

Westport Board of Selectmen
September 28, 2016
APPROVED MINUTES

The Board of Selectmen, Traffic Authority and Water Pollution Control Authority held a public hearing on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 307/309 of the Westport Town Hall. In attendance were Jim Marpe, Avi Kaner, Helen Garten, Gail Kelly, Steve Edwards, Rich Kotchko, Foti Koskinas, Sam Arciola, David Scinto, Jen Fava, Bill Harmer, Jeff Weiser, Kimberly Lake, Faith Taylor, presenters as noted in the minutes, members of the public, and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

MINUTES

1. Item #1 was presented by Avi Kaner. There were no revisions. Upon motion by Helen Garten, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's public hearing of September 14, 2016 are hereby APPROVED.

LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT PRESENTATION

2. Item #2 was a presentation by Bill Harmer, Executive Director of the Westport Library, Ann Pisetzner, Founder and Principal, Soundview Construction Advisors, the Library's owner representative, Tom Walsh, Executive V.P. of AP Construction and Russell Baris, V.P. Finance, Board of Library Trustees. Mr. Harmer, Ms. Pisetzner and Mr. Walsh provided a status update and project review related to the Library renovation and construction. Mr. Baris provided insight into the fundraising efforts. There was no action taken by the Board of Selectmen as the presentation was informational only.

ACCEPT GIFTS TO K9 ESCROW FUND

3. Item #3 was presented by Police Chief Foti Koskinas and Police Canine Handler David Scinto. Police Chief Koskinas provided background to the K9 Unit and the proposed utilization of the contributed funds. Police Service Dog Atlas was introduced by Officer Scinto. Upon motion by Helen Garten, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the donations to the Town of Westport Police Department K9 Escrow fund in accordance with the Policy for Gifts to the Town are hereby ACCEPTED.

APPROVE SUBLEASE BETWEEN TOWN OF WESTPORT AND STEAM PARTNERS, LLC FOR CONCESSION AT GREENS FARMS RR STATION

4. Item #4 was presented by Purchasing Agent Richard Kotchko and Police Chief Foti Koskinas. Upon motion by Helen Garten, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Sublease between the Town of Westport and Steam Partners, LLC as it relates to the concession services at the Greens Farms Railroad Station is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO LEASE AND ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WESTPORT, HOMES WITH HOPE AND PROJECT RETURN

5. Item #5 was presented by Jeff Weiser, representing Homes With Hope, and Kimberly Lake and Faith Taylor, representing Project Return. The assignment is necessary due to State mandated changes related to group homes. Ms. Lake and Ms. Taylor indicated that the mission of Project Return will remain, but the population that it serves will be slightly different and older in age. The changes in the law necessitated Project Return seeking collaboration with a larger organization familiar with its mission, and that Homes With Hope will assume the terms of the Lease with the Town of Westport. The Amendment to the Lease was necessary to reflect that the use of premises changed.

Upon motion by Helen Garten, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Amendment to the Lease between the Town of Westport and Project Return, Inc., dated June 1, 2001 is hereby APPROVED.

Upon motion by Helen Garten, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Assignment and Assumption of the Lease Agreement between Project Return, Inc., Homes With Hope, Inc., and the Town of Westport as it relates to the Lease between the Town of Westport and Project Return, Inc., dated June 1, 2001, is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN TOWN OF WESTPORT AND GOLF DESIGN UNLIMITED FOR LONGSHORE GOLF COURSE BUNKER IMPROVEMENT

6. Item #6 was presented by Parks & Rec Director Jen Fava. Ms. Fava explained the need for the design and that the final result would improve both the maintenance of and player experience at Longshore. the project will be funded 100 percent by golfer's fees. Upon motion by Helen Garten, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the contract between the Town of Westport and Golf Design Unlimited for services related to the Longshore Golf Course bunker improvement project is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM 7 WITHDRAWN

APPROVE EASEMENT TO BEDFORD SQUARE ASSOCIATES FOR STORMWATER LIFT STATION ON TOWN PROPERTY AT BEDFORD SQUARE

8. Item #8 was presented by Mike Farrell of Turner Construction and David Waldman of David Adam Realty, owners of the property. Upon motion by Helen Garten, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that an easement for the benefit of Bedford Square Associates, LLC for a stormwater lift station to be located on Town property at the intersection of Post Road East and Church Lane is hereby APPROVED.

PRESENTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT
BETWEEN TOWN AND BEDFORD SQUARE ASSOCIATES, LLC

9. Item #9 was a presentation by Mike Farrell of Turner Construction and David Waldman of David Adam Realty, owner of the property. Mr. Farrell and Mr. Waldman reviewed the status of the construction activities at Bedford Square, in accordance with the Temporary Construction Easement by and between the Town of Westport and Bedford Square Associates, LLC, dated March 26, 2015. Mr. Turner indicated that the project was going well and that it was anticipated that construction would be complete by spring, 2017.

Upon motion by Avi Kaner, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Eileen Francis
Recording Secretary