

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTH TUESDAY WESTPORT TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JULY 27, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Connell at 7:15 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilman Tyler  
Councilman Paquette  
Councilman Sherman (entered at 7:25 p.m.)  
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk  
Jerrold Sherman, DPW Superintendent  
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer  
Elizabeth Lee, Youth Commission Director  
Margaret Hoskins, James Herrmann, Herb Clark, Rick Hoffmann, Nancy Page, Gordon Decker, Alice LaRock, Paul Spooner, Patrick Dougan, Chris Maron, Barbara Breyette, George Maffey, John McWilliam

**RESOLUTION #157  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

3 Ayes      Tyler, Paquette, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as presented of the July 12, 2010 Special Town Board Meeting on the Town Municipal Center.

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**RESOLUTION #158  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

3 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as presented of the July 13, 2010 Regular Town Board Meeting.

Councilman Sherman entered meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Presentation given by the Tax Committee-Rick Hoffman and Nancy Page on the tax-exempt properties in the Town of Westport. They presented a spreadsheet itemizing the various tax-exempt partials that equaled approximately 11% of the value of all assessed property in Westport. They suggested the following five areas they would like to review with someone from the Board. Councilman Sherman volunteered to work with them.

1. Review the process for obtain and maintaining tax exempt status
2. Determine the accuracy of assessed values and if such values are current
3. Re-evaluate current tax exempt properties to ensure eligibility
4. Determine whether exempt properties' classifications are correctly recorded
5. Clarify the circumstances under which exempt properties are subject to ad valorem levies and special assessments for capital projects

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**YOUTH COMMISSION** – Director Elizabeth Lee reported that the Summer Program is underway and in its second to last week. She has received a request for the Youth Commission to participate in a softball tournament on August 7<sup>th</sup> as a fund-raiser for Molly Rascoe with hopes that it would be covered under the Town's insurance. A letter must be brought in to Supervisor Connell, which will then be submitted to the insurance carrier for their determination.

**WESTPORT MUNICIPAL CENTER** – We received correspondence dated July 8, 2010 from the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) stating that since we are not ready to proceed with the application that they have removed our project from their active project list.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ARTICLE 78** – still moving through the courts.

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**WADHAMS WATER –**

A letter was sent out to all Wadhams Water District #3 Residents about the cloudy, murky, water they have seen coming out of their faucets due to the upgrade being done to the water system. We just wanted to explain why and what they might expect in the future.

**PROPANE TANK –** We are still looking for quotes.

Every other Friday we participate in a construction meeting. Supervisor Connell wished to recognize George Hainer for his time and efforts spent in protecting the Town's interests going through everything being submitted in this project.

**BEACH –** Beach incident is being turned into a lawsuit.

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER –** Accepted his resignation at our last meeting. Supervisor Connell has been negotiating various options with a Town. We received one application for the position. Councilman Tyler and Supervisor Connell will interview the applicant.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**WESTPORT SEWER DISTRICT #1 SPEDES PERMIT –** We have received the renewal application to file for the SPEDES permit before December 2, 2010.

**ANNUAL EXCEPTION REPORT –** We have received from the Office of Real Property Tax Service the annual exception report that must be attached to our tentative and final town budget.

**TIMBER SALE PROPOSAL –** We are in receipt of a Timber Sale Proposal from Thomas Gilman, Forester of Fountains America.

**RESOLUTION #159**

**TIMBER SALE**

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

3 Ayes	Tyler, Sherman, Connell
1 Nay	Paquette

**RESOLVED** to authorize the Forester from Fountains America to move forward with the management plan and harvest the 2009 scheduled stands.

**BATHING BEACH INSPECTION REPORT –** Inspection has been done, one violation found and has been corrected.

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**RESOLUTION #160  
APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the payment of bills on Abstract 7B for Vouchers 2010-372 through Vouchers 2010-403 in the amount of \$47,343.68.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – JERROLD SHERMAN**

We have been installing storm drains on Sisco Street and putting down some blacktop. We have continued to mow roadsides and lawns. We received five applications for a part-time laborer, selected one but he didn't show up for work. We won't pursue the position any further. The Kingsley Company is here servicing the generators. They gave us a quote of \$2,452 to put an automatic transfer switch on the generator at the marina and then it would be up to \$800 for installation. All the other generators do have the auto start. The funds are within the budget.

**RESOLUTION #161  
APPROVAL TO PURCHASE AUTO TRANSFER SWITCH**

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 purchase the automatic transfer switch for the generator and have it installed at the marina station.

Mr. Sherman reported that he still has to put together the information on the sidewalk so Supervisor Connell can put the bidding paperwork out.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**-Supervisor Connell reported that the beach house has been in reasonably good condition this year.

There is a meeting held on August 4<sup>th</sup> by Burnham Insurance Agency from 8:30 – 11:30 if any members of the Board are interested in attending.

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The next Westport Municipal Center meeting will be Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**COUNCILMAN'S COMMENTS**

**TOWN CLERK** – Presented the Board with the latest on the update on dog licensing that will take effect on January 1st and a listing of items that the Board will have to consider. In the bills this evening we have ordered the new licenses we will be using. We will have to pass a local law and amend some of those that we currently have.

**RESOLUTION #162  
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk