

Minutes of the Town of Westport Regular Board Meeting on March 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 7:00 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
Bill Johnston, Brian Larose, Phil Siarkowski, Deborah Pastore

RESOLUTION #46 MINUTES FEBRUARY 26, 2019

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

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

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2019 regular board meeting as received.

BILL JOHNSTON, HISTORICAL DISTRICT DISCUSSION – The ongoing project to create a historic district in town is almost complete. They are working on an inventory of properties and fine tuning the boundary lines. Mr. Johnston provided handouts listing FAQs, possible tax benefits, and economic incentives. An employee from the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Office has been volunteering their time for the project. The state would like to see local organization sponsorship; Mr. Johnston provided a sample resolution for the Town to be the sponsor. There has been past concern over regulations placed on homeowners, but there wouldn't be any. Councilperson Page stated that while some work (renovations/repairs) may not be grant eligible, it could still be done. She noted that renovations could include interior work like plumbing, wiring, etc. Churches and some organizations would also be eligible for grants. Mr. Johnston stated that a public informational meeting will be held and then the Parks Office will send letters to all homeowners in the proposed district.

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RESOLUTION #47
HISTORIC DISTRICT SPONSORSHIP

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 that the Town of Westport agrees to be the municipal sponsor of the proposed historic district that encompasses eligible areas in the former Village.

COMMITTEE REPORT

YOUTH COMMISSION – The monthly meeting has been postponed to next Monday (March 18).

NEW BUSINESS

LIFEGUARD DISCUSSION – Supervisor Tyler would like a combined effort between the town and Ballard Park Foundation. He mentioned that there are funds in the budget for hiring lifeguards. Deborah Pastore stated that the Foundation has put a lot of money and work into the beach. Along with the usual cleanup, they plan to add more sand in spring/early summer.

RESOLUTION #48
LIFEGUARD ADVERTISING

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 advertise for lifeguards for the summer season with an application deadline of April 9, 2019.

RESOLUTION #49
APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize the payment of bills on Abstract 5 in the amount of \$59,922.79 for Vouchers 119-147.

MONTHLY REPORTS – The Supervisor is in receipt of the Town Clerk’s and Town Justice’s February reports. Council members were provided with copies of the Supervisor’s monthly financial report.

DEPOT THEATRE – The Depot would like to apply for a building preservation grant. Since the Town owns the property, their approval is required.

RESOLUTION #50
DEPOT GRANT

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 the Depot Theatre to apply for Preservation League of NYS funding.

RESOLUTION #51
DOT PERMIT

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 sign the NYSDOT Highway Work Permit.

RESOLUTION #52
BAR APPOINTMENT

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

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

RESOLVED to appoint Tammy Johnson to the Board of Assessment Review.

RESOLUTION #53
LANDFILL POST CLOSURE MONITORING

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

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

RESOLVED to authorize Supervisor Tyler to sign the Post-Closure Monitoring Agreement with Adirondack Landfill Services, LLC.

RESOLUTION #54
JOHN CRANDALL TRAINING

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 John Crandall to attend New York Rural Water Association's training workshop from May 20-22, 2019 and payment of his actual and necessary expenses.

RESOLUTION #55
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, with a unanimous second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk