

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Westport Town Board on January 14, 2014

Supervisor Connell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call as follows:

Councilman Paquette
Councilman Viens
Supervisor Connell

Excused: Councilman McCormick

Others Present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Brian Larose, Nancy Page, James Herrmann

RESOLUTION #24 MINUTES DECEMBER 30, 2013

On a motion by Councilman Paquette seconded by Councilman Viens and approved on a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes as received of the December 30, 2013 Town Board meeting.

No Public Comments at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING RENOVATION COMMITTEE – The Board felt that the meeting held last night went very well. Councilman Viens felt that it was very organized and well presented.

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YOUTH COMMISSION

RESOLUTION #25
YOUTH COMMISSION APPOINTEES

On a motion by Councilman Paquette seconded by Councilman Viens and approved on a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

WHEREAS, The New York State Office of Children and Family Services mandates in Law 420 Article 16, the yearly appointment or reappointment of a person to act as a representative on the County Youth Board/Planning Committee take place, and

WHEREAS, also in Executive Law 420 Article 16, a municipality receiving Office of Children and Family Services Funds must appoint a Youth Commission, Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Westport appoints Elizabeth Lee, 22 Champlain Ave., Westport, NY, 518-962-4756 to act as the Official Representative for the Town of Westport on the Youth Board/Planning Committee and that Jeffrey Schwoebel, 22 Champlain Ave., Westport, NY, Self Employed, 518-962-8567 shall act as her alternate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Westport appoints the following to serve on the Youth Commission:

Bridgette Blemel	962-4392	
Jeffrey Schwoebel	962-8567	
Matt Bosley	962-8996	
Meredith King	962-4908	
Traci Ploufe	962-2203	
Heather Reynolds	572-0337	
Fabienne Rossi	962-2032	
Kris Stephens	962-4407	
Steve Viens		Town Board Liaison
Russell Paquette		Town Board Liaison
Sue Russell		WCS Representative
Dwayne Stevens		WCS Representative
Ellie Schwoebel		Student Representative

ALSO BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Westport authorizes the Director of the Essex County Youth Bureau to sign amendments of no increase/no decrease in State Aid for said municipality, and that the Director of the Youth Bureau has agreed to return copies of the amendments to the municipality, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board shall submit a copy of this resolution to the Essex County Youth Bureau, Essex County Government Center, Elizabethtown, NY 12932.

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RESOLUTION #26
PARTICIPATION IN YOUTH COMMISSION PROGRAM

On a motion by Councilman Viens seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Town of Westport has again decided to run a youth service program, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport has approved the appointment of its Youth Commission members, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Commission has been authorized to expend at least \$1,000 to cover the 50/50 match required by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Westport approved the 2014 application and authorizes the Youth Commission to expend at least \$1,000 for the 2014 youth services program(s), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk send a copy of this resolution to the Essex County Community Resources office, 7533 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY 12932.

OLD BUSINESS

HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT – The lawyer is working on it.

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – Charles Russell will be meeting soon with Mike Mascarenas, Director of the County Resources Department of Essex County.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE – Our last meeting was cancelled and is rescheduled for Thursday, January 23rd at 8:30 a.m.

HIGHWAY GARAGE UPDATE – We would like to see more people attend and participate. The next meeting is February 24th.

UPDATE ON BOARD VACANCY – Letters of interest must be turned in by 2:00 p.m. on January 21st and at 3:00 p.m. during the Special Board Meeting they will be reviewed in Executive Session. If someone is selected they will be appointed when the Board returns to Regular Session.

NEW BUSINESS

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RESOLUTION #27
APPOINT YOUTH COMMISSION BOARD AND CHAIRPERSON

On a motion by Councilman Viens seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to appoint the following as members of the Youth Commission and Elizabeth Lee as Chairperson of the Youth Commission:

Elizabeth Lee	
Bridgette Blemel	962-4392
Jeffrey Schwoebel	962-8567
Matt Bosley	962-8996
Meredith King	962-4908
Traci Ploufe	962-2203
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Steve Viens	Town Board Liaison
Russell Paquette	Town Board Liaison
Sue Russell	WCS Representative
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Ellie Schwoebel	Student Representative

RESOLUTION #28
SNOW & ICE CONTRACT

On a motion by Councilman Paquette seconded by Councilman Viens and approved on a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the Contract No. DPW-14-0074 for the Snow & Ice Removal on County Roads in the amount of \$68,677.27.

RESOLUTION #29
MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY ROADS

On a motion by Councilman Paquette seconded by Councilman Viens and approved on a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the Contract No: DPW 14-0057 in which the County agrees to compensate the Town based upon actual costs for services provided.

RESOLUTION #30
APPROVAL TO ATTEND JUSTICE TRAINING

On a motion by Councilman Viens seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Justice Tyler to attend the training held in New York City on February 16-19.

RESOLUTION #31
APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

On a motion by Councilman Viens seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote.

3 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 1A for Vouchers 2014-1 through 2014-56 in the amount of \$83,359.84.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

Due to the slowdown at the landfill during the winter months I would like to recommend to the Board that we consider closing down on Wednesday's for a few months.

RESOLUTION #32
CHANGING LANDFILL HOURS

On a motion by Councilman Paquette seconded by Councilman Viens and approved on a roll call after discussion.

3 Ayes Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to close the landfill on Wednesday's starting February 12. On April 1st it will again reopen on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday but for now until March 29 it will only be open on Friday and Saturday's only.

Sand is an issue right now and all the towns are working on a plan to go to the quarries to open up for a backup reserve.

I'd like to extend a thank you to my crew for the work they have done on the roads. People were out on these roads when they couldn't even stand up outside their vehicle.

RESOLUTION #33
LETTER OF APPRECIATION

On a motion by Councilman Viens with a unanimous second the Westport Town Board wishes to extend its appreciation to the Town of Westport DPW Department for the time and the efforts you all put forth in maintaining the highways and sidewalks during the ice storms that "mother nature" has thrown our way.

It has been a very difficult period that you have handled well and have done it safely.

On behalf of the residents of Westport, thank you.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Everyone is concerned with his or her electric bills and it is being discussed at the County level.

Included in the Board's packet is a copy of the Year-End Financials.

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RESOLUTION #34
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Paquette with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk