

Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on August 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Paquette at 3:00 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Morrison
Councilperson Viens
Deputy Supervisor Paquette
Excused: Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Dennie Westover, DPW Superintendent
Ed Mason, Youth Commission Director
James Herrmann, Heidi Sweet

RESOLUTION #153 MINUTES AUGUST 9, 2016

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

3 Ayes Page, Morrison, Paquette
0 Nays
1 Abstain Viens

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Heidi Sweet spoke about the Harvest Festival that will be at the Fairgrounds on September 16 and 17. The festival will feature a farmers' market, food trucks, live music, a draft horse demonstration, and more. CATS will be hosting a hike from Essex to the Fairgrounds and a shuttle will be available at the ferry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION, ED MASON – Ed submitted Vera Martin's Summer Program report. They will look at upcoming class sizes to better project the number of counselors needed in the future. Biddy Soccer is starting and registration is being held today.

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TOWN HALL PROJECT – Councilperson Page said that there will be a meeting on September 2nd to look over the final plans. This will highlight changes that have been made since their last meeting. If the project stays on schedule, we could be going to bid by October 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #154
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

4 Ayes Page, Viens, Morrison, Paquette
0 Nays

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 8B in the amount of 40,894.71 for Vouchers 2016-442 through 2016-463.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Part of the sidewalk in front of the bank has been removed in preparation for raising the road.

The waste oil furnace stopped working last year. It was purchased in 2005 with an oil tank and chimney kit for \$4795. A new chamber unit would cost \$1250 and freight would be an additional \$375. A whole unit would cost \$4499 (no freight charge). The Deputy Supervisor suggested that this be tabled for a full board.

More issues were found with the loader and a quote for the repairs should arrive tomorrow.

Barber, Barksdale, and Dudley roads will be paved tomorrow. Mountain Spring will be paved on Thursday.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS – Copies of the Town Clerk's and Town Justice's monthly reports were given to council members.

COUNCILPERSON'S COMMENTS – Councilperson Morrison complimented Heidi on the signs. Councilperson Page asked how the paving order is decided. Dennie responded that the order is usually based on population.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ed Mason stated that the Federated Church council will vote on the Heritage House lease at their next meeting. He will keep the board informed of their decision and any further discussions.

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RESOLUTION #155
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk