

Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on July 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler 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
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

George Hainer, Zoning & Codes Officer
Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Dennie Westover, DPW Superintendent
Ed Mason, Youth Commission Director
Vera Martin, James Herrmann, Philip Siarkowski

RESOLUTION #133 MINUTES JUNE 28, 2016

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays
1 Abstain Paquette

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the June 28, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION, ED MASON AND VERA MARTIN – Ed gave an update on their budget and projected that they should be under budget at the end of the year. The summer program has 46 kids signed up, with around 35 attending each day. The Department of Health conducted an inspection and there was one issue of a missing background check for a bus driver. This has been resolved. The next Youth Commission meeting is on August 1st and they will discuss the soccer program and Dudley Tournament.

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TOWN HALL RENOVATION – There will be a meeting on Friday with the architects to go over the initial cost estimate. Jim Dougan, an engineer for the county, has looked at the estimate and found a few issues. He will continue to oversee the project as it progresses.

OLD BUSINESS

WEBPAGE – Councilperson Page said we are closer to launching the new site, however she didn't receive a response from the designer. Supervisor Tyler will try to contact him tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #134
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 7A in the amount of \$24,059.77 for Vouchers 2016-373 through 2016-394.

FOOTBRIDGE – The footbridge in Lee Park needs to be re-stained. It was last done six years ago and cost \$1300 to pressure wash and stain. Dave Denton, who did the previous work, submitted a proposal.

RESOLUTION #135
FOOTBRIDGE PROPOSAL

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept Dave Denton's proposal of \$1,600 (\$600 down and \$1000 upon completion) to pressure wash and stain the footbridge at Lee Park.

RESOLUTION #136
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to accept the Town Clerk's June report as received.

JUSTICE REPORT – The supervisor is in receipt of the Town Justice's June report.

WESTPORTS OF THE WORLD – They will be celebrating the 250th anniversary in Westport, Ireland in September 2017.

RESOLUTION #137
HERITAGE HOUSE REQUEST

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to approve the Heritage House's request to borrow tables and chairs from the Town Hall for the Westport Festival Day on August 20.

SIGN PERMITS – The permit applications were approved and the signs can be put up as soon as they are ready.

UPPER HUDSON RECREATION HUB RESOLUTION – The State recently purchased 20,000 acres of land to be added to the Adirondack Forest Preserve. The Upper Hudson Recreation Hub passed as resolution that opposes land use and classification that does not provide maximum access to ponds, rivers, streams, and trails by all citizens. Councilperson Page said that the board does not have enough information to act on this yet. There will be further discussion at the next meeting.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT – Paving should be mostly completed in the next two weeks and the highway crew is working on mowing. The beach is in disrepair, partially due to recent storms. Supervisor Tyler will speak to the lifeguards about keeping the area better maintained. A light pole at Lee Park has snapped in half and a second pole is cracked at the base. Ace Electric has submitted a quote and Bessboro will submit one as well.

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RESOLUTION #138
LEE PARK STORM REPAIR

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to proceed with repairing the storm damage at Lee Park and to submit a claim to the insurance company.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS – Funds that were transferred to NYCLASS have made more than twice the interest they would have in the previous account.

The Heritage House submitted a letter addressing concerns with the future of the building. The lease has eight years remaining and many committee members are not interested in negotiating another long-term lease. The lack of a long-term lease makes it difficult to receive further grant funding. Supervisor Tyler will follow the committee's discussions and keep the board informed.

Schroon Lake and Crown Point have received grant money for their lakefront. Information was received today and there may be discussion of ideas for our lakefront properties.

COUNCILPERSONS' COMMENTS – Councilperson Paquette pointed out a parked truck on Champlain Avenue that he believes to be a hazard. Supervisor Tyler said that the owner has been contacted and it is in a legal parking space.

RESOLUTION #139
ADJOURNMENT

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

5 Ayes Page, Paquette, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
0 Nays

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk