

## **Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 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 were:

- Councilman Tyler
- Councilman Paquette
- Councilman Sherman
- Councilman Smith
- Supervisor Connell

Others Present:

- Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
- Jerrold Sherman, DPW Superintendent
- George Hainer, Zoning and Codes Officer
- Bruce Dunning, James Herrmann, Rick Rockefeller

### **RESOLUTION #220**

#### **MINUTES**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2009 Regular Town Board Meeting as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None at this time.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**GARAGE** – At the last meeting the group looked over the brochure and made some changes. They will be meeting again on November 24<sup>th</sup> to finalize it.

**YOUTH COMMISSION** – Councilman Sherman reported that the soccer program had gone well. They were in the process of collecting the jerseys and equipment now. Sign-up for the basketball program is currently taking place. They have approval to use the small gym at school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays along with three Saturdays. The ski program has been set up for \$110.00 for six weeks with lessons. They have requested the free 1500 bus miles from the school for transportation.

**RESOLUTION #221**  
**PART TIME YOUTH COMMISSION DIRECTOR**

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

4 Ayes	Tyler, Sherman, Smith, Connell
1 Nay	Paquette

**RESOLVED** to establish and advertise a part-time Westport Youth Commission Director position.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ASSESSMENT ISSUE** – meeting will be set up soon.

**WADHAMS WATER** – nothing new.

**BLUE RIBBON UPDATE –**

The following bids were opened on the RFP's for Planning and Legal

Saratoga Associates	\$50,000	for both
Place Sense	\$50,000	for both
Shulman Howard & McPherson LLP	\$50,000	for both
Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC	\$25,000	legal only
Joe Russell, Land Use Atty	\$25,000	legal only

There was consensus on the Board to have Bill Johnston and George King review the bids and make a recommendation at the meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ARTICLE 78** – nothing new.

**ZONING UPDATE – SEQR PART II** – To approve Attachment A as a “Negative Declaration” is the next step in the process to move forward. The Board is asked to take it home and review it and be prepared to act on it at the next board meeting.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**TIMBER BIDS**

The Clerk opened the following bids:

Rene Bernard Inc.	\$58,074
Mill River Lumber, Ltd	\$35,038
A. Johnson Co. LLC	\$37,273
James Carter Logging, Inc.	\$54,865
International Paper	\$55,484
Lamell Lbr. Corp.	\$36,800

**RESOLUTION #222**  
**TIMBER BID**

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

4 Ayes	Tyler, Sherman, Smith, Connell
1 Nay	Paquette

**RESOLVED** to authorize Fountains Forestry to review the bids and award the bid to the highest competent bidder.

**TREE LIMB CUTTER BID**

The Clerk opened the following bid:

Capital Tractor Inc.	\$9,990
Options	Hitch kit \$2,172.60
	Hyd kit 370.80

**RESOLUTION #223**  
**TREE LIMB CUTTER**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to authorize the Supervisor to purchase the tree limb cutter based on the DPW Superintendent's recommendation.

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**RESOLUTION #224**  
**2010 BUDGET**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to approve the 2010 Budget as presented in the amount of \$1,812,086.83.

**PARKING LOCAL LAW – AMEND LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2002**

**RESOLUTION #225**  
**WINTER PARKING BAN AMENDMENT**

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 Nay

**RESOLVED** to approve the proposed Amendment to Local Law No. 1 of 2002 Winter Paring Ban including all the roads in the Town of Westport and to hold the public hearing on the amendment on November 24, 2009 at 6:55 p.m.

**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT** – The Supervisor is in receipt of the Town Clerk’s report for the month of October 2009.

**BASE STATION FOR DPW SUPERINTENDENT**

**RESOLUTION #226**  
**PURCHASE OF BASE STATION**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to authorize the purchase of a base station for the DPW Superintendent’s home at a cost of \$1,132.00.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – JERROLD SHERMAN**

Due to the concern for keeping the Lake Shore Road safe for all the traffic it is now receiving we've discussed getting a plow for the water and sewer truck that those staff members could use to keep access roads open. Thereby freeing up the big plow trucks to spend more time on the other roads. The truck we have was ordered plow ready and Mr. Sherman did obtain three quotes for a plow from various vendors.

**RESOLUTION #227**  
**PURCHASE OF PLOW**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a snowplow from Arrowhead of Queensbury at \$4,175.00 installed based on past experience with this company.

We have the plow trucks ready for the upcoming winter weather. There was a water leak on Washington Street that needed repair and has been completed.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Connell stated to the Board and those attending, that in a news article in the Plattsburgh Press on the Saturday before the election, Mr. Ware stated in the article that the Town had the second highest debt in the region as reported on the website [www.seethroughny.net](http://www.seethroughny.net). Mr. Connell wants to clarify that the Town of Westport has no debt. The sewer and water districts do but not the Town as stated. If you look in our Town Budget you will find there is no debt service payments. There are inaccuracies in the information listed on this site. They have taken information from the Office of State Comptroller but not recorded it correctly.

We had a meeting today with Mike Fayette the Regional Director of DOT, other highway superintendents and supervisors about how we could all work together to keep Route 22 and the Lake Shore Road covered during this Winter season with the additional traffic now. The plan is for the State to take care of Route 22 during extended storms, the County with Route 9 and we will continue with the care of the Lake Shore Road. We'd really like to encourage more use of Route 22 versus the Lake Shore Road.

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Received an email from the Church minister over concerns about remodeling taking place in the Visitor's Center.

**COUNCILMAN'S COMMENTS**

Councilman Sherman asked how the flows were coming in at the sewer plant and Supervisor Connell reported that the numbers had been down.

Councilman Tyler received a quote from Ted Taylor of \$300 to remove the two trees by the plant.

**RESOLUTION #228**  
**TREE REMOVAL**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to hire Taylor Tree Care to take down the two trees and the town crew would remove the wood.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**RESOLUTION #229**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk

