

Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on November 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Connell at 7 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

Other present:

George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Dennis Westover, DPW Superintendent
James Herrmann, Patricia French, Heidi Sweet, Ike Tyler

RESOLUTION #182 MINUTES OCTOBER 27, 2015

On a motion by Councilperson Page, 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 27, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Patricia French stated that the Friends of Bicentennial account has funds left over (just over \$5,000). The committee has been discussing what to do and if the funds should be returned to the town. Patricia would like the funds returned with the suggestion that they be used to clean up the Lee Park beach. Supervisor Connell responded that that beach cannot be used for swimming (the water is too shallow to meet regulations). It also would be more expensive to fix and would require more lifeguards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – The upcoming ski season was discussed at their last meeting. Kris Stephens has resigned from her position on the Youth Commission board.

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BUILDING – Bill Johnston drafted a letter of procedures and policies that grant administrators have asked for. No further action has been taken.

OLD BUSINESS

HERITAGE HOUSE CONTRACT – A \$500 check will be sent to VIA and a copy of it will be sent with the contract to the Preservation League. Paula Dennis did not meet the deadline to file with the National Register of Historic Places and has asked for an extension.

NEW BUSINESS

FALL CLEAN UP – Approximately seven people have signed up so far.

RESOLUTION #183
VACUUM DISPOSAL

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

RESOLVED to destroy two non-working vacuum cleaners, the Hoover Wind Tunnel (Model DH70400, Series Z0110) and Bissell Velocity Bagless (Model 3863-2).

RESOLUTION #184
LAKES TO LOCKS PASSAGE

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage was created through a grassroots planning process, resulting in New York State Byway designation in 2002, and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage applied for, and received, designation by the Federal Highway Administration as an All-American Road in 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc., is a 501c3, not-for-profit corporation with the mission to further the appreciation, recognition, stewardship and revitalization of the natural, cultural, recreational and historic assets of the communities along the interconnected waterway of the upper Hudson River, Champlain Canal, Lake George, Lake Champlain, Chambly Canal and Richelieu River; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage consists of four sub-regions – Champlain Canal, Lake George, Lake Champlain, Richelieu Valley – to recognize the “geographical sense of place” and the grassroots planning process to develop the policy, program, and product of the organization; and

WHEREAS, the vision of Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc. is of public, private and non-profit organizations working together to balance the scenic, historic, natural, cultural, recreational, and working landscape resources in harmony with community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage strives to unify the region’s historic, cultural, natural and recreational resources to establish a world-class destination for national and international travelers; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage promotes The Byway as “a great place to live, establish a business, invest public resources, and to visit” to national and international markets; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc. has established a working relationship with communities in the Richelieu Valley of Quebec through a 2005 Memorandum of Understanding with the CRE Montérégie Est in Quebec to implement cross-border tourism promotion; and

WHEREAS, Lakes to Locks Passage has brought the byway communities opportunities for funding community revitalization and quality-of-life improvements through the Federal Highway Administration’s National Scenic Byway Program and the Transportation Enhancements Program, as well as numerous other public and private funding sources; and

WHEREAS, further implementation of the initiatives of Lakes to Locks Passage requires on-going support and commitment at the grassroots level;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Westport recognizes that Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc. has come into existence with the purpose and ability to plan and carry out projects and programs to benefit the communities of the Lake Champlain, Lake George, and Champlain Canal regions;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Westport will benefit as a supported of Lakes to Locks Passage, and as a Lakes to Locks Passage Waypoint Community will participate in the planning, implementation and promotion of Lakes to Locks Passage initiatives to the furthest extent possible.

LETTER FROM MRS. PAQUETTE – Millie Paquette sent a letter to Supervisor Connell addressing the annual turn-around agreement that she is asked to sign. She is concerned about damage to her property and would like a written guarantee that future repairs will happen in a timely manner. No action will be taken yet.

TRAINING - Training programs will be held from January 13-15, 2016 for newly elected officials.

RESOLUTION #185
STANDARD MEDICAL SERVICES

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 sign the contract with Standard Medical Services.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – The supervisor is in receipt of the town clerk's October report.

RESOLUTION #186
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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 payment of bills on Abstract 11A in the amount of \$67,628.08 for Vouchers 2015-584 through 2015-609.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – The Fish and Game Way issue from the last meeting was discussed. The town maintains the road leading to the Munson Gravel Pit and Supervisor Connell will check if this is a contract requirement. The sidewalk

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machine ad has been submitted to the paper and the forms are available on the website. Small jobs are being completed.

COUNCILPERSONS' COMMENTS – Councilperson Paquette mentioned signs that have been knocked over near the Post Office. Highway workers will check on this.

RESOLUTION #187
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk