

Minutes of the Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting on November 25, 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
Keven Severance, James Herrmann, Gladys Siarkowski, Philip Siarkowski

RESOLUTION #249 MINUTES NOVEMBER 11, 2014

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 accept the minutes of the November 11, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING COMMITTEE – The town received a letter from the APA stating that no permit is needed from their agency for the proposed two-lot subdivision project provided the project is in compliance with the listed description and restrictions. It still needs to be determined whether or not the Fire District needs to own the lot under their building. Supervisor Connell will contact the State Comptroller regarding the selling price of the lot.

Councilperson Page made a motion to consider hiring VIA for an additional cost study of the two building plan. There was no second.

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RESOLUTION #250
APPLICATION TO PLANNING BOARD

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 authorize Supervisor Connell to apply to the Planning Board on the possibility of a subdivision of the DPW site for construction of a DPW garage and Fire District building, contingent on final placement of the buildings.

The Town Hall renovation project still hasn't heard about the grant application.

YOUTH COMMISSION – no update

OLD BUSINESS

BICENTENNIAL – Currently collecting history and photos.

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION – The committee has been discussing abandoned and foreclosed properties. Alan Hipps' organization may be able to purchase or renovate properties, depending on available funding.

UNION – The contract will be discussed in Executive Session.

HERITAGE HOUSE CONTRACT – The contract is still with the lawyer, whose previous case is now closed.

LARRY AND BETH LEWIS' REQUEST – Supervisor Connell will send a response stating that due to water runoff being a prior condition, the town is not responsible for fixing the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #251
ASSESSMENT CONTRACT

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

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4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED that the Town of Westport, as part of the CAP of Westport and Elizabethtown Towns, enter into a contract with the County of Essex for the County of Essex to continue to supply assessment services to the CAP. This contract will run from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2019.

RESOLUTION #252
RAGNAR RELAY RACE

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 grant permission to Ragnar Events to conduct a relay race through Westport from September 25-26, 2015.

RESOLUTION #253
TRANSFER STATION HOURS

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 close the Transfer Station on Wednesdays from December 10, 2014 through April 8, 2015.

RESOLUTION #254
WADHAMS WASTEWATER TREATMENT GRANT

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 accept the grant from the DEC for Project ID 2013WQI11163.

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RESOLUTION #255
BUDGET AMENDMENT

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 increase revenue account DA 3501.3 State Aid/Chips from \$101,261 to \$113,371.40 and increase account DA 51122.3 Permanent Improvement from \$101,261 to \$113,371.40.

RESOLUTION #256
BUDGET AMENDMENT

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 increase revenue account A 3089.1.7 State Aid Other Historic Grant to \$7,000 and increase account A 75204.1 Historical Properties to \$7,000.

RESOLUTION #257
BUDGET TRANSFERS

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 authorize the following budget transfers:

\$400	from DA51104.3 General Repairs	to DA5140.4 Brush & Weeds
\$600	from DA51101.3 General Repair	to DA5148.1 Service to Others
\$200	from SS1 81202.9 Equipment	to SS1 9030.8 Social Security
\$500	from SW3 83102.13 Admin.	to SW3 83104.13 Administration

DEC WWTF REPORT – The form has been resubmitted with necessary corrections.

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RESOLUTION #258
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

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 11B in the amount of \$104,166.10 for Vouchers 2014-694 through 2014-716.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS – There is a current emergency plan in place that lists the Town Hall as the Town’s emergency shelter. This will remain so until a plan with the school is completed and approved by necessary parties. Councilperson Page attended a meeting at ROOST (Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism), which offers marketing advice for local tourism.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS – Supervisor Connell is working with the owner of the Hilltop Motel on the possibility of putting in a national chain. A check was received from Prentiss & Carlisle for the last timber bid.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Steve Grimm will attend the next meeting for a presentation on new standards. The sewer system at the Hood house is being tested to see how it connects to the town line. Firewood can be purchased from the same seller as last year for the same price.

RESOLUTION #259
FIREWOOD PURCHASE

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 authorize the DPW to purchase up to \$1800 worth of firewood.

All trucks are set for the winter. The sold loader was picked up and the new loader should arrive at the end of December or early January. Dennie would like to thank Thad for going to Buffalo for five days. The state will reimburse cost of travel and manpower.

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RESOLUTION #260
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 enter executive session at 8:10 p.m.

RESOLUTION #261
CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 close Executive Session and return to Regular Session at 8:35 p.m.

RESOLUTION #262
UNION CONTRACT

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

4 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Connell
0 Nays

RESOLVED to enter into a three year, January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017, contract agreement with Teamsters Local 294. Major changes from the present contract include:

- Page 10 Section 1
- Page 11 Article II Section 1
- Page 13 Section 3
- Page 14 Section 6
- Page 17 Appendix A
- Page 19 Appendix C
- Page 20 Appendix D

The salary increases will be 3% per year. In year 2 and 3 of the contract, members hired prior to January 1, 2012 will contribute \$200 toward health insurance and members hired after January 1, 2012 will contribute 10%.

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RESOLUTION #263
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Deputy Town Clerk