

Minutes of the Regular Town of Westport Board Meeting on December 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order 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
Elizabeth Lee, Youth Commission Director
Chris Maron, CATS Director

RESOLUTION #264 MINUTES NOVEMBER 25, 2014

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 minutes of the November 25, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Sheila Borden presented her letter of resignation.

RESOLUTION #265 TOWN CLERK RESIGNATION

On a motion by Supervisor Connell and approved with a unanimous second.

RESOLVED to accept the resignation of the Town Clerk as of December 31, 2014, with regret and with appreciation to Sheila for all that she has done.

RESOLUTION #266 TOWN CLERK APPOINTMENT

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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 appoint Julie Schreiber as Town Clerk from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

GUEST CHRIS MARON – Chris Maron gave a brief presentation on Champlain Area Trails. He asked the board about the possibility of putting up signs to indicate the location of trails and to label and mark the Lee Park Trail.

RESOLUTION #267
CATS TRAIL SIGNS

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 CATS to put trail markers along the Lee Park Trail, to put up a “hiker and arrow” on Main Street to indicate the trail, and to put up a trail name sign at the park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING COMMITTEES – We should hear on the Town Hall and Main Street grants on Thursday.

YOUTH COMMISSION – Registration for the ski program was last night and 25 kids signed up. There are three new volunteer coaches for basketball. Elizabeth plans to work with Ballard Park to have a skating party in January.

OLD BUSINESS

BICENTENNIAL – Will not meet again until the new year.

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION – The Committee is currently working on how to deal with neglected properties and junk vehicles. They are creating a spreadsheet and flow chart that will help to determine the steps to take in handling these situations.

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PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT - Supervisor Connell has asked that the board take action on the submitted name before the next meeting.

HERITAGE HOUSE – The previous lawsuit should be settled, so the contract will be sent to the lawyer.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #268
STANDARD MEDICAL SERVICES CONTRACT

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 Supervisor Connell to sign the contract (which will be in effect January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015) with Standard Medical Services.

RESOLUTION #269
BUDGET TRANSFERS

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 authorize the following budget transfers:

\$1,200 from A19904.1 Contingency to A8160.1 Refuse/Garbage
\$500 from SW3 83102.13 Admin to SW3 83104.13 Admin
\$300 from SW3 90608.13 Medical Ins. to SW3 83104.13 Admin

SCHOOL REQUEST – A letter was received from the school concerning the emergency plan. Supervisor Connell and Councilperson Viens will meet with the Superintendent to discuss drafting an agreement between the School District and the Town.

LAKES TO LOCKS REQUEST – They sent a letter requesting a contribution of \$500 for both 2014 and 2015. A decision will be made after January 1st.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – Supervisor is in receipt of the Town Clerk's November report.

RESOLUTION #270
SNOW AND ICE CONTRACT

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 enter into contract Agreement No. D006803 with the New York State Department of Transportation.

RESOLUTION #271
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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 to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 12A in the amount of \$40,421.45 for Vouchers 2014-717 through 2014-748.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS – Financial moves for the new loader will be discussed at the next meeting and will include budget amendments and transfers. The union contract will be looked over by the council, edited to include any changes, and signed at the next meeting. An error in the 2015 Budget caused it to be over the tax cap. There will be a special meeting on December 11th at 10 a.m. to amend this.

RESOLUTION #272
MEO APPLICATION AD

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 have an ad posted in the Press Republican on December 12th for an opening of an MEO position. Applications and resumes must be received by December 23rd and priority will be given to Westport residents.

The year-end meeting will be held on December 30th at 1:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION #273
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Paquette, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Deputy Town Clerk