

## **Minutes of the Town of Westport Special Board Meeting on October 13, 2015**

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

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page  
Councilperson Paquette  
Councilperson Viens  
Supervisor Connell  
Excused: Councilperson McCormick

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk  
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent (6:35)  
Gerald Goulet, Michael Tyler (6:30)

### **2016 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Supervisor Connell presented the tentative budget, stating that it is a wish list from department heads and contract agencies (all requests are included in the tentative budget).

### **NOTABLE CHANGES**

Salary – Highway salaries are increased as per the union contract and appointed officials will receive a 3% increase.

Agencies – The SPCA is the only change, with a requested 10% increase.

Sidewalks – The amounts for both labor and materials have decreased.

Justices – Salary will remain the same, budgeting enough for two positions. By state law, two justices do not have to have the same salary and Supervisor Connell recommends that the board look at changing the salary for newly elected justices.

Sewer Two – The budget line for the \$433,840 grant will be removed and run as a separate bank account. This will not change the total levy and will allow for a clean audit trail.

### **ADDITIONAL CHANGES** (made during the meeting)

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – the town clerk will receive a 3% salary increase.

Attorney 14204.1 – amount will increase back to \$7,500.

Data Processing 16804.1 – will decrease to \$2,500.

Judgements & Claims 19504.1 – will increase to \$1,000.

Revenue Account: Licenses & Permits 2555.1 – will increase to \$5,000.

This budget will now become the Preliminary Budget, to which changes can still be made.

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**RESOLUTION #155**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Page, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk