

Minutes of the Special Westport Town Board Meeting on May 27, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Connell at 6:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Paquette
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson McCormick
Supervisor Connell

The Clerk was asked to read the announcement of the Special Meeting as it was posted in the paper.

The Fire Commissioners called their meeting to order with the following members present:

Commissioner Misarski
Commissioner Westover
Commissioner Manon
Commissioner Crandall
Fire District Treasurer Decker
Fire District Secretary Crandall
Fire Chief Tryon

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
James Herrmann, Jim & Shirley Bullard, Ben Sudduth, Phil & Gladys Siarkowski,
Carolyn Mann, Paul Mahoney, Tom & Sheera Broderick

Supervisor Connell introduced the meeting by saying the building committee had requested a meeting between the Town and Fire District to see what the next step is in the process of building a joint Fire Department and DPW Building. Chairman of the Committee, Dan McCormick spoke on pursuing grants and that July starts the grant process.

The time was then turned over to Bruce Misarski of the Fire District who reviewed what the District had gone through to come to their final decisions. He stated that something

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people need to know is “**that in a disaster the last building standing should be the Fire Department Building**”.

Several questions were asked and statements made:

- We have the plan and some estimates,
- How long do we wait before we put this out to the public?
- Will our liability costs go up?
- We need to move to the next step-we are spending the same but now have a lesser building (metal)
- Do we put it out to referendum now, or wait till October or November for the grants?
- Go to a vote now.
- A vote would have to follow Election Law.
- There are about 800 registered voters.
- Flyer – go door to door
- Meet with certain groups.
- Firemen and DPW crews are working in substandard buildings.

The Fire Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting on June 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for a vote to move forward on a vote.

The Town Council will receive their results at their Board Meeting on June 24, 2014.

Supervisor Connell will be in touch with Bond Counsel.

RESOLUTION #121
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette seconded by Councilperson Viens and approved on a roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk