

Minutes of the Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting on April 28, 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 phone

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
Bill Johnston, James Herrmann, John Roemischer, Chris Maron

RESOLUTION #87 MINUTES APRIL 14, 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

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT – John Roemischer addressed the board with a concern over his water bills. He currently receives two bills, one for his house and one for a cottage. His concern is that the cottage water goes through the house first, which would mean that that water is being metered twice. He is prepared to write to the Valley News, calling for a class action suit against the town, if he doesn't receive a proper explanation of his bill. Supervisor Connell will look into this issue and find out how the cottage is connected to the town water line.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – will have a meeting on Monday.

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BUILDING COMMITTEE – Town Hall - Bill Johnston provided the board with a copy of their meeting agenda and there was a discussion on how the committee should move forward. They will begin work on an RFP and will file an application with the Northeast Forest Center for financial assistance for a wood pellet boiler system. We will receive a preliminary report from Atlantic Testing in two weeks and a final report in four weeks.

Fire/DPW building – Now that a full ZBA is in place, Supervisor Connell will put together the application and submit it to George Hainer.

OLD BUSINESS

BICENTENNIAL – still moving forward.

HERITAGE HOUSE CONTRACT – The contract is still on hold after the church’s lawyer suggested a few changes.

FLAG POLE – nothing yet

NY RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION – The pilot program, which would help set up a defined maintenance program, has stopped.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #88
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

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 rollover the town’s CD accounts.

RESOLUTION #89
DUDLEY ROAD CLOSURES

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, 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 grant the request of Camp Dudley to close a portion of the Dudley Road on July 18th and August 15th from 12 PM to 9:30 PM.

RESOLUTION #90
COMMUNITY CLEANUP/BRUSH DUMP DAYS

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 have a Community Cleanup Day on May 22nd, and to open a Brush Dump on May 16th and 23rd from 8 AM to 12 PM.

RESOLUTION #91
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 4B in the amount of \$29,047.17 for Vouchers 2015-252 through 2015-267.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Sweeping has started and all trucks have been repaired. As per the Selective Insurance inspection, a sign will be posted at Lee Park and pea stone will be added when inmates from Moriah Shock are available.

RESOLUTION #92
AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEY

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the expenditure of funds of Section 284 of the Highway Law per the agreement for the sum of \$109,150.

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SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS – The town received a check from the county for sewage and a check from the fire district for the copying agreement. National Grid sent a notice about their '10,000 Trees...and Growing' project. Council members were invited to attend the CATS Grand Hike on May 9th.

RESOLUTION #93
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk