

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on July 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Paquette at 7:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson McCormick
Deputy Supervisor Paquette
Supervisor Connell – Excused

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Dennis Westover, Excused
James Herrmann, James Bullard

MINUTES – June 24, 2014 – Not available

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPW/FIRE DISTRICT – Supervisor Connell has talked to Bond Counsel and they are moving forward.

YOUTH COMMISSION – Councilperson Viens went to the meeting and the summer program started yesterday. It is well staffed and they have already decided that next year they are going to have a system to help parents fill out paperwork. Keith Ware will be coaching soccer.

BRASS - will be holding a public information meeting on the Boquet River Watershed Management Plan on August 4th, in Floral Hall at the fairgrounds from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. There will be snacks served at 6:30.

OLD BUSINESS

HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT – APA is back working on this. This is the study on areas within the Town where expansion could be done if so desired.

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BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE – Things are moving along. Unfortunately for my own health reasons I cancelled at least the last meeting if not the last two. We should be getting together within the next two weeks.

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – Councilperson Page asked if people had noticed the baskets of flowers on the bridge as part of the program.

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION – Dave Reckahn

Deputy Supervisor Paquette read Mr. Reckahn's application letter.

RESOLUTION #160
DAVE RECKAHN APPLICATION

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, McCormick, Paquette
0 Nays

RESOLVED to forward to the Planning Board for their review and discretion.

NEW BUSINESS

FISCAL STRESS INDICATORS – Shows the 5-Year Average Indicators for all the Towns in Essex County.

UNCLAIMED FUNDS– We received a check for \$50.00 for a Refund for Unclaimed Funds.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR COMMENTS – He and the DPW Supervisor have discussed the slate sidewalk that was damaged by a truck on the former north side of Washington St. We would like to remove the slate, put cement there and have the insurance pay the cost when it's done. The Board was in consensus to do this.

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RESOLUTION #161
REPAIR PORTION DAMAGED SIDEWALK

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, McCormick, Paquette
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the DPW department to remove the broken slate on the north side of the former Washington Street, put in new cement, log all the hours it takes and then bill the insurance company.

The Deputy Supervisor reported on the inspection by the State that took place at the beach. There were three things that needed to be corrected and he was working on them.

RESOLUTION #162
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, McCormick, Paquette
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 7A in the amount of \$49,705.59 for Vouchers 2014-435 through 2014-458.

COUNCILPERSON'S COMMENTS

Councilperson McCormick expressed his thanks for a job well done to Sheila and Irwin Borden on pulling the Independence Day festivities together.

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RESOLUTION #163
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens McCormick, Paquette
0 Nays

RESOLVED to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.

RESOLUTION #164
CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Councilperson Page and unanimously seconded to close Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

RESOLUTION #165
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Viens and a unanimous second to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk