

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 7:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Fergot  
Councilperson Westover  
Councilperson Viens  
Councilperson Morrison  
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Keven Severance, DPW Superintendent  
Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comment

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** No comment.

**RESOLUTION #36**

**APPROVE THE BILLS**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Westover, and approved with a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Westover, Fergot, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve Abstract #3 for \$11,539.00, vouchers #66-67; Abstract #4 for \$1800.00, voucher 68 and; Abstract #5 for \$43,917.90, vouchers 69-91.

**RESOLUTION #37**

**APPROVE MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Fergot and approved with an all in favor.

5 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Westover, Fergot, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the January 23, 2024 Regular Board minutes.

**RESOLUTION #38**  
**OPPOSE SUPERMARKET WINE LICENSE LEGISLATION**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Westover and approved with a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Westover, Fergot, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to oppose legislation allowing for supermarkets to carry a wine license.

**RESOLUTION #39**  
**APPOINT PLANNING BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison and approved with an all in favor.

5 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Westover, Fergot, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to appoint Elisha Bartlett as planning board chairperson and Alan Hipps as planning board vice-chairperson.

**RESOLUTION #40**  
**SUPPORT EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMUNICATION TOWERS FOR STAR LAKE AND CRANBERRY LAKE**

On a motion by Councilperson Westover, seconded by Councilperson Viens and approved with an all in favor.

5 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Westover, Fergot, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to support Emergency Service Communication Towers for Star Lake and Cranberry Lake.

**RESOLUTION #41**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR WESTPORT WATER DISTRICT 1 AND WADHAMS WATER DISTRICT 3 PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens and approved with an all in favor.

5 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Westover, Fergot, Tyler 0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to set a public hearing on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm with the regular meeting immediately following for the purpose of the proposed rate increase for the Westport Water District 1 and Wadhams Water District 3 rate increase.

**RESOLUTION #42**

**JUSTICE AUDIT**

On a motion by Councilperson Westover, and seconded by Councilperson Fergot, and approved with an all in favor vote.

5 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Westover, Fergot, Tyler  
0 Nays

**WHEREAS**, the Westport Justice Court was audited on February 5, 2024 by Supervisor Tyler and Councilperson Viens: and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the records have been duly examined and fines therein collected have been turned over to the proper officials of the Town, as required by law.

**RESOLUTION #43**

**RATE INCREASE FOR NEW WATER HOOK UP TAPS WESTPORT WATER DISTRICT 1 AND WADHAMS WATER DISTRICT 3**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Westover and approved with a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Westover, Fergot, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to increase the rate for new water hook up taps from \$500.00 to \$1000.00;

**FURTHER RESOLVED** to increase the under road hook up to \$2000.00;

**FURTHER RESOLVED** to increase the price accordingly if ledge rock is encountered.

**RESOLUTION #44**

**CHARGE RESIDENTS THE COST OF THE CULVERT**

On a motion by Councilperson Fergot, seconded by Councilperson Viens and approved with an all in favor.

5 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Westover, Fergot, Tyler

0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to charge residents the cost of the culvert in addition to the permit fee. The Highway Department will continue to install culverts.

**THE TOWN BOARD IS IN RECEIPT OF JANUARY MONTHLY REPORTS**

**FOR:**

Westport Town Court

Westport Town Clerk's

Westport Town Supervisor Report

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT:** We continue to work with FEMA on the Mountain Spring Road repair. The Gravel Pit mining permit has been completed. We dug test pits and there is still material there to crush along with road sand under the stone. We have been working on preventative maintenance. The new truck that we order is being sent to another facility to finish putting it together.

**SUPERVISOR TYLER COMMENTS:** We are in receipt of communication from Charter.

**Councilperson Fergot** would like to ask the Board if a trailer will be available this year for spring trash collection. A trailer will be made available.

**Councilperson Morrison** would like to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and Presidents Day.

**RESOLUTION #45**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens and approved with an all in favor vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Simmer  
Town Clerk