

Minutes of the Regular Westport Town Board Meeting on August 13, 2013

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

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Councilman McCormick
Deputy Supervisor Tyler

Excused: Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
James Herrmann, Gerald Goulet (entered 7:30p.m.)

RESOLUTION #153 MINUTES JULY 23, 2013

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

3	Ayes	Paquette, Sherman, McCormick
0	Nays	
1	Abstain	Tyler

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 23, 2013 after correcting on Page 5 the word salt shed to read “wood shed”.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – Councilman Sherman reported that there were 59 campers signed up for the summer program and that it is in its last week of operation. The soccer tourney will be held on September 1 and the Bidy Soccer program starts today.

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The Youth Commission committee asked if a revenue line for the ski program could be put in the budget.

RESOLUTION #154

AUTHORIZATION FOR SKI PROGRAM REVENUE LINE

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize a revenue line for the ski program be put into the budget.

On behalf of the Youth Commission Councilman Sherman asked about the reasons for the Youth Commission Director being responsible for the Summer Program when it has its own director. The Town Board reaffirmed that they hired a Youth Commission Director to oversee all youth commission activities.

The Youth Commission is putting Sidney Mitchell on as an ad hoc non-voting member.

OLD BUSINESS

TIMBER SALE – Deputy Supervisor Tyler will follow up with the landowner and Mr. Gilman to try and set up a date to walk the property lines.

DPW & FIRE DISTRICT GARAGE – Councilman McCormick reported that they interviewed three companies today and still have four to go.

TOWN HALL BUILDING UPDATE – We are expecting a response momentarily.

CEMETERY OLD ARSENAL ROAD – Councilman Sherman reported that he and Sue Frisbie have met with one landowner that would like to have an open discussion with other neighboring landowners.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – We are continuing to meet about every two weeks. Last week we met with the Beautification Committee and we agreed to combine our forces since we noticed areas of similar interests and plans that could benefit each other.

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RESOLUTION #155
BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept Betty Band as a member of the Bicentennial Committee.

ASSESSOR INTERVIEW UPDATE – We received five applications and the interview committee has been in and reviewed the applications with interviews set for tomorrow.

(Gerald Goulet entered meeting)

NEW BUSINESS

CHARTER RENEWAL CONTRACT – The Deputy Supervisor had reviewed the contract and felt that a shorter term of five years would be better. We need to have a public hearing on this on August 27th at 6:45 before the regular board meeting.

NYSDOT SLOPE FAILURE REMEDIATION

RESOLUTION #156
AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Deputy Supervisor Tyler to sign the “Permission for Entry on Private Lands to make Improvements”.

BARBER HOMESTEAD PARK – APA LETTER

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RESOLUTION #157
BARBER HOMESTEAD PARK – NO NEGATIVE IMPACT

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to inform the Adirondack Park Agency that there is no negative impact on the Town of Westport with the expansion of the Barber Homestead Park. Our Town water system is adequate to support the expansion impact, and the Board supports the expansion, it is a good fit for the community.

TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM

No smoking signs now need to be posted at playgrounds. Mr. Westover will order one for Westport and Wadhams.

ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION

Effective from August 19 to September 6th, Route 22, approximately 2.3 miles north of Westport will require a road closure and highway detour.

RESOLUTION #158
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 8A for Vouchers 2013-456 through 2013-488 in the amount of \$41,124.48.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

The woodshed is looking great and is being done at minimal cost. The water tanks have been inspected and they will be sending a written report. The footings for the salt shed will be poured tomorrow.

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We really need to get the word out to the people of Wadhams & Westport that the so-called “flushable wipes” are not. They cause considerable problems to our sewer pumps. This is an on-going problem for us.

Dave Reckahn has been working with me on grants for some improvements on the Decker Road and the Hald Road.

I met today with the fellow on the guardrails on the Dudley Road. I have a verbal price of less than \$4,000.

RESOLUTION #159
GUARD RAILS DUDLEY ROAD

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize Mr. Westover to purchase the guardrails after contacting Camp Dudley.

The new pickup has arrived, is registered and is on the road.

RESOLUTION #160
SURPLUS PICKUP TRUCK

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to surplus the pickup truck and remove it from inventory and place it out for bid.

The paving on Barber Lane and the Morrison Road is scheduled to begin on August 28th.

I would like to request that the part time laborer’s position be extended at this time until the end of September.

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RESOLUTION #161
PART TIME LABORER

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to extend the part time laborer's position for one month until the end of September.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

The budget packets will be sent out to the departments by September 1st.

There has been concern expressed over no sidewalk on the sides of the bridge in Wadhams. There was consensus that a letter be sent expressing the Board's concern.

We received a press release on a donation drive for a Sensory Room for the residents of the Essex County Horace Nye Home.

A thank you received from Alison & Frank Hain for the Town's assistance in dealing with an "incessant barking" dog issue.

RESOLUTION #162
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman McCormick with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk