

5-9-2006 Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting 7:00 PM

The May 9, 2006 Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting was held at the Westport Town Hall and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Connell with the following members present on a roll call

Councilman Tyler arrived at 7:10 PM  
Councilman McIntyre  
Councilman Sherman arrived at 7:04 PM  
Councilman Smith  
Supervisor Connell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Brenda McCooey, Town Clerk; Chris Maron, Nature Conservancy; Bill Johnston, Planning Board Chairman; Dwight Anson, Planning Board; George Hainer, Building Codes/Zoning Officer; Frank Walker; Jerry Sherman, DPW Superintendent.

Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RESOLUTION # 96**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

AYES 3 McIntyre, Smith, Connell  
NAYS 0

Resolved to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2006 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting as presented.

Floor was open for Public Comment with none voiced.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **CHRIS MARON-WINDY HILL FARM**-Mr. Maron presented the Town Board with a proposal from the Evans Family to subdivide the farm property which is under a conservation easement and deed 8 acres to Mark and Diana Evans who left the farm partnership in 2003. Letters were submitted to the Town Board from the Adirondack Land Trust, which jointly with the Town of Westport holds the conservation easement, which explained the conditions of the easement and stipulations for division for the Windy Hill Farm and the letters from Ralph Evans and Mark and Diana Evens which were in support of the land division.

**RESOLUTION # 97**

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

AYES 5 Tyler, McIntyre, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
NAYS 0

Resolved pending approval from all necessary agencies and departments, the Town of Westport supports the proposed sub-division of the Windy Hills Farm as proposed in the April 17, 2006 letter from the Nature Conservancy/Adirondack Land Trust.

- **BILL JOHNSTON-PLANNING BOARD REPORT**-Mr. Johnston addressed the Town Board on the following:  
Town of Westport Land Use Plan Revision Process – 2006

GOAL: To develop a town plan that promotes growth in Westport's two hamlets by identifying areas to expand the hamlets; and plans the infrastructure of roads, utilities, and services that will promote higher densities, increase the number of affordable homes, and encourage year-round residential use.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Town Board appoints Blue Ribbon Committee to oversee process - public input and education, and technical tasks.
- Secure funding to pay for technical tasks.

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE:

Planning Board	Chairman + 1
Town Board	2
ZBA Chair	1
Code Enforcement Officer	1
“At large” members of the community, one of who is Chair of the BRC	2 <u>1</u>
Total	9

TECHNICAL TASKS;

- Define approximate boundaries for hamlet expansion.
- Determine land capability and development suitability.
- Design desired growth pattern.
- Determine access and infrastructure.
- Develop tools for implementation.
  - Active & passive
  - Zoning & Subdivision Regulation revisions
  - APA approval

NEXT STEPS and SCHEDULE:

First Year

- Present draft Plan Revision Process to Planning Board. Discuss. Action.
- Present Planning Board-approved Plan Revision Process to Town Board. Discuss. Action on proposed process. Create Blue Ribbon Committee.
- Blue Ribbon Committee orientation. Meet with APA – explain what town wants to accomplish; request technical assistance.
- Obtain public input. APA conducts analysis of development capacity based on natural resource factors.
- Analyze results of public input and summarize. Develop cost estimates of work to be funded by NYS Quality Communities grant.
- Analyze factors positive for varying degrees and types of development. Secure funding commitment from town for required cash match for Quality Communities grant application.
- Synthesis of public input, constraints and opportunities; tentative ideas for land use revisions. Submit Quality Community Application.

Second Year

- Undertake technical tasks funded by Quality Communities grant.
- Local review and approval process.
- APA review and approval.

**RESOLUTION # 98**

**TOWN OF WESTPORT LAND USE PLAN REVISION PROCESS**

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

AYES 5 Tyler, McIntyre, Sherman, Smith, Connell

NAYS 0

Resolved to support the proposal presented by William Johnston, Planning Board Chair, and move forward on the recommendations.

Supervisor Connell and Mr. Johnston will have an article placed in the Valley News, Supervisor Connell thanked Mr. Johnston and the Planning Board for all the work put forth into this proposed revision. Short discussion followed on length of terms of alternates on the Planning Board.

- **WATER AND SEWER**
  1. **METERS**-No report
  2. **SLATE SIDEWALKS**-Discussion followed on the slate sidewalks along Stevenson Road. No action was taken, but suggest slate not be used as sidewalks at that location.
  3. **YOUTH COMMISSION**-No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **HIGHWAY GARAGE**-No report
- **VISITOR'S CENTER**-Have or will apply for more grant monies to help defray rising costs of restoration.
- **WADHAMS WATER PROJECT**-meeting scheduled for Thursday May 11 at 7:00 PM at the Fire House in Wadhams to seek impute on water and park issues.
- **WASHINGTON STREET REQUEST**-Will seek impute on One Way Street request at next meeting.
- **WADHAMS PARK BIDS**-Susie Becker has gathered bid proposals on playground equipment.

### **RESOLUTION # 99**

#### **WADHAMS PLAY GROUND EQUIPMENT BID**

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

AYES 5 Tyler, McIntyre, Sherman, Smith, Connell

NAYS 0

Resolved to accept the bid from Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. of \$14,547.42 for playground equipment for Wadhams Park.

Discussion followed on the matching grant for the park from NYS Parks and Recreation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **PROPOSED LOCCAL LAW # 2 OF 2006**-Supervisor Connell provided the Town Board with two drafts of the proposed Local Law which would establish terms and define membership and privileges for Alternates of Planning Board and/or Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals Members.

### **RESOLUTION # 100**

#### **PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # 2 OF 2006**

On a motion by Councilman Sherman seconded by Councilman Smith the following was tabled after discussion

AYES 5 Tyler, McIntyre, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
NAYS 0

Resolved to table Local Law #2 of 2006 for further research.

**RESOLUTION # 101**  
**SUBDIVISION REGULATION AMENDMENTS**

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

AYES 5 Tyler, McIntyre, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
NAYS 0

Resolved to authorize the Planning Board to require a subdivider pay into an escrow account funds sufficient to cover the actual costs of the technical and legal services associated with review of the application and with inspections of the project site and of improvements (e.g. roads, storm water facilities, water lines, sewer lines) and other development (e.g. vegetative cutting, erosion control measures, grading) relating to the subdivision. Such escrow funds shall not be used for any purposes other than those associated with the subdivision. Upon the signing of the final plat (if approved) or issuing a final determination (if disapproved) or inspection of the site, any unspent funds shall be returned to the subdivider. The subdivider shall have the right to review any records of expenditures from the escrow account to ascertain that the funds have been properly expended.

**RESOLUTION # 102**  
**STP DEDICATION PLAQUE**

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second the following was approved on a roll call

AYES 5 Tyler, McIntyre, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
NAYS 0

Resolved to dedicate the Sewer Treatment Plant to Donald L. McIntyre for his many years of service to the Village and Town of Westport and inscribe a plaque.

- **TOWN CLERK REPORT**-Supervisor Connell is in receipt of the Town Clerks monthly report for March.

**RESOLUTION # 103**  
**PAY RAISE**

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

AYES 5 Tyler, McIntyre, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
NAYS 0

Resolved to give John Crandall \$.50/Hr. raise due to completion of water certification.

**RESOLUTION # 104  
BUDGET TRANSFER**

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

AYES 5 Tyler, McIntyre, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
NAYS 0

Resolved to make the following budget transfers

FROM		TO
SW1 1990.4 Cont.	\$500.00	SW1 1620.4 Forester Exp.
SW1 1990.4 Cont.	\$1000.00	SW1 8340.4 Repair & Project Exp.
A1990.4 Cont.	\$50.00	A1433.4 Personnel Exp. Union
SS1 1990.4 Cont.	\$2000.00	SS1 8120.2 Equip. & Capital Outlay
SS1 1990.4 Cont.	\$821.00	SS1 9710.6c EFC Bond Principal

**RESOLUTION # 105  
AUDIT OF BILLS**

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

AYES 5 Tyler, McIntyre, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
NAYS 0

Resolved to pay the bills as audited on Abstract 5A Voucher #'s 2006-307 to 2006-338 in the amount of \$24,068.81.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT/REQUEST**-Superintendent Sherman made the following report to the Town Board-Wayne Napper is grading roads, 4 tires have been replaced on the grader at a cost of \$670.00/tire installed. Loader tires have been changed. Ed Hayes has repaired the loader. Hauling material to the springs for construction, researching roadside mower prices, DPW Superintendent Sherman inquired if help in

grass mowing had been applied for-Supervisor Connell is addressing, working on the Dudley Road.

**RESOLUTION # 106  
ROADSIDE MOWER**

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

AYES 5 Tyler, McIntyre, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
NAYS 0

Resolved to authorize DPW Superintendent Sherman to purchase a roadside mower that meets needs and recommendations of the procurement procedures policy.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**-Visit from the APA is scheduled for May 10. Mr. Connell to address road issue to the water tower at the Westport Development Park. A change order for Liberty Street will save the water project \$10,000.00 and will have directional control for water shut off. Users on Sisco Street have been transferred over to the new water line.

**COUNCILMAN COMMENTS**-Councilman Sherman-inquired if new building codes regulations that are now in force has maintenance clause. It does and will be addressed. Councilman Smith inquired if water leak on Sisco Street will be addressed soon. It should be rectified as soon as new line is charged in use.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR-DWIGHT ANSON**-Inquired price of item 4 the Town has for sale. \$8.50/yd.

**RESOLUTION # 107  
ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYES 5 Tyler, McIntyre, Sherman, Smith, Connell  
NAYS 0

Resolved to adjourn at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Brenda McCooey/Town Clerk

