

Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on January 26, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 3:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Paquette
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
Lyn Barrett, James Herrmann, Patricia French, Simone Stephens, Heidi Sweet

RESOLUTION #42 MINUTES JANUARY 12, 2016

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays
1 Abstain Paquette

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2016 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

COMMITTEE REPORT

YOUTH COMMISSION – No update, Ed Mason was not able to attend this meeting.

TOWN HALL PROJECT – Bill Johnston sent an update in which he wrote that the town should expect to receive a fully executed contract in four to six weeks. Stacey Matson-Zivic, of OPRHP, will be in town next week for a site visit. Supervisor Tyler will see if Andrea from VIA can be here at the same time.

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OLD BUSINESS

WADHAMS SEWER PROJECT – An on-site meeting is scheduled for next week. There will be a conference call tomorrow concerning the SPDES permit in regard to I&I levels.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONTRACT – A decision needs to be made on where to hold elections this year and the Board needs to know by next week. In addition to possible construction at the Town Hall, the polling place in Wadhams is for sale and may not be available for voting. The school is willing to host elections and the town board agreed that this is a good idea. Wadhams will discuss this issue at a meeting tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

AUD REPORT – The Annual Update Document is complete and will be filed in the town clerk's office.

RESOLUTION #43
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 1B in the amount of \$31,850.01 for Vouchers 2016-47 through 2016-78.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – The propane heater at the water tower building was repaired by Hance Heating & Plumbing, who recommended that it be replaced. This should cost around \$400. Dennie will send the grader to the county when the excavator repair is complete. He also got quotes for lumber that will be used to repair the docks at Lee Park. The estimated cost is just under \$700. The Highway Committee will meet to discuss the possible replacement of a water/sewer truck.

RESOLUTION #44
LUMBER PURCHASE

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

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5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Dennie Westover to purchase two loads of firewood from Larry Dickerson for \$1,300.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS – There will be a meeting at the Wadhams Firehouse tomorrow to discuss putting in a walkway or fence across from their park. Councilperson Page will attend.

Board members were given a copy of the year-to-date budget.

Supervisor Tyler is trying to push the issue of having Main Street paved.

Elizabeth Frum submitted a letter to the board asking that her house be taken off the sewage system, as it is uninhabitable. She is currently billed for 1.75 sewer units, which was set when operating a bed and breakfast. Supervisor Tyler recommended that the sewer charge be immediately changed to one unit and suggested that George Hainer check the property to determine whether or not the house is uninhabitable.

RESOLUTION #45
SEWER UNIT ADJUSTMENT

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED decrease the number of sewer units on Water/Sewer Account 395 from 1.75 units to one unit.

RESOLUTION #46
MEETING RESCHEDULE

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to change the February 9th regular meeting to February 8th at 7:00 p.m.

SNOWMOBILE ROADS – Snowmobiles can use any road as long as they obey traffic laws, so Dennie is trying to find out why there are designated snowmobile roads.

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Councilperson Page commented that it makes sense not to designate these roads since they can be used anyway. Supervisor Tyler will try to get an answer from the Association of Towns.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Lyn Barrett spoke about a meeting she attended at a church in Keene Valley. There was a discussion on the refugee crisis and on the economic advantage that could come with welcoming refugees to the North Country. This is just in the research and discussion stage.

RESOLUTION #47
ADJOURNMENT

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk