

## **Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on March 26, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Connell at 7:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilman Paquette  
Councilman Sherman  
Councilman McCormick  
Supervisor Connell

Excused – Councilman Tyler

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk  
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer  
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent  
Tom Gilman, Fountain Forestry  
Philip Kavanagh Jr., Fountain Forestry  
Phil Siarkowski, James Herrmann, Pat Dougan, Sue Dougan

### **RESOLUTION #65 MINUTES MARCH 12, 2013**

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2013 regular board meeting as received.

**FOUNTAIN FORESTRY** – Forester Tom Gilman and Philip Kavanagh were present to discuss a site in consideration to be cut and the Town's access to it. They also expressed their concerns over tree re-growth and perhaps the Town should consider planting white pine seedlings in the future.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**YOUTH COMMISSION** – They have started their interviews for the summer program.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**HIGHWAY GARAGE** – Councilman Sherman reported that they have met and looked over the proposals and believes the Fire District is reviewing them this evening.

**TOWN HALL** – The Committee met with the architect and made some more changes. They are now planning to come up with an estimated cost in about six weeks to two months.

**HAMLET EXPANSION** – Still nothing.

**CEMETERY OLD ARSENAL ROAD** – We have the signed letter back from the VanDuyne's agreeing to the concept.

**WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT** – The Committee has met and they have the project narrowed down to three priorities.

**WORMAN ROAD SEWER PUMP STATION** – We have received a bill for one of the installment payments and it is progressing along.

**CHAMPLAIN NATIONAL BANK LITIGATION** – Tabled for Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

**BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION** – We have received one written response from Sue Dougan who is willing to serve on the committee along with the Town Clerk.

**ASSESSING ALTERNATIVES** – Councilman Sherman and Supervisor Connell reviewed the choices the Town has.

- Rehire existing assessor
- Advertise for new assessor
- County coordinating assessor

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**RESOLUTION #66**  
**COUNTY COORDINATING ASSESSOR**

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to enter into an agreement with the Town of Elizabethtown, the Town of Willsboro (the CAP towns) and the Board of Supervisors if they all approve to provide a County Coordinated Assessor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Connell is in receipt of the Town Clerks February report and supporting documents.

**RESOLUTION #67**  
**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 3B in the amount of \$66,310.30 for Vouchers 2013-178 through Vouchers 2013-221.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER**

Mr. Westover reported that he has continued studying the cost of crushing stone for gravel versus purchasing wollastonite, and for now the plan is to haul a lot of wollastonite this year and budget money aside for a couple years for crushing at a later date.

There are some trees over on Old Arsenal Road that are quite dangerous that he is hiring the County to come in and take down.

He discussed with the Board about replacing the pickup truck that won't pass inspection in July. Should we check State contract or go out to bid. No action was taken.

He also provided the Board with a comparison of last year and this year's road truck expenses.

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**RESOLUTION #68**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing current litigation.

**RESOLUTION #69**  
**CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION & RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

On a motion by Councilman Paquette seconded by Councilman Sherman and unanimously approved at 9:00 p.m., Executive Session was closed and returned to the Regular Meeting.

**RESOLUTION #70**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman McCormick with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Borden, Town Clerk