

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting March 25, 2014

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

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Paquette
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson McCormick
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Elizabeth Lee, Director Youth Commission
Shami McCormick, Gordon Decker, James Herrmann, Jim Rule, Brian Larose

RESOLUTION #76 MINUTES March 11, 2014

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – Director Lee reported that all the programs were going along quite well. Basketball ended with the Tanneberger Tourney and the Dance Program will have a recital on April 6th at the Heritage House. The skiing is done ending with a trip to ORDA that was well attended. Baseball will start in May and we have our counselors lined up for our summer program. We will present their names for approval at the next board meeting. Our calendar is now on our website.

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OLD BUSINESS

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – The project is moving forward and Supervisor Connell has a meeting next week with Charles Russell.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – The next meeting is April 8th at 8:30 a.m. We have started to move our collections of pictures and postcards over in the lower office space of Chazy Westport Communications.

CONTRACT WITH PRIDE OF TICONDEROGA - They won't be doing it. This will be discussed in Executive Session. Thursday night Bruce Misarski and Alan Hipps will be leading the meeting.

CONTRACT WITH CHURCH – held for Executive Session

TOWN CLEANUP DAY – Is planned for May 23rd.

WADHAMS PARK LAND – We have received a letter from the NY State Department of Transportation notifying us that they have taken over that parcel of land in Wadhams by Eminent Domain.

NEW BUSINESS

MORIAH's LOCAL LAW – Included in the Board's packet to review.

DON TAYLOR – 103 BIRTHDAY – On April 30th Mr. Taylor will be turning 103 and the plan is to have a party for him here at the Town Hall.

AUDIT OF TOWN JUSTICES – Councilperson Paquette reported that the Court Clerk had everything in order. They commended her on her efficiency. Supervisor Connell and Councilperson Paquette completed the audit of Judge LaHendro and Retired Judge Charles Turek and found it was very satisfactory.

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MOUNTAIN LAKE SERVICES CLOTHING PROGRAM – Mountain Lake Services has requested a drop off point for used clothing and someone to identify people who need them. They will clean them up and make sure they are ready for people to wear.

RESOLUTION #77

MOUNTAIN LAKE SERVICES CLOTHING PROGRAM

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the Town Hall as a drop off point for used clothing and the Town Clerk will assist in identifying people who need clothes. People should contact her with names, gender and sizes.

TOWN CLERK REPORT – The Supervisor is in receipt of the Town Clerk’s February report and supporting documents.

RESOLUTION #78

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 3B for Vouchers 2014-200 through 2014-237 in the amount of \$42,500.49.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

I included in the Board packets a Salt Tally Sheet that shows what our requirement was and where we ended up. You can also see where the other town’s faired as well. I’d like to thank the crew for keeping it where it was. They really did a great job.

There is a seminar in Potsdam on May 1st that I would like John & Dawn to attend. They earn 6 credit hours each and the cost is \$40 per person.

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RESOLUTION #79
CONFERENCE APPROVAL – CRANDALL & ST. LOUIS

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Dawn St. Louis & John Crandall to attend the Northern NY Water Works Conference on May 1st, 2014 in Potsdam NY.

SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS – Councilperson’s Viens and Paquette will meet on Friday at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the repairs needed on the Water & Sewer Truck or possible replacement through the Federal Surplus Equipment program.

COUNCILPERSON’S COMMENTS

Councilperson Paquette reported that everything is ready to go with the speed signs.

RESOLUTION #80
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to enter into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. for the purposes of discussing 3 contracts, 1 personnel matter and acquisition of property.

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RESOLUTION #81
CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to close Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 9:18 p.m.

RESOLUTION #82
ADJOURNMENT

On a meeting by Councilperson Paquette with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted
Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk