

REGULAR WESTPORT TOWN BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

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:

Councilman Paquette
Councilman Sherman
Councilman McCormick
Councilman Tyler
Supervisor Connell

Others present:

Ruth Jensen, Deputy Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Nancy Page, Bill Johnston

RESOLUTION #173 MINUTES AUGUST 27, 2013

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

4 Ayes Paquette, Sherman, McCormick, Tyler
0 Nays
1 Abstained Connell

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 27, 2013 as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING RENOVATION COMMITTEE:

The first phase of the project is almost done and hoping to have a final report sometime in November and a presentation by the Architect at the same time.

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We are now setting up meetings with two agencies that could support this-Office of Park and Recreations and NYCERDA.

Had a meeting last week with NYCERDA and a representative from their facilities program. He has set up a meeting with their representative and with their new construction program for October 16th at 1:30. The Fire Dept and Town Highway garage should also attend this meeting because what we learn could be applicable to this project. This project won't happen this year and perhaps not even before the next heating season so we would like to recommend that you install 2" blueboard under the floor joist and the lower level. The cost of the materials would be in the neighborhood of \$3,000. For a temporary measure the DPW department could do the work and nail the material to the joist.

YOUTH COMMISSION- nothing new

HAMLET EXPANSION PROJECT - The project is now 99% complete. The final piece has no agreement with the APA. We were hoping the APA would pre approve the expansion areas but it hasn't happened. Supervisor Connell will make another phone call and send an email to Saratoga Associates.

TIMBER SALE - Councilman Paquette stated that Ash trees when cut could only be moved 50 miles from where they were cut according to the paper. He would like the Forester to be asked about this. Also the ash beetle is coming into the area.

RESOLUTION # 174
TIMBER SALE

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

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

RESOLVED to accept the Timber sale if permission is granted to cross the property.

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CEMETERY OLD ARSENAL ROAD- nothing new

WESTPORT REVITALIZATION PROJECT- nothing new

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION- Sheila is heading this and working with the Beautification Committee.

HIGHWAY GARAGE- nothing to report

RESOLUTION # 175
TOWN CLERK'S AUGUST REPORT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler seconded by Councilman Paquette and approved on a roll call vote to accept the report.

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

RESOLVED to accept Town Clerk's August Report

RESOLUTION # 176
APPROVAL OF BILLS AS AUDITED

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

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

RESOLVED to accept the bills as audited on Abstract 9B for Vouchers 2013-489 through 2013-539 in the amount of \$90,425.62.

FIRE DISTRICT BUILDING – The committee is making a recommendation to hire Vermont Integrated Architecture to do the study of drawings and so forth. This is not a grant program but strictly a Town program. The estimate to do this is \$22,900 for the highway and Fire Dept. Councilman McCormick recalls that when Gordon was here they talked about the Town fronting the money and Fire Department would pay a percentage of it.

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There should be an agreement in writing that covers the payment process and that state the matter in which everything is going to work. We should have a joint meeting to make sure we have the same resolutions passed and signed off by both boards. We will set up a meeting for September 17th.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- The concrete is complete on the salt shed and looks very good. Going to do the foundation coating tomorrow with a special foundation coating called Medford Salt and it is a salt guard. We will start on building after that. The supplies are in a pile waiting to be moved. The Chips paving is complete. The sidewalk by Tannebergers is not yet done. They are still going to try to fit that in this year. The #4 truck has the box off now and they are going to Harrisville Friday to talk about how we want it set up and what they are going to do for their end of the deal.

The grant he was working on with Dave Reckhan from the soil and water program is about 95% done. The bills that came in tonight will be reimbursed. The hill on the Hald road that we are still having a problem with we are going to put the slurry in the ditch a little farther up. That also is being covered with the grant. On the extra help, Denny would like to keep him awhile longer.

RESOLUTION # 77
KEEP EXTRA HELP ON THROUGH OCTOBER

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

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

RESOLVED to keep the part-time laborer on through the month of October

ASSESSOR POSITION UPDATE

Both the State Comptrollers Office and Association of Towns agree that the individual has to be a town employee. Supervisor Connell and Supervisor Bartley discussed contracting with the County perhaps on a one-year trail basis.

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RESOLUTION # 178
MOTION TO GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Councilman Paquette and seconded by Councilman Sherman and approved by roll call vote for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.

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

RESOLVED to go to Executive Session.

RESOLUTION # 179
MOTION TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion to go out of Executive Session by Councilman Tyler and seconded by Councilman Sherman and approved by a roll call vote.

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

RESOLVED to go out of Executive Session.

ASSESSOR POSITION UPDATE

Through the County we could hire on a one-year trial basis. The County would hire a part time person at 19 hours a week. The cost with the County would be \$20,958.

RESOLUTION #180
RESCIND RESOLUTION # 166

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

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

RESOLVED to accept motion to rescind Resolution #166 and go with the County for hiring assessor.

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SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Supervisor Connell wished to thank everyone for all their help. He wanted to thank George for his help with budget and all. Councilman Tyler for filling in for him while he was incapacitated and also wanted to let everyone on staff know how grateful he was for all their help.

COUNCILMEN COMMENTS – Councilman McCormack wanted to thank Councilman Tyler for his service on the Deputy Supervisor job.

Councilman Sherman commented that the cost figures for repairs to the Town Hall did come in during July but did not make it in to the Board's folders.

RESOLUTION #181
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Tyler and seconded by Councilman Sherman and approved unanimously to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted

Ruth Jensen Deputy Town Clerk