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**-Meeting scheduled for April 17th, a community group of seasonal residents, year round residents, IDA, School, Chamber of Commerce to brainstorm ideas for community development.

NEW BUSINESS

- **AUDIT RESOLUTION**-A third party will be designated to reconcile transfer ticket sales and tickets.

RESOLUTION # 97
TOWN FUNDS

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Sherman the following was approved on a roll call

AYES 3 Tyler, Sherman, Connell
NAYS 0

Resolved that employees of the Town of Westport may not in any form intermingle Town and Personal Funds. This includes not writing personal checks in exchange for cash withdrawal of Town Funds.

- **BANK RESOLUTION**-Supervisor Connell recommends addressing at next meeting.

- **EFC LETTER WADHAMS WATER**-Notification has been received Wadhams has been denied a Small Cities Grant for water system upgrade. Hamlet is eligible for EFC monies, which would cost the users considerable monies. Supervisor Connell will schedule a meeting of the water advisory committee to work towards a workable and cost effective solution.
- **REQUEST FROM TIM SHERMAN**-Will address at next Town Board Meeting
- **PROBLEMS WITH SEWER SYSTEM**-Supervisor Connell supplied Town Board with a wastewater treatment flow chart for February and March at the Westport Plant. The Town has been cited for excess flow, the effluent over flowing has been treated, but exceeds the daily flow limits. Discussion followed. The system will be evaluated by camera, monitoring of flow through manholes will be computed, Supervisor Connell is in constant contact with NYSDEC and the Town Crew is working diligently to rectify this situation. A letter to users of the system has been sent out asking to discontinue dumping sump pump flow and roof drains into the sewer system.
- **BUDGET AMENDMENT AND TRANSFER**

RESOLUTION # 98
BUDGET AMENDMENT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Sherman the following was approved on a roll call
AYES 3 Tyler, Sherman, Connell
NAYS 0

Resolved, in the Highway Funds to transfer form Designated Highway Reserve \$50,736.47 to Highway Reserve Account DA2801 Interfund Revenues and increase Appropriations Account DA9710.6A Dump Truck Principal by \$50,736.47.

RESOLUTION # 99
BUDGET TRANSFER

On a motion by Councilman Sherman seconded by Councilman Tyler the following was approved on a roll call
AYES 3 Tyler, Sherman, Connell
NAYS 0

Resolved to make the following budgetary transfers

FROM		TO
DA9950.9 Highway Equip. Reserve	\$50,000.00	DA97106A Dump Truck Princ.
DA5130.4 Repair of Machinery	\$2853.53	DA9710.6A Dump Truck Princ.
A1990.4 Contingent	\$950.00	A1672.2 Equipment Costs
A1990.4 Contingent	\$1000.00	A1620.4A Building Maintenance

RESOLUTION # 100
AUDIT OF BILLS

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Sherman the following was approved on a roll call

AYES 3 Tyler, Sherman, Connell
NAYS 0

Resolved to pay the bills as audited on Abstract 4A Voucher #'s 2008-229 to 2008-261 in the amount of \$234,586.42

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT/REQUEST-DPW Superintendent Sherman requested the minutes of the March 25th, 2008 be amended on Page 4 under Problems with Sewer System, strike DPW Superintendent Sherman and replace with DPW Crew.

RESOLUTION # 101
MINUTE AMENDMENT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Sherman the following was approved on a roll call

AYES 3 Tyler, Sherman, Connell
NAYS 0

Resolved to amend the March 25, 2008, 4th Tuesday Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting Page 4, as follows: Problems with Sewer System, strike DPW Superintendent Sherman and replace with DPW Crew.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT/REQUEST CONTINUED-the crew has been searching for leaks in the wastewater lines, cleaning streets, Meeting scheduled Thursday March 27, with Goldwassers, Carl Schroder, Tony Lavigne, and Town of Westport to discuss options for Merriam Forge Road. Location will be determined then engineering plans will be forwarded to FEMA for their approval. DPW Superintendent Sherman will be on vacation April 11-21.

Supervisor Connell had no further comments.

Councilmen had no further comments.

Floor was open for Public Comment with none voiced.

RESOLUTION # 102
EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Sherman the following was approved on a roll call

AYES 3 Tyler, Sherman, Connell
NAYS 0

Resolved to close Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting and enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 9:08 PM.

On a motion by Councilman Sherman seconded by Councilman Tyler the following was approved on a roll call

AYES 3 Tyler, Sherman, Connell
NAYS 0

Resolved to close Executive Session and re-open Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting at 9:25 PM

RESOLUTION # 103
ADJOURNMENT

Resolved to adjourn at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted _____ Brenda McCooey/Town Clerk