

## **Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on January 22, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 3:00 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  
Troy Weldy, Forest Carbon Revenue Program  
Olivia Dickenson, Soil & Water  
Alice Halloran, Soil & Water  
Phil Siarkowski  
Chris Maron

### **RESOLUTION #31 MINUTES JANUARY 7, 2019**

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 accept the minutes of the January 7, 2019 regular meeting as received.

**FOREST CARBON REVENUE PROGRAM, TROY WELDY** – Mr. Weldy introduced the program that could allow the town to sell carbon credits from forest lands. The credits are sold in 10-year blocks with no cost to the landowner, but a split in revenue. Mr. Weldy's initial estimate is \$15,000/year; he will reassess internally for a more accurate prediction. Supervisor Tyler asked how the program would correlate with future timber sales. Mr. Weldy replied that the amount of timber removed should not be less than the annual growth rate. He will use the Forest Management Plan to generate a financial proposal that will include a 10-year table and terms and conditions. They also spoke about the possibility of renting out trees for sugaring. Supervisor Tyler will look into whether other municipalities do this and how the process could be monitored. Phil Siarkowski recommended looking at Cornell University's guidelines for maple producers.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #32**  
**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 2 in the amount of \$45,964.30 for Vouchers 39-63.

**RESOLUTION #33**  
**BAR REAPPOINTMENT**

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 reappoint Gladys Siarkowski to the Board of Assessment Review for a term expiring 9/30/2023.

**AUD REPORT** – The AUD for 2018 is complete and filed.

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** – Dennie thanked the crew for their work during the snowstorm; they are still working on cleanup.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS** – Charter Communication sent two letters regarding channel agreements and price changes.

**RESOLUTION #34**  
**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk