

Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on April 10, 2018

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 Kirkby
Councilperson Viens
Councilperson Morrison
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Dennie Westover, DPW Superintendent
Helene Fleury, Nancy Montville, Rachel Dowty Beech

RESOLUTION #66 MINUTES MARCH 27, 2018

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

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

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Helene Fleury addressed the board to revisit a former complaint regarding the condition of her neighbor's home. She stated that there is a chronic garbage issue, resulting in trash being carried into her yard and a rat in her home. She submitted copies of her complaint forms, photos, and an Orkin report. Supervisor Tyler said that a letter of violation was sent to the homeowners in the past and he is currently discussing this ongoing issue with a lawyer. He also mentioned the landowner option, in which three landowners can get together and file a property devaluation based civil suit.

Nancy Montville stated that, along with the garbage issue, residents of this home have directed yelling and obscenities toward her. She submitted a written complaint.

Rachel Dowty Beech would like crosswalk signs installed throughout town. She suggested the crosswalk near the cemetery as the best place, as there are no turns in that

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part of the road. She spoke with other residents who are also in favor of the idea and raised around \$400. Dennie Westover said he doesn't think a fixed sign will be allowed, but he suggested placing a second one at the fairground's crosswalk.

RESOLUTION #67
CROSSWALK SIGN PERMIT

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize supervisor Tyler to submit a permit application for a DOT crosswalk sign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – Councilperson Morrison was not able to attend their last meeting. Supervisor Tyler mentioned his concern with the Ski Program budget.

TOWN HALL RENOVATION – The open house is scheduled for April 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #68
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize payment of bills on Abstract 8 in the amount of \$45,270.28 for Vouchers 198-239.

MONTHLY REPORTS – The supervisor is in receipt of the Town Clerk's and Town Court's March reports.

WATER TANK INSPECTION – John Crandall provided quotes for inspection of our potable water tanks. He recommended hiring Atlantic Underwater Services. The Council will review the proposals before making a decision.

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – The supervisor provided copies of the town's monthly revenue/disbursement for March.

RESOLUTION #69
PERMA CONFERENCE

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Tyler to attend the March 24-25, 2018 PERMA Conference in Bolton Landing and payment of his actual and necessary expenses.

TOWN HALL SIGNS – Councilperson Page and Bill Johnston spoke with Willy Grant about making two new signs for the building. An estimated cost of \$1400 would cover the two – one hanging sign and one freestanding. Councilperson Page would like the board to approve the expenditure before sketches are done.

RESOLUTION #70
TOWN HALL SIGNS

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1500 for two Town Hall signs.

RESOLUTION #71
DOH BEACH PERMIT

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Tyler to sign the DOH Permit to operate the Ballard Park beach.

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RESOLUTION #72
CLOSE RENOVATION ACCOUNT

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

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

RESOLVED to close out the Town Hall Renovation Account and transfer all remaining funds to the General Fund.

HIGHWAY POSITION – Interviews took place last week. Supervisor Tyler stated that we were fortunate to have two qualified applicants. The committee recommended hiring Nate Sherman.

RESOLUTION #73
DPW HIRE

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

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

RESOLVED to hire Nathaniel Sherman as a full-time HEO with a start date of April 23, 2018.

RESOLUTION #74
WATER/SEWER EMPLOYEE AD

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

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

RESOLVED to advertise for a full-time Wastewater/DPW employee with a deadline of 2:00 p.m. on April 24, 2018.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dennie provided a copy of the DOT's CHIPS budget. Tank cleaning is scheduled and street sweeping started. Dennie requested approval for purchasing tires from Rouse Tire Sales and for purchasing firewood.

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RESOLUTION #75
TIRE PURCHASE

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the purchase of eight tires from Rouse Tire Sales in the amount of \$2019.12.

RESOLUTION #76
FIREWOOD PURCHASE

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the purchase of firewood from Larry Dickerson in the amount of \$1600.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS – Councilperson Page said that Transfer Station safety needs to be discussed; the pathway inside the recycling trailer is unsafe, as are the steps and connection into the trailer. Dennie added that we are the only town that doesn't throw their garbage down. Supervisor Tyler said we may be able to install something in the new DPW building.

BRUSH DUMP – A brush dump is scheduled for May 19th and 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION #77
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk