

Minutes of the Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting on August 12, 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:

Julie Schreiber, Deputy Town Clerk
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
Shami McCormick, Phil Siarkowski, James Herrmann

RESOLUTION #182 MINUTES JULY 22, 2014

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 accept the minutes of the July 22, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

RESOLUTION #183 MINUTES AUGUST 4, 2014

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 accept the minutes of the August 4, 2014 Special Town Board Meeting as received.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Guest Phil Siarkowski voiced his concern about deer overpopulation around the town watershed. The deer are overgrazing and eating seedlings, which prevents new growth. He proposed to reduce the deer population by obtaining a permit from the DEC that would allow for hunting of antler-less deer.

RESOLUTION #184
DEER MANAGEMENT AT WATERSHED

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

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

RESOLVED to have Fountain Forestry complete the application for Deer Management Assistance Program and submit it by the September 1st deadline.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTION #185
BUILDING RENOVATION COMMITTEE

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 set a meeting for the 3D presentation of the Town Hall renovation for Monday, August 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH COMMISION – currently in meeting

OLD BUSINESS

HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT – waiting on applications

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT – no update

PROPERTY TAX FREEZE – new tax formula will be posted on website soon

UNION NEGOTIATIONS – are on hold

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APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING BOARD – an application has been submitted and is awaiting response from the board.

HERITAGE HOUSE CONTRACT – changes on the lease concerning insurance coverage of stained glass windows and baptismal font will be looked at by attorney before it is signed. The contract is a rollover agreement with a term of 20 years that began June 6, 2004.

HISTORIC DISTRICT GRANT – Paula Dennis has completed the application and is waiting to hear progress.

NEW BUSINESS

DEC LETTERS – Waste Treatment received a letter concerning a revised O&M Manual that noted components of the manual that had not yet been addressed or that need to be changed. Supervisor Connell also received a letter acknowledging the receipt of the annual Collection System Monitoring and Maintenance Report.

RESOLUTION #186
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 8A in the amount of \$21,006.08 for Vouchers 2014-490 through 2014-520.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

The Railroad has yet to return calls concerning the unsafe crossing on Napper Road. The tractor rollover accident has been picked up and they are waiting on the insurance company before it can be repaired. An estimated \$690 will be spent to fix the shed at the Heritage House. The town will no longer be able to get wollastonite for the roads, so they are price checking for an alternative.

RESOLUTION #187
REPAIR OF No. 6 TRUCK

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

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

RESOLVED to pay \$2,125.00, which includes parts and labor, to repair the EGR cooler of the 2008 No. 6 truck.

**RESOLUTION #188
SEWER ONE AERATION VALVE**

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 \$1,108.00 to replace the motor in the aeration valve at Sewer One.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS – Supervisor Connell has started the budget process and has listed the town's assets as of August 11th.

COUNCILPERSON'S COMMENTS

Councilperson McCormick has requested that the Youth Commission golf program be shut down due to lack of interest.

Councilperson Viens was asked if permits are required for vendors in local parks. The party in question has a lease from Ballard Park to sell pizzas during concert events.

Councilperson Paquette addressed his concerns with the broken sidewalk section that has yet to be repaired.

**RESOLUTION #189
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Deputy Town Clerk