

Minutes Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on May 27, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Connell at 7:05 p.m.

Members present:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Paquette
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson McCormick
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Elizabeth Lee, Youth Commission Director
Paul Mahoney, Phil Siarkowski, Gladys Siarkowski, Jim Bullard, Shirley Bullard,
Bruce Misarski, Jim Herrmann, Gordon Decker

RESOLUTION #122 MINUTES MAY 13, 2014

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 13, 2014 as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEES

BUILDING RENOVATIONS-DPW/FIRE STATION

There is consensus within the Board to move forward on the project. We will wait for an agreement of the same to come from the Fire District at our meeting on June 24th.

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YOUTH COMMISSION-Director Lee reported that gymnastics is over.

Baseball has been going very well with good volunteers. We have no golf coach this year. We will be having a Coast Guard Safety Certification Course on June 20 and July 2nd at the Westport Marina. We do have a problem with some of the summer counselors we had hired. I would like to recommend three new names so they would be able to get the necessary training in June.

Jesse Misarski, Serena Westercamp, Sable Baker

RESOLUTION #123
HIRE SUMMER COUNSELORS

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED that Jesse Misarski, Serena Westercamp & Sable Baker be appointed as summer camp counselors for 2014 providing they have met all the prerequisites before they start working with young people and there is no questions about them by the Youth Commission Board.

PRESENTATION – CURT SNYDER – SOLAR SYSTEM

He did not have all information together. He needs a copy of each of the 17 meters and authorization to have access from National Grid to the information on our utility bills.

RESOLUTION #124
AUTHORIZATION TO NATIONAL GRID BILLS

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Curt Snyder, Healthy Planet Partners to have access to our electrical bill information from National Grid on our accounts.

Mr. Snyder will be back to speak with the Board on June 24th.

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OLD BUSINESS

HAMLET EXPANSION – Richard Sherman has been in speaking with Supervisor Connell about persons interested in moving in to the Commercial Park. Mr. Connell will call the attorney.

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION – MAIN STREET GRANT RESOLUTION

The Clerk was asked to read the resolution that replaces the “Pride” one and specifies the area designated.

RESOLUTION #125
MAIN STREET GRANT APPLICATION

On a motion by Councilperson Page seconded by Councilperson McCormick and approved on a roll call vote after discussion.

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to support the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation has issued a request for proposals and funding application for the New York Main Street Program, and

WHEREAS, eligible applicants include not-for-profit corporations, and

WHEREAS, the Housing Assistance Program of Essex County Inc. (HAPEC), a not-for-profit, has resolved to apply for New York Main Street funding, and

WHEREAS, the proposed service area consists of a portion of downtown Westport in the area around the intersection of NYS Route 9N and 22, and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will assist in façade and building improvements to commercial properties in the service area, repairs to rental units, as well as streetscape enhancements, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport is in support of the proposed projects to be included in the funding application,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Westport supports the Housing Assistance Program of Essex County, Inc. in its efforts to procure funding

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through the 2014 New York Main Street Program application for downtown revitalization efforts.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – We are going to start meeting every couple of weeks now as time seems to be passing quickly. We would like to put forth the name of Charles Russell to join our committee.

RESOLUTION #126
BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve Charles Russell joining the Bicentennial Committee.

TABLED 2014 FOREST SALE

RESOLUTION #127
2014 TIMBER SALE

Councilperson Page moved that we proceed with the 2014 timber sale on the watershed seconded by Supervisor Connell.

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED after discussion to proceed with the 2014 timber sale on the watershed on the McMahan Road.

TABLED GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION

GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION

On a motion by Councilperson Page and seconded by Councilperson McCormick to place resolution back on the floor for discussion. No action taken.

The resolution was read by the Clerk.

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RESOLUTION #128
TABLE GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION

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

3	Ayes	Page, McCormick, Connell
1	Nay	Viens
1	Abstain	Paquette

RESOLVED to table the grant application resolution at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

RESIGNATION – WILLIAM JOHNSTON – We are in receipt of the resignation from the Planning Board of Bill Johnston.

The Clerk will place an advertisement in the paper for anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board.

RESOLUTION #129
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

5	Ayes	Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0	Nays	

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 5B for Vouchers 2014-338 through 2014-356 in the amount of \$19,726.23.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT & REQUEST – DENNIS WESTOVER

I would like to thank all the students from Westport Central School for all that they did on “Clean Up Day” around the Town, on the beach and at the firehouse.

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RESOLUTION #130
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

On a motion by Councilperson Viens with a unanimous second the Westport Town Board wishes to recognize the student body of Westport Central School for their efforts and energies they displayed throughout the Town on “Clean Up Day”. It may have been raining that day as you worked but you brought sunshine into the hearts of those who saw you taking such an interest in how our Town looked and in making in better. On behalf of the Town of Westport, Thank you, each and every one of you.

BRIDGE LEE PARK – We replaced the decking on one bridge last year, I would like to do the other one now at a cost of \$1,382.

RESOLUTION #131
REPAIR BRIDGE LEE PARK

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED that to having the decking replaced on the bridge at Lee Park and not to exceed \$1,382.

BASKETBALL COATING – WADHAMS – I would like to have the court sealed, coated and striped in Wadhams for a price not to exceed \$1,340.

RESOLUTION #132
REPAIR WADHAMS BASKETBALL COURT

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick
0 Nays
1 Abstain Connell

RESOLVED to authorize Superintendent Westover to have the Basketball Court in Wadhams repaired and not to exceed \$1,340.

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WATER METER FAIRGROUNDS – The one at the fairgrounds is broken and cannot be replaced except for a cost of \$4,000.

RESOLUTION #133
PURCHASE WATER METER

On a motion by Supervisor Connell seconded by Councilperson Paquette and approved on a roll call vote after discussion.

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to go ahead and purchase the \$4,000 meter and strainer for the fairgrounds.

RADIATOR – GRADER – The radiator in the grader is gone. It can be repaired and replaced for \$2,600.

RESOLUTION #134
REPAIR GRADER

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the repair to the grader for an amount up to \$2,600.00.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

The latest copies of the financials are in the Board's packets.

RESOLUTION #135
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

On a motion by Councilperson McCormick with a unanimous second the members of the Westport Town Board and the citizens of Westport wish to extend their thanks to William Johnston for the many years of service he has given on the Planning Board.

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RESOLUTION #136
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to enter into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and contract issues.

RESOLUTION #137
CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to close Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting at 8:55 p.m.

RESOLUTION #138
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk

