

Minutes of the Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting on May 26, 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
Excused: Councilperson McCormick

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
Marge Zmijewski, ACAP After School Program Director
James Herrmann

RESOLUTION #99 MINUTES MAY 12, 2015

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

3 Ayes Page, Viens, Connell
0 Nays
1 Abstain Paquette

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

ATLANTIC TESTING - A favorable report was received, finding trace amounts of lead paint in the kitchen pantry and asbestos (less than 1%) in the ceiling tiles. Normal precautions would need to be taken during removal and George Hainer suggests having a separate dumpster in case there are any issues getting rid of the material.

BICENTENNIAL – Most photos have been printed and mounted and they will work on the schedule of events next week. Supervisor Connell is working to get a permit for the run and will speak with Irwin about a permit for the parade.

MARGE ZMIJEWSKI, ACAP – The program has been awarded a contract that will allow Moriah and Westport to keep their after school programs running for the next four

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years. Unfortunately the programs had to downsize, going from 50 kids to 30, and Schroon Lake's will be closed. There is a lack of childcare in the area, which is preventing new families from moving here. There are currently three (full) licensed providers in Westport and one in the process. Regulations make obtaining a license difficult and expensive, and ACAP no longer receives funds to help providers start. Marge thanked the Youth Commission, stating that she wishes other communities would follow our model.

OLD BUSINESS

YOUTH COMMISSION – waiting on applications for program director.

BUILDING COMMITTEE – Bill Johnston sent an update from the committee. The submitted boundary map did not meet necessary requirements and will be discussed at the next meeting. The Fire/DPW committee will meet next week to discuss grant possibilities.

BEAUTIFICATION – Cleanup Day had around a dozen participants and the brush dump received fifteen loads on both days it was open. A new flagpole has been put up at the old schoolhouse.

HERITAGE HOUSE – contract still on hold.

SCHOOL CONTRACT - still on hold.

NEW BUSINESS

CHURCH SEWER BILLING – Currently the Catholic Church is billed for 3 ½ units and the Federated Church is billed for 1½ units. In the town ordinance, each building is defined as one unit. The Catholic Church has three buildings: church, rectory, and hall; and the Federated has two buildings: church and rectory.

RESOLUTION #100

CHURCH SEWER BILLING

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 remove ½ unit from the Catholic Church's sewer bill and add ½ unit to the Federated Church's sewer bill.

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RESOLUTION #101
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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 authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 5B in the amount of \$12,811.70 for Vouchers 2015-292 through 2015-311.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Lewis has raised their tire disposal fees and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION #102
AGREEMENT FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY MONEY

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 authorize the expenditure of funds of Section 284 of the Highway Law per the agreement for the sum of \$12,168 to chip seal Barber Lane.

One pump at the marina pump station is not running. It could take up to four weeks to repair.

RESOLUTION #103
PUMP STATION REPAIR

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 Dennie Westover to expend the necessary funds to fix the pump as soon as possible.

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RESOLUTION #104
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk