

## **Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting on September 11, 2012**

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

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Connell called for a “moment of silence” in honor of the 911 victims.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilman Tyler  
Councilman Paquette  
Councilman Sherman  
Councilman McCormick  
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Sheila Borden, Town Clerk  
Ruth Jensen, Deputy Town Clerk  
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent  
John McWilliam, James Herrmann, Nancy Page, Gerald Goulet

### **RESOLUTION #178 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

5 Ayes      Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2012 Regular Town Board Meeting as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – none at this time.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**YOUTH COMMISSION** – Councilman Sherman stated that they worked on the budget and will have it in by Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. At the last meeting they touched on the soccer tourney that will be held at Camp Dudley in which they currently have about 10 towns involved. They are also looking at ideas for next years summer program such as including a lunch program during the day.

**TAX COMMITTEE** – Will be meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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## OLD BUSINESS

**WADHAMS WATER** – The application for final funding is in the mail.

**HIGHWAY GARAGE** – Dennie, Tim and Dan Faber have met with Peter Gibbs and have given him the Fire Department's drawings and discussed them with him. Peter would like to sit down and have a discussion with both groups.

## TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT – BILL JOHNSTON

The Town Clerk was asked to read a letter from Bill Johnston, Chairman of the Town Hall Building Rehab Committee, which reviewed the RFP's of six firms willing to undertake the renovation of a feasibility study on the Town Hall.

## RESOLUTION #179

### APPOINT VERMONT INTEGRATED ARCHITECTS TOWN HALL FEASIBILITY STUDY

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to appoint Vermont Integrated Architecture to undertake the renovation feasibility study on the Westport Town Hall.

**HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT** – We are still waiting for Saratoga Associates.

**CEMETERY ON OLD ARSENAL ROAD** – We have spoken with Gary Wilson, Attorney for the Town, as the owner of the property doesn't want to pay taxes on the portion the Town will be using.

**WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT** – The consulting firms and project manager met in Elizabethtown, took a tour of Westport, had a scoping meeting and the contract has been signed.

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**WORMAN ROAD SEWER PUMP STATION BID OPENING**

The Clerk opened the bids as follows:

Brockway	\$123,123.
Trinity	\$137,663.

**RESOLUTION #180  
RECEIVE WORMAN ROAD PUMP STATION BIDS**

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

5 Ayes	Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell
0 Nays	

**RESOLVED** to receive the bids on the Worman Road Pump Station and act on them at the next Regular Town Board Meeting.

**ASSESSMENT UPDATE** – Dave Galarneau met with a lawyer in Albany who would like to represent all three towns in the litigation pending.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Father Riani is retiring from serving at the St. Philip Catholic Church and the community after a distinguished career as priest and leader.

**RESOLUTION #181  
RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Father Peter Riani has announced his intent to retire at the end of September 2012, and

**WHEREAS**, Father Riani became the Pastor for both St. Elizabeth's Catholic Community in Elizabethtown and St Philip Neri's Catholic Community in Westport on June 30, 1999, and

**WHEREAS**, Father Riani has not only lead the Catholic community in these two Towns but has also been very active in many other aspect of Community life, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Adirondack Community Action Program, and

**WHEREAS**, Father Riani has had a distinguish career as a priest and leader, well into his sixth decade, including being President of Wadhams Hall Seminary, and

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**WHEREAS**, Father Riani was recognized years ago for his outstanding leadership by having the Title of Monsignor bestowed upon him, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Westport Town Board hereby recognizes Father Riani for his life of service and wishes him a long and happy retirement that he well deserves.

## **REQUEST FROM MATT BOSLEY**

The Clerk was asked to read a memo from Matt Bosley requesting that the Board expand the scope of the Westport Youth Commission to include opportunities for adults in our community such as adult basketball at school. This item was tabled and Councilman Sherman will take the matter up with the Youth Commission.

## **TOWN CLERK'S AUGUST REPORT**

Supervisor Connell is in receipt of the Town Clerk's August report and supporting documents.

## **RESOLUTION #182 APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** that the bills on Abstract 9A for Vouchers 2012-485 through 2012-505 in the amount of \$24,803.13 be paid.

## **SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS**

Financial reports are included in the Board's packets.

A Thank You was received from Nancy Decker for the Town's participation in the Westport Festival Day.

After review Peter Gibbs has sent a recommendation regarding the deteriorated manhole.

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## RESOLUTION #183

### REPAIR OF MANHOLE

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to move forward with Mr. Gibbs recommendation of Option 2 if it is acceptable after review by the DPW Superintendent.

## DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DENNIS WESTOVER

I would like to put out a bid for 1500 yards of sand per the Board's approval.

## RESOLUTION #184

### SAND BID

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the DPW Superintendent to bid for 1500 yards of winter sand. All bids must be returned to the Town Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on October 9, 2012.

The Oil/Water Separator Tank will be delivered tomorrow and the containment tank is yet to come. The electrical issues have been fixed at the marina. The #3 Dodge pick-up has been repaired. Mr. Westover thanked Councilman Paquette and Sherman for participating in the meeting this past Wednesday to discuss the equipment condition and inventory. Councilman Sherman indicated their review was very enlightening and they agreed it was necessary to have another meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

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**RESOLUTION #185  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to enter into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

**RESOLUTION #186  
CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

5 Ayes Tyler, Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to close Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. and return to Regular Session.

**RESOLUTION #187  
ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Paquette with a unanimous second the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Sheila A. Borden, Town Clerk