

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on May 15, 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 Tyler
Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Councilman McCormick
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Elizabeth Lee, Director Youth Commission
James Herrmann, Carl Resek, Pat Dougan, Sue Dougan, Maggie Ploufe, Hudson
Stephens, Jeremy Rossi, McKenzie Stephens, Fabienne Rossi, Lizzie Stephens, Annette
Stephens, Lucy Misarski, Kris Stephens, Paul Stephens

RESOLUTION #96 MINUTES APRIL 23, 2013

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2013 as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – Director Lee reported that all was going well. They are in the process of taking registrations for the summer program. The dance program has ended and golf will be starting later in the season. Coach Kirk Ware will be running again this year a free one-week soccer program in early August.

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On behalf of a group of local youth, Hudson Stephens, asked if it was possible for improvements be made to the Wadhams Park Field such as leveling the ground and keeping it mowed so that soccer nets could be purchased and put up and the field used for practice.

DPW Superintendent Westover will look at the field and see what needs to be done.

OLD BUSINESS

TIMBER SALE – Mr. Westover has spoken with the caretaker of the Getman property and will get back with him again.

HIGHWAY GARAGE UPDATE – Councilman Sherman reviewed the RFP for an Architectural Feasibility Study for a Department of Public Works and Westport Fire District Combined Building.

RESOLUTION #97
RFP FEASIBILITY STUDY HIGHWAY GARAGE

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to request for proposals on an Architectural Feasibility Study on a Department of Public Works and Westport Fire District Combined Building which must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 25, 2013. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. There will be a prebid meeting on May 28th at 10:00 a.m.

TOWN HALL BUILDING UPDATE – Councilman McCormick reported that the Committee would be meeting with the architect in Middlebury in two weeks.

HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT – Supervisor Connell is still waiting to hear from Saratoga Associates.

CEMETERY OLD ARSENAL ROAD – Councilman Sherman will try to contact the landowner.

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – We are waiting for the consultant to get back to the committee.

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WORMAN ROAD SEWER PUMP STATION – The installation is moving along. The pads have been poured; the pumphouse is here along with the generator.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE – Sue Dougan reported that the initial committee has been formed but it would still welcome members and the first meeting is set for June.

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION – There are two “Open Brush Dump” days set for May 25 and June 8th from 9:00 – 1:00. We have an open Town Clean Up meeting on May 21st 5:15p.m. at the Town Hall.

MINING PERMIT – Gary Rancour reported that our mining inspection report is okay and that we might consider filing with the APA for future use.

NEW BUSINESS

PICK UP TRUCK BIDS – The Clerk received three sealed bids on a pick up truck that were opened and read as follows:

Goss Dodge Chrysler	\$22,792.00
West Herr Ford	\$23,394.00
Egglefield Ford	\$22,731.00

RESOLUTION #98
AWARD PICK UP TRUCK BID

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

5	Ayes	Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0	Nays	

RESOLVED to authorize the DPW Superintendent to review the specifications and to check with the County if necessary and award the bid to the lowest bidder.

PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION – The Town of Westport Planning Board has recommended the name of Brain L. Houseal to fulfill the unexpired term ending 12/31/2014.

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RESOLUTION #99
HOUSEAL PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to appoint Brian L. Houseal to the position of Alternate on the Town of Westport Planning Board for the term expiring on 12/31/2014.

SANDER QUOTE FROM CIVES CORPORATION – We are in receipt of a sander quote from Cives Corporation dba Viking Cives under the 2013 Oneida County Contract, which we are authorized to, purchased under as per NYS General Municipal Law.

RESOLUTION #100
PURCHASE SANDER

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to purchase the dump box & sander for \$38,208.00 through the 2013 Oneida County Contract from Cives Corporation.

THANK YOU – DR. GALLAGHER – Dr. Gallagher sent a thank you for allowing him to present the 2013-1014 proposed school budget to the Town Board.

RESOLUTION #101
CHANGE ORDER WORMAN ROAD PUMP STATION

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the change order for added electrical work for up to \$12,714.00.

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***Supervisor Connell wants to acknowledge and thank DPW Superintendent Westover and the department for their efforts in pumping the sewage 800' uphill in order for this replacement to be made and for the arrangements Mr. Westover made with Schroon Lake to use their equipment. It saved the Town of Westport a considerable amount of money.

RESOLUTION #102
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 5A for Vouchers 2013-281 through 2013-313 in the amount of \$94,251.76.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – Supervisor Connell is in receipt of the Town Clerk's April report and supporting documents.

RESOLUTION #103
OUTSIDE INTEREST FORM

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to acknowledge receipt of an Outside Interest Form from George Hainer.

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RESOLUTION #104
DECLARE OLD PUMP STATION SURPLUS

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to declare the old Worman Road Pump Station Surplus and put it out to bid. The bids are to be received by the Town Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on June 25, 2013.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT & REQUEST – DENNIS WESTOVER

Mr. Westover reported that the last of the salt had been order and is being stored at the County due to the condition of our salt shed.

On August 20, 2013 there is a conference in Saranac Lake that John Crandall and Dawn St. Louis need to go to at \$19.00 each.

RESOLUTION #105
CONFERENCE APPROVAL

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize John Crandall and Dawn St. Louis to attend the Operation Math Conference in Saranac Lake on August 20, 2013.

During the inspection of the playground in Wadhams it was found that the bedding was no longer sufficient. Would the Board like to replace it with the wood chips or peastone.

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RESOLUTION #106
PEASTONE FOR PLAYGROUND

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the purchase of peastone for bedding on the playground in Wadhams.

Mr. Westover reported that he is still looking into blacktopping the additional parking area at the beach and will check into possibilities for the basketball court.

He presented a quote for repair of both footbridges to the Board.

RESOLUTION #107
REPAIR OF FOOT BRIDGE

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Sherman and approved on a roll call vote after discussion.

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to repair the foot bridge on the lakeside for \$1,382.00 with pressure treated lumber.

SALT SHED – In the Board package is the breakdown from the Essex County Department of Public Works of the Building Materials Package for the Salt Shed that the County Engineer put together. We would bid it in two parts- the concrete work and the materials for the structure.

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RESOLUTION #108
BID FOR MATERIALS SALT SHED

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Sherman and approved on a roll call vote after discussion.

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the bidding of #1 the concrete work per specifications and #2 materials for the structure and the bids to be due by June 11th at 4:00p.m. to the Town Clerk. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

RESOLUTION #109

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE
BRUCE H. HOSKINS

WHEREAS, Bruce H. Hoskins, a long time resident of the Town of Westport, has been an active, devoted and faithful member of the Westport Hose Company No. 1 for fifty (50) years as of May 1, 2013, and

WHEREAS, Bruce H. Hoskins honorably served the citizens of the United States of America as a member of the Armed Forces during the Korean War, and

WHEREAS, for thirty one (31) years Bruce taught school, served as Vice Principal, created the Honor Society and the youth ski program at Westport Central School from which he also retired. In conjunction with some of these same years he also owned and operated the Westport Marina for twenty-two (22) years. After retirement he has continued to work with various businesses and still is employed during the summer. When time became available it was spent traveling and camping with his wife.

WHEREAS, Bruce and his wife Nona have been married fifty-seven (57) years, have lived here in Westport, raised their seven children, David, Katherine, Tammy, Cheryl, Peggy, Robert & Willie and who have given them their eight living grandchildren.

WHEREAS, Bruce H. Hoskins has served simultaneously as a member of the Fire Department Emergency Squad and was the Treasurer of the Fire Department for several years and currently is a member of the Fire Police.

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THEREFORE, the residents of the Town of Westport wish to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation for Bruce's years of unselfish service, devotion and protection he has given and continues to give to our community, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Westport wish to recognize and thank Bruce H. Hoskins for the fifty years of commitment that he has given to the Town of Westport and the surrounding areas and for the same future dedication.

Supervisor Daniel Connell
Councilman Michael Tyler
Councilman Russell Paquette
Councilman Timothy Sherman
Councilman Daniel McCormick

RESOLUTION #110

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE
JAMES R. WESTOVER SR.

WHEREAS, James R. Westover Sr., a long time resident of the Town of Westport, has been an active, devoted and faithful member of the Westport Hose Company No. 1 for fifty (50) years as of May 1, 2013, and

WHEREAS, James Westover has driven more than fire trucks and ambulances for he has owned and operated his own logging business and drove his own truck in construction until he retired in 1965 and even then still continued trucking until about 2010, and

WHEREAS, James and his wife Regina have been married for sixty three (63) years, and lived the majority of it here in Westport where they have raised their five children, Jim Jr., Dave, Doug, Jana and Dennis who have given them ten grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, and

WHEREAS, James set the example for other members of his family to serve and protect the community as several of his immediate family are part of this fire department, emergency squad and auxiliary or of one nearby, and

THEREFORE, the residents of the Town of Westport wish to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation for the years James has unselfishly given of himself at all hours and in all types of inclement weather to assist and/or protect the citizens of this town, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Westport wish to recognize and thank James R. Westover Sr., for the fifty years of commitment that Jim with the support of his family gave to the Town of Westport and the surrounding area and for the same dedication to the community in the future.

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Supervisor Daniel Connell

Councilman Michael Tyler
Councilman Russell Paquette

Councilman Timothy Sherman
Councilman Daniel McCormick

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Herrmann asked about the status of replacing the Tax Assessor. Supervisor Connell is presenting a resolution to the County Board of Supervisors on Monday for CAP to contract for services with the County.

RESOLUTION #111

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk