

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 6:50 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Brankman
Councilperson Kirkby
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison (6:59pm)
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk
Dennie Westover, DPW Superintendent
Kye Perry, Youth Commission Director
Chris Maron
Brian Larose

RESOLUTION #54
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby Viens, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2021 regular meeting as received.

YOUTH COMMISSION: Kye Perry was here to update the board about the youth commission. The ski program has been an overall success. A few small injuries have occurred but nothing substantial. They also learned from a few of the older skiers that the Whiteface Ski Patrol can be contacted directly to respond to injuries on the mountain. The youth commission would like to conduct an interest survey in the school regarding the Summer 2021 Program. This would be a useful tool in determining which town's program any interested students would be attending.

Supervisor Tyler had met with the Elizabethtown and Lewis Town Supervisor's to discuss the option of running a combined Summer Program. The three town supervisors agree this would be beneficial. Further discussions will be held to determine if the logistics of running a combined program is possible. Nothing is definite at this point. We need to move this discussion forward since now is the time to hire for the summer program. Supervisor Tyler will be meeting with the Elizabethtown and Lewis supervisors over the next couple of weeks and have more information at the next meeting.

Councilman Brankman asked if the cost would be divided among the three towns equally?

Supervisor Tyler stated the cost would be split equally between the three towns and the other two towns agree.

The board has granted Kye permission to send a survey out through the school. They would like the information back as soon as possible.

Sports are still not confirmed for the spring season. The youth commission is in need of new bats and would like permission to purchase ten bats ahead of the season. The board would like Kye to wait until decisions have been made regarding a combined youth commission program.

Supervisor Tyler, the town is in receipt of a thank you letter from the Wadhams Library for the yearly donation from the town.

**RESOLUTION #55
APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 5 in the amount of \$17,161.55 for Vouchers 133-147.

THE TOWN BOARD IS IN RECEIPT OF FEBRUARY MONTHLY REPORTS FOR:

Westport Town Court
Westport Town Clerk's
Westport Town Supervisor Report

**RESOLUTION #56
APPOINT JAMES HERRMANN TO BOA**

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

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to appoint James Herrmann to the Board of Assessment Review member for a term expiring September 30, 2025.

RESOLUTION #57
TRANSFER STATION SHED

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

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to have a shed built at the transfer station for \$1700.00 or best price as soon as possible.

RESOLUTION #58
SIGN AGREEMENT WITH S & L ELECTRIC

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

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to allow Supervisor Tyler to sign an agreement with S & L Electric for the Wadhams WWTP project.

RESOLUTION #59
SIGN AGREEMENT WITH LUCK BROS.

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

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to allow Supervisor Tyler to sign an agreement with Luck Bros. for the Wadhams WWTP project.

RESOLUTION #60
SIGN AGREEMENT WITH NCSPCA

On a motion by Councilperson Kirkby, seconded by Councilperson Brankman, and approved with an all in favor.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to allow Supervisor Tyler to sign a contract with North Country SPCA for dangerous dogs,

FURTHER RESOLVED to pay \$100.00 annual contract fee.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS: Supervisor Tyler has been in contact with Shelly McKinley regarding the Essex County Fairground Ag. building. The county is willing to give the building to the town. They are planning to keep the property. Councilperson Brankman asked if there is a possibility of the town taking over the property as well. There was a lengthy discussion about the possibilities of taking ownership of the building. Supervisor Tyler will have more information at the next meeting. The county is in the process of hiring someone to promote the Fairgrounds. This is a plus for Westport.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Chris Clark has been hired to make doors for the Wadhams sewer plant. The grater will be the next piece of equipment we need to consider replacing. I have started to get information and pricing. The pickup bid went in the paper last weekend. The Ledge Hill Road sign was run over. We are working with a witness to locate the responsible party and hold them accountable.

The Town is in receipt of communications from Charter Communication.

**RESOLUTION #61
ROAD WEIGHT LIMIT**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the advertisement of a reduced weight limit for all town roads.

**RESOLUTION #62
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Brankman, and approved on an all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

5 Ayes Brankman, Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Simmer, Town Clerk