

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 6:36 p.m.

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
Robert Hall, Gordon Bigelow, Linda Bigelow

RESOLUTION #124 JUNE 27, 2018 MINUTES

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

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

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2018 regular meeting as received.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Supervisor Tyler stated that upgrades to the Wadhams sewer plant are required by the DEC and are necessary to meet regulations. Councilperson Page asked if there would be an increase in the billing rate for Wadhams residents. Supervisor Tyler replied that the grant should allow rates to stay the same.

HAMLET EXPANSION, ROBERT HALL – Robert Hall addressed the board and asked for their support in expanding the hamlet near the golf course property. The current hamlet line cuts through the golf course and Mr. Hall would like it to extend to Stevenson Road. The expansion would need to be approved by the Planning Board and the APA. The APA has looked at straightening this section of the hamlet in the past. Councilperson Kirkby asked if this would impact other homeowners. Supervisor Tyler replied that the APA would not grant the extension if it would have any negative effects. He also said that the extension could help further development because the hamlet is outside of APA jurisdiction. Councilperson Page stated that the board should have more information before acting. Supervisor Tyler said the hamlet has been expanded before and this is just the first step in the process.

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RESOLUTION #125
HAMLET EXPANSION

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

4 Ayes Kirkby, Viens, Morrison, Tyler
1 Nay Page

RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Westport is in support of possible hamlet expansion at the golf course property bordering Stevenson Road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH COMMISSION – The next meeting is scheduled for August 6.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #126
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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 payment of bills on Abstract 14 in the amount of \$25,504.11 for Vouchers 380-412.

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

RESOLUTION #127
CORNELL BUILDING

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

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WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension has been a resident of this building for 20 years and the building is in dire need of life safety upgrades and preservation. The building is an anchor for the main entrance to the Essex County Fairgrounds, the Town of Westport, and a historical landmark for the citizens of Essex County, and

WHEREAS, the project will include improvements to the exterior and interior of the building, such as the roof, cupola, and porches as to comply with Department of the Interior standards. Replacement and upgrades to the exterior structure are required to prevent further deterioration of the building so that it can stand another 100 years. Interior work includes heating upgrades, exterior entrances, and weatherization. These featured upgrades are required for the occupation of offices for years to come, and

WHEREAS, the building is a landmark within the Town of Westport and the Champlain Valley. Its unique architecture blends with the icon of the historic area of Westport. Historically, it is a valuable staple building that holds a legacy within the County and region.

WHEREAS, this building is not only a resource for the Offices of Cornell Cooperative Extension, but is also shared with the Fair Office and the Essex County Soil and Water Conservation District. These organizations are important for the education, outreach, and hands on approach to improving the agricultural legacy of Essex County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Westport Town Board fully endorses, supports, and is collaborating with Essex County, NY to preserve and rehabilitate the Essex County Agricultural Center Building in Westport, NY.

TREADWELL WATER BILL – Irwin Borden, caretaker for the Treadwell property at 43 Stone House Circle, submitted a letter requesting that their bill be reduced from \$4,000 plus to \$23.25. The letter stated that a curb stop was unable to be turned off and continued to leak through last winter and spring. Dennie Westover said that multiple curb stops were found at the property and thought they were all shut off. He also said the property has an old meter, which can be made faulty by weather. He recommended taking the average from the previous four meter readings and billing accordingly. Councilperson Kirby asked if it is still leaking. Dennie replied that he isn't sure; John Crandall checked the area and it was dry. Dennie suggested installing a new meter before turning the water back on. This will be researched further and discussed at the next meeting.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Fitzgerald Road will be patched next week, following the paving of Main Street. Paving of Ledge Hill has been moved to mid August. Wadhams is still under a boil water order; they will receive test results tomorrow as to whether or not it can be lifted. The ACAP worker starts tomorrow. Matt McCarroll submitted an application for part-time mowing.

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RESOLUTION #128
PART-TIME MOWER

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 hire Matthew McCarroll for part-time mowing at a rate of \$12/hr for 28 hours/week starting July 23, 2018.

RESOLUTION #129
WATER CONSERVATION

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 post water conservation notices for the town of Westport.

COUNCILPERSON COMMENTS – Councilperson Page said the crosswalk sign that was paid for by residents has been knocked down and stolen. Dennie stated that it's not a good place for the sign and that the crosswalks in town are located in difficult places. Supervisor Tyler said there should be discussion on slowing traffic through town. Councilperson Kirkby said he would hate to put money into another sign that won't last, but would like to discuss it further.

On the earlier hamlet expansion discussion, Councilperson Page stated that the board should have been made aware of the request in advance and should not have been expected to vote right away. She added that while the expansion may be helpful to the golf course, the board should have had more time to consider the request. Councilperson Kirkby said that because the current boundary line cuts through the golf course, he sees no issue in moving the line to the property border. Supervisor Tyler said that the town doesn't make the expansion but chooses whether or not to support it. He said that development outside the hamlet is very restrictive.

RESOLUTION #130
AJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk