

Minutes of the Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting on March 24, 2015

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

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Paquette
Councilperson Viens
Supervisor Connell

Councilperson McCormick via telephone

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
Elizabeth Lee, Youth Commission Director
James Herrmann, Bill Johnston, Steven Engelhart

RESOLUTION #61 MINUTES MARCH 10, 2015

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

RESOLUTION #62 MINUTES MARCH 12, 2015

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

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RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2015 Special Board Meeting, changing the word “will” to “may” in the line, “Parks representatives estimate that reimbursements will be received in around six payments.”

YOUTH COMMISSION - Elizabeth should have summer staff recommendations for the next meeting.

RESOLUTION #63
THEATER INSTRUCTOR AGREEMENT

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to enter into an agreement with Scott Gibbs as Improvisational Theater Instructor for the Youth Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

BICENTENNIAL/BEAUTIFICATION – The Beautification Committee submitted a list of properties with junk cars. They had asked that Supervisor Connell write a letter concerning a pick up arrangement for the cars and this would be mailed if the board approved. Due to an upcoming news article, in which Westport residents have complained of sewer trucks driving through town, Supervisor Connell will not be writing or signing this letter. As some of the properties on the list have the vehicles as part of their business, he feels that this would be counterproductive to bringing businesses to (or keeping businesses in) town. Since the board is not ready to make a resolution in favor of writing a letter, this will be held until the next meeting.

ZBA – John McWilliam sent a letter of resignation, causing the board to still be two members short. However, he did offer to stay on until a replacement could be found and didn’t give an exact date of resignation. Supervisor Connell will check with the attorney before a resolution is made accepting the resignation.

HERITAGE HOUSE CONTRACT – still on hold

SCHOOL CONTRACT – on hold

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TOWN HALL – Supervisor Connell will have a cost estimate for asbestos and lead testing by Friday. If remediation is necessary, it can be done through bids or by working off the county contract. Testing will need to be done throughout the removal process.

RESOLUTION #64
ATLANTIC TESTING CONTRACT

Councilperson Paquette made a motion to authorize the supervisor to sign a contract with Atlantic Testing for lead and asbestos tests. There was a second by Councilperson Viens, but a consensus could not be reached during the discussion.

RESOLUTION #65
TABLE RESOLUTION #64

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

3	Ayes	Page, Connell, Viens
1	Nay	Paquette

RESOLVED to table the resolution to authorize the supervisor to sign a contract with Atlantic Testing.

Supervisor Connell will have a full proposal by Atlantic Testing for the next meeting. He also contacted Sunshine Jenkins concerning questions from the special meeting. Wicks Law does apply to this project (and to all projects over \$500,000). Force account labor can be used if the workers are put fully on payroll and insurance. The downside to this is that those hired could claim unemployment at the project's end and the town would have to pay for it. There are also concerns over variances for the courtroom, specifically with metal detectors and a separate egress for the judge. Schelling McKinley sent a letter and his cost estimate for the renovation. Bill Johnston submitted notes from a phone conversation that he had with Stacey Matson-Zuvic, grant representative, addressing questions he had from the last meeting.

RESOLUTION #66
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

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

4	Ayes	Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0	Nays	

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RESOLVED that Daniel Connell, as Town Supervisor of the Town of Westport, is hereby authorized and directed to accept funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, and enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to this municipality for the Westport Community Center Renovation Project and, if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation/public access covenant to the deed of the assisted property.

RESOLUTION #67
JUSTICE AUDIT

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the annual audit reports for Judge Tyler and Judge LaHendro as completed on March 11, 2015.

RESOLUTION #68
AMEND RESOLUTION #245 FROM 2004

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to amend Resolution #245 (November 23, 2004) by adding “20+ years - \$700.00” to longevity pay.

RESOLUTION #69
BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

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RESOLVED to authorize the transfer of \$4,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance General Fund A account 000917.01 to revenue account A 2089.1 Other Culture and Recreation and to increase appropriation account A75204.1 Historical Property by \$4,000.

RESOLUTION #70
BUDGET TRANSFER

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the transfer of \$328 from A 19904.1 Contingency to A 3510.4 Dog Control CE.

RESOLUTION #71
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 3B in the amount of \$43,916.66 for Vouchers 2015-167 through 2015-210.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – The last salt order was completed and should fill the storage for next winter. Fire hydrants around town have been tested and serviced. In accordance with last year’s sewer plant inspection, the second SBR tank will be cleaned soon and the two oldest reed beds will be closed down. A certified electrical contractor will be needed to test voltages at the pump station. There is propeller damage to the mixer (which removes phosphorus from the system) in one SBR tank and the repair estimate is \$3,700.

RESOLUTION #72
SBR TANK MIXER REPAIR

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

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4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the repair of the SBR tank mixer for approximately \$3,700.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS – Supervisor Connell will meet with Michael Holoboski of Selective insurance on April 1st. The Westport Library sent a thank-you note after receiving their annual allocated funds. The A. Johnson Company sent a performance deposit for the timber sale and they have begun work. Gary Reynolds, the dog control officer, received a satisfactory inspection.

RESOLUTION #73

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk