

Minutes of the Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting on July 22, 2014

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

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Paquette
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson McCormick
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
James Herrmann, Sean Coleman, Sheera Broderick

RESOLUTION #166 MINUTES JUNE 24, 2014

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

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

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the June 24, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

RESOLUTION #167 MINUTES JULY 8, 2014

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

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

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RESOLVED to accept the minutes after correcting the name in the report on Youth Commission of the coach to Curt Ware.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wadhams Fire Company represented by Sheera Broderick and Sean Coleman made a presentation to the Board for a picnic pavilion the Company and is requesting permission to build at the Wadhams Playground. They have raised the funds, it would be a building 16'x24', built by volunteers and if possible with some assistance from the Town for the pea stone.

RESOLUTION #168
WADHAMS PLAYGROUND PAVILION

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

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

RESOLVED to agree to work with the Wadhams Fire Department in building the pavilion as presented.

RESOLUTION #169
PURCHASE PEA STONE

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the purchase of pea stone from the Wadhams sewer account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING RENOVATION – TOWN HALL

Councilperson Page has a request from the Town Hall committee for a meeting on another day for a 3D visual presentation. A date will be set at the next meeting.

DPW/FIRE DISTRICT

Supervisor Connell has been speaking with Bond Counsel and they have run into a problem but they will see where to go from here.

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OLD BUSINESS

HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT – was discussed

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT - was discussed

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE – was discussed

PROPERTY TAX FREEZE – was discussed

UNION NEGOTIATIONS - are on hold

ASSESSING SERVICES – put through finance committee and will continue with five year plan. Per parcel prices will be adjusted.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #170
CYNTHIA FAIRBANKS

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

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

RESOLVED to change Cynthia Fairbanks' position on the Planning Board from alternate to full board member.

RESOLUTION #171
REQUEST FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION FUNDS

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

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

RESOLVED \$500 will be given from the town as part of the Preserve NY Program if grant is successful.

HERITAGE HOUSE CONTRACT – lease is being discussed

TOWN CLERK MAY REPORT – Supervisor is in receipt of May report.

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PESH TRAINING – training will take place at the Keeseville Fire Station from 10:30 to 12:30 on August 6th.

JUSTICE COURT GRANT PROGRAM – Judge Tyler will apply

LANDFILL – discussed situation concerning customers lack of payment for landfill use.

RESOLUTION #172
AMMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION #161
REPAIR BROKEN SIDEWALK

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 have contractor remove broken slate. Those sections will be replaced with grass and slate will be stored at DPW.

RESOLUTION #173
APPROVAL OF BILLS

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Paquette 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 7B in the amount of \$34,925.85 for Vouchers 2014-459 through 2014-488.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- DENNIS WESTOVER

The Railroad crossing at Napper Road may need to be replaced and is being discussed with CP Rail. Steven Grimm from Rural Waste Water will attend meeting November 24th to discuss written asset management plan. Ray Rice will mow hay near Wadhams sewer and roadside mowing is being done. Councilperson Paquette will talk about Wadhams Sewer at next meeting.

COUNCILPERSON'S COMMENTS

Councilperson Paquette is waiting for WW Treatment paperwork

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Herrmann sends his thanks for guard rails on Ledge Hill.

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RESOLUTION #174
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

RESOLVED to enter into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.

RESOLUTION #175
CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

RESOLVED to close Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. and return to Regular Session.

RESOLUTION #176
RICHARD NICHOLAS – LOST WAGES

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 pay Richard Nicholas \$474.98 for lost wages from June 3, 2014 through July 18, 2014.

RESOLUTION #177
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Page with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Julie Schreiber, Deputy Town Clerk