

Minutes of the Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting on June 23, 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
Patricia French and Derinda Sherman, Bicentennial Committee
James Herrmann

RESOLUTION #114 MINUTES JUNE 9, 2015

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 accept the minutes of the June 9, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

BICENTENNIAL – The fairgrounds will need to be cleaned up and mowed before the celebration. It probably won't be possible to get help from Moriah Shock, however Dennie has offered the assistance of the DPW. The schedule of events has been posted on facebook and will be published in newspapers soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTION #115 YOUTH COMMISSION DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

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

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4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the Youth Commission Board's recommendation to appoint Ed Mason as Youth Commission Director with a starting date of July 1, 2015 and a starting salary of \$7,000.

BUILDING COMMITTEE – Mike Mascarenas is still researching grant possibilities for the DPW/Fire building. Bill Johnston sent a brief update for the Town Hall project, stating that the archaeological waiver request has been approved and that the Opinion of Council letter should be completed soon. There was a discussion in which Supervisor Connell commented that Bill Johnston is overstepping by speaking with the town attorney and by bypassing Sunshine (who all grant related material must go through). Councilperson Page stated that this isn't true and that Bill is properly following legal guidelines.

The town doesn't currently have a clear title to the building; when the village was dissolved the deed wasn't updated at the county. Supervisor Connell will check with Sunshine to see if a resolution showing that all village assets went to the town would be acceptable.

VALLEY NEWS AD – Supervisor Connell spoke with Dan Alexander, the paper's president and editor, but Bill Kuntz's ad was published again. There is a statute stating that only the town clerk can post ads for the town. Supervisor Connell is concerned that if anyone responds to this ad they could threaten legal action against the town for not replying. He recommended rescinding the paper from the town's official newspaper list.

RESOLUTION #116

VALLEY NEWS REMOVAL

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to remove the Valley News from the Town of Westport's Official Newspapers list.

BEAUTIFICATION – no update.

HERITAGE HOUSE – no update.

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LEVEL 3 DETERMINATION – The company that has fiber optics cables along the railroad tracks is suing municipalities that charged them for property taxes. There will be more information at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION #117
AMEND RESOLUTION #81

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
 0 Nays

RESOLVED to amend Resolution #81 from April 14, 2015 to read as follows:

WHEREAS the Town of Westport hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the official to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on time keeping system records or their record of activities:

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
Elected Officials							
Town Justice	William LaHendro		3613016	6	1/1/2012-12/31/15	N	7.15
Appointed Officials							
Youth Comm. Director	Elizabeth Lee		5006685-1	6	1/1/2015-12/31/2015	N	5.67
DPW Superintendent	Dennis Westover		3473620-7	8	1/1/2015-12/13/2015	Y	N/A
Codes Officer	George Hainer		3889817-7	8	1/1/2015-12/31/2015	N	22.90
Dep. Highway Superintendent	Thad Tryon		3571422-9	8	1/1/2015-12/31/2015	Y	N/A
Clerk to the Supervisor	Robin Crandall		3957219-3	8	1/1/2015-12/31/2015	Y	N/A

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RESOLUTION #118
POLL SITE AGREEMENT

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
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RESOLVED to enter into an amendment agreement with the Essex County Board of Elections,

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have previously entered into an agreement, being contract No. BOE-15-0022, and now desire to amend the same to change the date of the Primary Election from September 8, 2015 to September 10, 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties mutually covenant and agree as follows:

1. The parties hereto agree to amend Contract No. BOE-15-0022 to change the date of the Primary Election from September 8, 2015 to September 10, 2015.
2. Except as amended in paragraph 1 above, Contract No. BOE-15-0022 shall remain in full force and effect during the term thereof.

RESOLUTION #119
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 6B in the amount of 94,623.23 for Vouchers 2015-340 through 2015-372.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Roto-Rooter brought 27,000 gallons of water from the Mobil station to the sewer plant. The water had been run through a water/oil separator and was delivered after DEC and town approval. The town will receive payment shortly. Adam Cross passed the road test for his CDL license. Dennie is concerned about vandalism at the beach house and will look at security camera possibilities.

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SUPERVISOR CONNELL – The beach will be opening on June 26. There was a meeting last week about the Wadhams sewer plant and the sand needs to be replaced. Dennie will work with ATL to test samples. A list of priorities will be made of other things that need to be done.

RESOLUTION #120
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk