

## **Minutes of the Special Scheduled Westport Town Board Meeting on June 12, 2012**

Supervisor Connell called the meeting or order at 6:00 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:

Marlene Westover, Chairperson Westport Fire District  
Chuck Manon, Fire Commissioner  
John Crandall, Fire Commissioner  
Bruce Misarski, Fire Commissioner  
Gordon Decker, Treasurer Westport Fire District  
Robin Crandall, Secretary Westport Fire District

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk  
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer  
Elizabeth Lee, Youth Commission Director  
Donna McClellan, Jim Bullard, James Herrmann, Paul Mahoney, Betty Band, William Band, Nancy Page, Pat Dougan, Simone Stephens, James Westover Sr., Cynthia Schira, Jim Rule

Supervisor Connell began by stating that the entities were together this evening to have a discussion regarding the building issue and he reviewed the background. He also stated that there is no joint project on the table. We are here to talk about how two boards might move forward when we still have three buildings in dire need of repairs.

On January 24<sup>th</sup> the Town Board appointed Bill Johnston who volunteered to do a study of the Town Hall.

On behalf of the Fire District Gordon Decker spoke and stated that after the last vote the District had stepped back for a time to let things settle but what they would need to know now is what could they do with the part of the land where the DPW is. He also stated that their needs are still the same as when both votes were put out to the public. They would need to know when the land would be made available and how much there would be and how it would be quantified.

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Discussion took place on how this might happen with the sale of a parcel for \$1.00 and a footprint of the building on the lot.

Supervisor Connell explained that the Town Board would have to pass a resolution during their regular meeting authorizing such an arrangement.

The Fire District closed their meeting at 7:06 p.m. and left the joint special meeting while the Town Board continued with their regular meeting.

**RESOLUTION #119**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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 approve the minutes of the May 22, 2012 Regular Meeting as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was none at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**YOUTH COMMISSION** – Director Lee reported that there were fifty children playing baseball, a season of many rain dates and a group of great coaches. The dance group wrapped up its season at the Talent Show. The summer program is on track and the school board has not as yet approved the soccer clinic. The new student members on the commission are doing a good job but we still have not elected anyone to fill some of the officer open positions.

Councilman Sherman reported that they have started working on the budget process and they are training the newcomers in what goes in to putting that budget together.

Elizabeth stated that they are sending a thank you to the school staff who got messages out to the children when it rained every Tuesday and to the Camp Dudley staff who helped with storing the Youth Commission gear. They both helped us tremendously.

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**RESOLUTION #120**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – WCS STAFF & CAMP DUDLEY**

On a motion by Councilman McCormick with a unanimous second and approved on a roll call vote.

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

**RESOLVED** to send a Resolution of Appreciation to the Westport Central School Staff and to Camp Dudley for their assistance during the Baseball Program in getting messages to the students and in storing gear on the Camp Dudley property for the Youth Commission.

**TAX COMMITTEE** – Councilman Sherman reported that they have met and they are preparing a presentation for the Board for June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**WESTPORT LIBRARY – ELECTRIC METER TOWER** – The clerk was asked to read a letter from the Library Association that summarized a meeting between two town board representatives and two Westport Library representatives. The consensus of the group was that the Town Board would have the Meter Tower removed and the three groups that traditionally use its electricity will be able to hook into the outside outlet next to the exterior door of the library. The library will pay for the electric used by these traditional community entities, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Christmas creche and tree. If other events were planned they would submit applications directly to the library.

**RESOLUTION #121**

**LIBRARY ELECTRIC METER TOWER**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to approve the removal of the electric meter tower, power box and wiring at the Town's expense on the Library lawn.

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**WOOD BOILER** – nothing new

**WADHAMS WATER** – Councilman Sherman asked what the reports showed on the solar production.

**HIGHWAY GARAGE**

**OIL WATER SEPARATOR** – This is now ready to go to bid. It's a 600-gallon tank that is easily moved. Our DPW would install it.

**RESOLUTION #122**  
**BID ON OIL WATER SEPARATOR**

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 to go to bid on the Oil Water Separator and have the bids turned in by 4:00 p.m. on July 10, 2012.

**HIGHWAY GARAGE BUILDING UPDATE**

Prior to this regular meeting there was a special meeting with the Westport Fire District about what their future plans were in regards to building a new firehouse. The still would like to consider putting a building on the Town property but they would need to know if the Town is willing to sell them the land and how it would be quantified.

**RESOLUTION #123**  
**WORK WITH WESTPORT FIRE DISTRICT**

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 work with the Westport Fire District to formulate an agreement to sell them the land to build a new fire department building.

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**TOWN HALL BUILDING UPDATE**

Bill Johnston would like authorization to file to have the Town Hall registered with the National Historic Register.

**RESOLUTION #124**  
**TOWN HALL FILING NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTER**

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

4 Ayes	Tyler, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
1 Nays	Paquette

**RESOLVED** to allow Bill Johnston to file the paperwork to have the Town Hall registered on the National Historic Register.

**HAMLET EXPANSION CONTRACT (REVITALIZATION)**

Supervisor Connell requests permission to sign the contract with Camoin Associates following the certification from Department of State that authorizes us permission to sign.

**RESOLUTION #125**  
**AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN REVITALIZATION CONTRACT**

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

4 Ayes	Tyler, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
1 Nays	Paquette

**RESOLVED** to authorize Supervisor Connell to sign the contract after having receiving DOS approval.

**CEMETERY OLD ARSENAL ROAD** – nothing new at this time.

**WORMAN ROAD SEWER PUMP STATION** – The bid spec information is written but we have not received it as yet.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LIFEGUARDS FOR SUMMER** – Too date we only have one application from a 17 year old and we need one person who is at least 18 years of age or we cannot open the beach.

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

**RESOLUTION #126**  
**HEALTHY HEART CONTRACT**

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 table this issue until the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION #127**  
**AUTHORIZATION SEMINAR ATTENDANCE – GALARNEAU**

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

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

**RESOLVED** to authorize Dave Galarneau, Assessor to attend the conference at Cornell on July 1, 2012.

**RESOLUTION #128**  
**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion by Councilman Paquette seconded by Councilman Tyler 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 6A for Vouchers 2012-317 through Vouchers 2012-356 in the amount of \$97,866.44.

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**RESOLUTION #129**  
**RECYCLING OTHER TOWNS**

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** not to allow other towns to bring their electronic items to our landfill for recycling.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** – Our Superintendent is at a course at Cornell.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS**

We have received notification that we are at 100% assessment.

We were cited for a safety violation at our emergency light by the main door that we have already called to be repaired.

**COUNCILMEN’S COMMENTS**

Councilman Tyler would like to commend the Highway Department on the way the lawns and sides of the roads are appearing.

He would also like to recognize Kelly Ecker for her tremendous efforts in putting together the Town-Wide yard sale.

**RESOLUTION #130**  
**THANK YOU – KELLY ECKER**

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second the Town Board on behalf of the Town of Westport they wish to extend to Kelly Ecker their sincere thanks for her time and efforts she put forth in putting on the Town-Wide Yard Sale. Not only your efforts showed but your spirit as well and we wish to say it was a job “well done”. Thank you again.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**RESOLUTION #131**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Tyler with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted  
Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk