

## **Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on February 12, 2013**

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

The Assembly as led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilman Tyler  
Councilman Paquette  
Councilman Sherman  
Councilman McCormick (entered 7:30 p.m.)  
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk  
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent  
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer  
Nancy Page, Charles Marsh, John McWilliam

### **RESOLUTION #42 MINUTES – January 22, 2013**

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on January 22, 2013 as received.

### **RESOLUTION #43 MINUTES – January 31, 2013**

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting on January 31, 2013 as received.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**YOUTH COMMISSION** – The skiing is going great with three more trips planned. March 8<sup>th</sup> will be the talent show and the Tanneberger Tourney on March 16<sup>th</sup>. February 24<sup>th</sup> there will be an activity here at the Town Hall for students in K-12 with Lego's. There is no cost and it will be from 1 to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a healthy snack.

**TAX COMMITTEE** – Councilman Sherman reported that the committee is still forming.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**HIGHWAY GARAGE BUILDING UPDATE** – They are still waiting for a letter from the Fire District.

**TOWN HALL BUILDING UPDATE & INSULATION QUOTE** – Some of the members of the Committee looked at the schematic plans today and they will be reviewed with the Town Board on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

A quote was received for foam insulation on the lower floor on the Town Hall. No action was taken.

**HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT** – The Supervisor is still waiting to hear from Saratoga Associates since October 2012.

**COLE CEMETERY EASEMENT** – Supervisor Connell will send out Letters of Intent to the two landowners for the Town Easements to Cole Cemetery.

**WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT** – There is a meeting Wednesday afternoon and Charles Russell will be chairing the committee.

**CHAMPLAIN NATIONAL BANK LITIGATION** – Nothing new at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DEC INSPECTION REPORTS** – We are in receipt of Compliance Inspection Reports on the Westport Sewer District #1 and Wadhams Sewer District.

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**RESOLUTION #44**  
**BOARD OF ELECTIONS LEASE**

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize Supervisor Connell to execute the contract with the Board of Elections to lease the use of the Town Hall for \$1.00 as an election site.

**RESOLUTION #45**  
**COUNTY ROADS CONTRACT**

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

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the Maintenance of County Roads Contract.

**BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

2015 will be the 200<sup>th</sup> year of the formation of the Town of Westport. Supervisor Connell and the Board agreed that it is necessary to start making plans for how we wish to celebrate this occasion.

There was consensus to putting an article in the paper looking for persons willing to serve on a planning committee.

**ASSESSOR**

A contract proposal for 2013-2019 was in the Board Packets from David Galarneau, Assessor. Supervisor Connell reviewed the current contract setup under the Coordinated Assessment Program stating that an appointment runs for six years and discussed different hiring scenarios. No action taken.

**DPW LABOR POSITION**

Supervisor Connell provided the Board with a breakdown of the cost related to a new position.

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**RESOLUTION #46**  
**PART TIME LANDFILL ATTENDANT**

On a motion from Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote after discussion.

4 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, Connell  
1 Nay McCormick

**RESOLVED** to hire a part time landfill attendant at 24 hours/3 days a week at \$12.64 an hour.

**RESOLUTION #47**  
**MUNSON PIT LEASE**

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Sherman and approved on a roll call vote.

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize Supervisor Connell to renew a new lease for two years at \$2,500 per year plus seventy-five cents a yard for material removed.

**RESOLUTION #48**  
**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 2A for Vouchers 2013-72 through 2013-111 in the amount of \$41,623.04.

**RESOLUTION #49  
ELECTRONIC PAYMENT STREET LIGHT BILL**

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the payment of the street lighting bill electronically.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER**

The timer on the water heater at the sewer plant has not been installed yet. As yet I have not heard back from Fluid Kinetics regarding the pump in Wadhams. I'm waiting for an estimate on concrete for the salt shed from Blanchard's in Willsboro.

**RESOLUTION #50  
APPRECIATION FOR SERVICE**

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second the following resolution was passed.

**RECOGNITION OF SERVICE  
BRUCE R. ESTUS**

**WHEREAS**, Bruce Estus, was raised in Westport, attended Westport Central School and began working with the Town in various areas in 1974.

**WHEREAS**, on October 1, 1980 he was hired on full time as a laborer with the Highway Department to which he faithfully served until his retirement on February 25, 2013.

**THEREFORE**, the residents of the Town of Westport wish to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation for Bruce's total of thirty-nine (39) years of dedicated service and for the respect and assistance that he has shown and given to members of our community, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Westport wish to recognize and thank Bruce Estus for the thirty-nine (39) years he has given to our community and to its citizens and visitors and to wish him a long and happy retirement that he well deserves.

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**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

We have received a notice from the Essex County Treasurer of mortgage tax and interest paid to Westport during 2012 along with sales tax.

**COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**RESOLUTION #51**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilman Paquette with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted  
Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk