

Minutes of the Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting on May 12, 2015

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:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson McCormick
Supervisor Connell
Excused: Councilperson Paquette

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
James Herrmann, Bridgette Blemel, Meredith King, Bill Johnston
Excused: Dennis Westover

RESOLUTION #94 MINUTES APRIL 28, 2015

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the April 28, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

YOUTH COMMISSION – submitted a position description and advertisement for a program director.

RESOLUTION #95 YOUTH COMMISSION DIRECTOR

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

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RESOLVED to approve the Youth Commission Director position description and advertisement as received.

BUILDING COMMITTEE – Bill Johnston met with Kevin Hall and got a survey map of the Town Hall property. This will be submitted to the grant administrators. The archaeology waiver request letter is in progress and, when completed, a draft will be sent to Supervisor Connell. The pellet boiler application has been filed. Bill also met with the auditor to discuss the town potentially acting as its own contractor. He will continue research on this. Supervisor Connell has started the application for the DPW/Fire building.

OLD BUSINESS

BICENTENNIAL – Councilperson McCormick mentioned the possibility of having a race during the celebration weekend. A resolution would be needed for use of town roads and a permit would be needed for state roads.

RESOLUTION #96
STATE ROAD PERMIT

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to support the application to the state for a road use permit.

HERITAGE HOUSE – The contract is still with the church's attorney. Gary Wilson and Supervisor Connell share concern over a clause that states that the contract can end at anytime.

CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL – The contract has been sent to Gary Wilson for review.

ATL TESTING – Preliminary results should be in on Thursday.

CLEANUP DAY – Ads have been sent to the newspapers and fliers have been posted around town.

NEW BUSINESS

STANDARD WORKDAY – a resolution was passed at the April 14th meeting.

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MWBE – Regulations have changed and there is now a 30% requirement for all new procurements and contracts. This will affect the Wadhams and Town Hall projects. If the 30% goal cannot be reached, necessary waiver forms must be submitted.

CHURCH SEWER BILLING – The Federated Church is currently being billed for ½ a sewer unit, while the Catholic Church is being billed for 1 ½ units. This will be discussed further when Councilperson Paquette is present.

The auditors would like another person on staff for checks and balances. An alternative option is a new software billing program for water and sewer. A conference call/online trial with Williamson Law will take place next week.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – The Supervisor is in receipt of the Town Clerk's April report.

RESOLUTION #97
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 5A in the amount of \$28,139.11 for Vouchers 2015-268 through 2015-291.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS – A notice of violation was received for phosphorus levels at the Wadhams sewer plant. An application has been submitted for an upgrade of the system. Assessment letters have been received, showing changes in the assessed value of town properties.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS – Councilperson McCormick asked if anything was heard on changes in fire departments and emergency squads. Some towns are merging the two and changing from a municipality to a not-for-profit, which allows them to charge for services. Councilperson McCormick also briefly discussed his thoughts on the building projects and their importance to the community. Councilperson Page read a note from Pat French about garbage being dumped at the Fair Grounds. The county has addressed the issue: the grounds will no longer be used for storage, horses will not be kept in the stalls, and cameras will be installed.

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RESOLUTION #98
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk