

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTH TUESDAY WESTPORT TOWN BOARD MEETING
JUNE 22, 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 Tyler
Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
George Hainer, Zoning and Codes Officer
Jerrold Sherman, DPW Superintendent
Vera Martin, Summer Program Director
James Bullard, Bruce Dunning, James Herrmann, Gordon Decker, Bruce Ware, Janet
Janet Herrmann, Robert Rice, Simone Stephens, Elizabeth Lee

**RESOLUTION #137
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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 accept the minutes of the June 8, 2010 town board meeting as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none at this time

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUMMER PROGRAM – Vera Martin, Summer Program Director, reported that the program will begin on July 6th and run through August 6th. They have many activities set up such as the Depot apprentice program, creative drama, nutrition program, community garden, Heritage Festival, hiking, walking dogs at the SPCA, games, water fun and arts and crafts. They have a full schedule and so far have thirty children registered and know that more will come the first day. Supervisor Connell thanked Vera on behalf of the Board for the work she had done.

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MUNICIPAL CENTER – The Committee met prior to this meeting and they would like to put the project up for a second vote if we are able to keep the grant. Supervisor Connell needs direction from the Board if they want him to pursue the matter and begin negotiating with the State.

Councilman Tyler – yes

Councilman Sherman – yes

Councilman Paquette – yes

Supervisor Connell shared with the Board emails received from Sean McGuire to Dan Connell, Doug Goodfriend to Dan Connell and Dave Whitford and Dan Connell on the project.

OLD BUSINESS

ARTICLE 78 – no additional news – it is working through the court system.

WADHAMS WATER – We are in receipt of a letter from AES Northeast regarding the solar photovoltaic system for the water project and if per the contract specs the contract supplier is within the 200-mile bidding requirement. The situation was discussed.

Councilman Sherman made a motion to allow American Energy Care, Inc. of Albany, NY to continue as the supplier. No second was made.

HAMLET EXPANSION – This entire afternoon was spent with Saratoga Associates reviewing possible ways properties could be developed by different property owners. On July 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Saratoga Associates will be here to conduct a public information meeting on the various scenarios that they are working on.

NEW BUSINESS

DATA COLLECTORS – The Clerk read the recommendations for appointments of the Town Assessor, David Galarneau for two data collectors at \$12.00 per parcel.

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**RESOLUTION #138
HIRING OF DATA COLLECTORS**

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 hire as data collectors at \$12.00 per parcel Lawrence Cromie and Richard Fazioli.

ESSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – Memorandum of Understanding – Department of Social Services is seeking community entities to enter into agreements to verify original documents will be seen in their office by applicants applying for Medicaid and family health plus insurance.

**RESOLUTION #139
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ESSEX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Essex County Department of Social Services for assistance in the verification of the original documents in the applications for the Medicaid and family health plus insurance.

**RESOLUTION #140
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 authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 6B for Vouchers 2010-295 through Vouchers 2010-335 in the amount of \$78,308.33.

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DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – JERROLD SHERMAN

They have been building the road for the Wadhams Water project. Fixed a water value leak on the Lake Shore Road due to the stainless steel bolts. The pump in Wadhams quit again and is being worked on. We are going to have someone come and pump it out next week as well as the septic tank at the highway garage. We continue to mow the roadsides and lawns. The supplies for the Sisco Street project are in and we need to order a \$800 meter unit for the sewer department. We plan to start putting the drainage ditch in along Sisco Street on July first.

Councilman Tyler mentioned he discussed with Mr. Sherman about hiring a laborer to mow lawns during the summer months.

**RESOLUTION #141
HIRING PART TIME LABORER**

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to hire a part time laborer in the DPW for July and August.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS – We have been in contact with Congressman Owen about the FEMA money and Senator Schumer-maybe we’ll have more information next week.

We are in receipt of \$4,800 from Mountain Lake Services. They give us \$1,200 for each home they have here in Westport.

COUNCILMEN’S COMMENTS

Councilman Paquette stated he felt that the Board had to work together as a unified group.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bruce Ware commented on a resolution the town passed opposing Essex County purchase of the former trooper’s barrack’s. He felt it was a valuable piece of property that the Public Defenders office or even the VA office would be a good use for it.

Supervisor Connell stated he was opposed to the County buying any more property.

Councilman Tyler stated he like the idea of putting buildings on the fair property.

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**RESOLUTION #142
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:14p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk