

Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 22, 2020
APPROVED MINUTES

The Westport Board of Selectmen, Traffic Authority and Water Pollution Control Authority held a public meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Westport Town Hall Room 201/201A. In attendance were Jim Marpe, Jennifer Tooker, Melissa Kane, Foti Koskinas, Sam Arciola, David Farrell, Ryan Paulsson, Cyndi Palaia, members of the public, and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

MINUTES

1. Jennifer Tooker presented Item #1. Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's public meeting of January 8, 2020 and the Water Pollution Control Authority's public meeting of January 8, 2020 are hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE USE OF TOWN ROADS AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO USE CERTAIN STATE ROADS FOR 2020 ROAD RUNNERS SERIES

2. Parks & Recreation Program Manager Cyndi Palaia presented Item #2. Ms. Palaia explained that the running events and the requests for road closures are the same in years past. The Police Department confirmed it works in tandem with the event organizers to assure public safety. Upon motion by Melissa Kane, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that acting in its capacity as the Traffic Authority, and upon the request of the Parks & Recreation Director, the use of Town roads for the weekly Road Runners Series and the request for permission from the Connecticut Traffic Authority for the use of certain state roads (CT Route 136 and CT Route 1) for the August 8, August 15 and September 5, 2020 events is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE USE OF TOWN ROADS AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO CLOSE CERTAIN STATE ROADWAYS FOR THE 2020 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

3. Parks & Recreation Program Manager Cyndi Palaia presented Item #3. Ms. Palaia described the parade route and the need to close roads in advance of the start time. The route is the same as in years past. Further, Ms. Palaia and the police department representatives addressed a request to allow for handicapped access after the road closures have taken effect. Chief Koskinas stated that drivers wishing to access closed roadways on the day of the event, should speak with the officer at that closed intersection so that they may be accommodated. Further, Chief Koskinas reminded attendees to allow sufficient time to access the roads and parking areas prior to closures. There will be adequate signage directing traffic in the days leading up to the parade as well as day of. Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that acting in its capacity as the Traffic Authority, upon the request of the Parks & Recreation Director, the use of Town roads for the Annual Memorial Day Parade to be held Monday, May 25, 2020 and the request for permission from the Connecticut Traffic Authority for the use of certain state roads (CT Route 33 and CT Route 1) for the event is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF TWO (2) DONATIONS IN EXCESS OF \$5,001 TO POLICE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, the original call was amended to include an additional donation in the amount of \$13,000. The full resolution includes the amended language.

4. Police Chief Foti Koskinas presented Item #4. Chief Koskinas described the K-9 Unit's needs and how the donations are to be utilized for the care of the canines in the department. He described the "hybrid" model of how the K-9 unit is funded, in that the Town supplied various equipment, but a large portion of the funding comes from both monetary and in-kind donations. Mr. Harris Falk asked a question regarding the insurance on the canines. Chief Koskinas explained that the replacement of a dog due to death in services was covered by CIRMA, but veterinary care and supplies were not. The request to approve another donation in excess of the \$5,001 threshold was received after the meeting Notice and Agenda was posted at the Town Clerk's office. The item was added on the day of the meeting by a 3-0 affirmative vote from the Board of Selectmen. The donation in the amount of \$13,000 from Peter Suchy, is for the sole purpose of employing a part-time secretary at the animal control office. Chief Koskinas described the need for this position. Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Town of Westport Policy for Gifts to the Town, the acceptance of (i) a single monetary donation in an amount over \$5,001 (\$15,000) to the Westport Police Department K-9 Unit, and (ii) the donation in the amount of \$13,000 for the express purpose of maintaining a part time position as an aid to the Animal Control Division of the Westport Police Department for the fiscal year 2019-2020, is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF MONETARY DONATIONS UNDER \$5,001 AS ACCEPTED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019

5. Selectman's Office Manager Eileen Francis presented Item #5. In accordance with the Westport Policy for Gifts to the Town, the total of donations accepted by the First Selectman for the calendar year 2019 was \$141,072.20. These donations were accepted into the Human Services Department Accounts (i.e. WCSA, Families in Need, Back to School, Campership, et al.) as well as Police, Fire, and Parks & Recreation accounts. Upon motion by Melissa Kane, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the acceptance of monetary donations under \$5,001 accepted by the First Selectman during the calendar year 2019 is hereby APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion Melissa Kane, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

Eileen Francis
Recording Secretary