

## **Minutes of the Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting on October 28, 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  
Supervisor Connell

Excused: Councilperson McCormick

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Deputy Town Clerk  
George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer  
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent  
Elizabeth Lee, Youth Commission Director  
Patricia French, Keven Severance, James Herrmann, Sue Russell

### **RESOLUTION #231 MINUTES OCTOBER 14, 2014**

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUILDING COMMITTEE** – The Town Hall project should hear the result of the grant application within the next week. The DPW and Fire Committees have met and discussed the pros and cons of splitting the building. The Fire Department needs to obtain building regulations from the state. George Hainer is waiting for a response from the APA concerning subdivisions.

**YOUTH COMMISSION** – The dance program has started and the basketball program will begin in December. There will be a meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the

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ski program. They are waiting on an agreement with Whiteface that states the rules and regulations for the program.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BICENTENNIAL** – Sheila attended the last meeting so they were able to sort out a few issues. There is a Friends of Westport Bicentennial Committee that is focusing on funding. More volunteers are needed.

**UNION** – Will be discussed in executive session.

**PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT** – No recommendation yet.

**TIMBER SALE** – Supervisor Connell received a letter from Thomas Gilman addressing the last timber bid.

**RESOLUTION #232**  
**AUTHORIZATION OF TIMBER BID**

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize Thomas Gilman to award the bid to Prentiss & Carlisle and extend the harvest to dates set by the forester.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LOADER BIDS** – 35 total bids were received on the Municibid listing. After the loader was originally listed, a tire blew. Due to replacement costs, this will be discussed with the winning bidder.

**RESOLUTION #233**  
**SALE OF 1996 JOHN DEERE FRONT END LOADER**

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell  
0 Nays

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**RESOLVED** to sell the loader to the highest bidder after working out a discount price with the buyer.

**HAMLET EXPANSION REQUEST** – Supervisor Connell received a letter from Saratoga Associates seeking the Board’s support for a map amendment of Carol Linder’s property on Stevenson Road. The APA will not begin a review of the property until a resolution of support is received from the Town.

**RESOLUTION #234**  
**LAND RECLASSIFICATION**

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to support the reclassification of Carol Linder’s property on Stevenson Road, Tax Map Parcel 66.4-1-2, from its current Resource Management Land Use classification to Hamlet or Moderate Intensity Use.

**2015 BUDGET** – Will be discussed in executive session.

**RON CLAUSEN REQUEST** – Supervisor Connell received a letter from Ron Clausen addressing the satellite dish in front of his motel. He is seeking ideas from the community on how to use it (e.g. as a mural or sign advertising the town).

**DEMOLITION COST** – Council members were given a packet of information concerning unsafe building and local laws that pertain to these. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**DEC** – The DEC sent a notification stating that the application and agreements regarding sewage releases be returned by December 1, 2014.

**RESOLUTION #235**  
**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell  
0 Nays

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**RESOLVED** to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 10B in the amount of \$61,767.68 for Vouchers 2014-647 through 2014-664.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT –**

**RESOLUTION #236**  
**LETTER TO DON RUSH**

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to send a letter from the Water Department to Don Rush concerning low water usage at his apartments and requesting a response by November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Dennie has requested that the road connecting Taylor Road to the Dunn property be abandoned as part of the highway. The road has not been touched by the town since 1990 and is therefor in compliance with regulations listed in the Town Highway Supervisor's Manual.

**RESOLUTION #237**  
**ROAD ABANDONMENT**

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to abandon the road formerly known as Spear Road, which is 0.02 miles long and located across the southern end of Taylor Road.

Lead and copper tests, which are done every three years in ten different households in Westport, have shown increasing copper levels. More tests will need to be done from different homes that meet the stipulations for the test. A 30 ft. fiberglass ladder needs to be purchased and will be paid for from the sewer and water equipment accounts. One SDR tank has been cleaned and the other should be done next summer.

**RESOLUTION #238**  
**PURCHASE OF VENTILATION BLOWER**

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the purchase of a ventilation blower (approximate cost of \$1,100 will be divided between water and sewer accounts).

**RESOLUTION #239**  
**PURCHASE OF NEW JOHN DEERE LOADER**

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to authorize the purchase of the John Deere loader (to be paid from CHIPS, the auction bid, remaining funds in the operating budget, and the unallocated equipment reserve fund) and to authorize sending a down payment to Nortrax equal to the CHIPS reimbursement with Abstract 10B.

**RESOLUTION #240**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to enter Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #241**  
**CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell  
0 Nays

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**RESOLVED** to close Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 9:15 p.m.

**RESOLUTION #242**  
**ADOPT 2015 BUDGET**

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to adopt the 2015 Preliminary Budget as the final budget in the amount of \$1,914,609, with a total tax levy of \$902,363.

**RESOLUTION #243**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Deputy Town Clerk