

Board of Selectmen Meeting
July 8, 2020
APPROVED MINUTES

The Westport Board of Selectmen, Traffic Authority and Water Pollution Control Authority held a public meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No. 7B, there was no physical location for this meeting. It was held electronically, live streamed on www.westportct.gov, broadcast on Westport's Optimum Government Access Channel 79 and Frontier Channel 6020, and uploaded to the website at <https://view.earthchannel.com/PlayerController.aspx?PGD=westportct&eID=1087>

In attendance were Jim Marpe, Jennifer Tooker, Melissa Kane, Eileen Flug, Peter Ratkiewich, Al D'Amura, Elaine Daignault, Ira Bloom, Peter Gelderman, presenters as noted in the minutes and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

MINUTES

1. Jen Tooker presented Item #1. There were no revision. Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's and the WPCA's Public Meeting of June 24, 2020 are hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF ART DONATION FROM ESTATE OF STEFFI FRIEDMAN

2. Kathie Bennewitz representing the Westport Arts Advisory Committee presented Item #2. Ms. Bennewitz provided a history of the artist and a description of the donated art pieces. She advised that the sculpture is appropriate for placement at Staples High School. Upon motion by Melissa Kane, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the acceptance of the bronze, *Pas des Deux* (2002) and a pair of terracotta bas reliefs, *Children's Stories I* and *Children's Stories II* (early 1990s), from the estate of Steffi Friedman to the Town of Westport Permanent Art Collection is hereby APPROVED.

REVIEW AND APPROVE ADDITIONAL DATES FOR THE USE OF THE IMPERIAL AVENUE PARKING LOT FOR A DRIVE IN MOVIE THEATRE BY REMARKABLE THEATRE.

3. Marina Derman and Doug Tirola representing Remarkable Theatre presented Item #3. They advised that the previous four events were well received and there were no issues or concerns noted by attendees or the police department. According to Al D'Amura, there were no safety or traffic concerns. The applicants requested that additional dates, and increase in the allowed numbers of vehicles, allowing seating in front of vehicles and including possible food service be reviewed and approved as a condition of application. The Board requested that the organizers specify dates and routine days of the week when the events will be presented. The Police Department also requested additional lead time for requesting the police detail. The note from the Fire Marshal and WWHD related to the potential for food trucks was discussed. Remarkable Theatre assured the Board that food trucks would not be on site for the events. The conditions of approval are included in the resolution. Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the use of Town Property known as the Imperial Avenue Parking Lot for the Remarkable Theatre's drive-in movie event(s) as approved on June 10, 2020, revised and contingent upon compliance with the following:

- 1) updated comments and safety recommendations from relevant Town departments;
- 2) additional dates to be specified to the Selectman's Office;
- 3) an increase in allowed vehicle parking;
- 4) outside vehicle seating;
- 5) an extension to September 30, 2020;
- 6) submission of updated evidence of insurance and hold harmless agreements acceptable to the Town Attorney's Office, and
- 7) in accordance with the Town Policy on the Use of Town Property, Facilities and Public Roadways

Is hereby APPROVED.

Item #4 submitted after Westport News Publication Deadline

REVIEW AND APPROVE ADDITIONAL DATES FOR THE USE OF THE IMPERIAL AVENUE PARKING LOT FOR SUPPER AND SOUL CONCERTS

4. Executive Director of the Westport Weston Chamber of Commerce Matthew Mandell presented Item, #4. Mr. Mandell indicated that the previous event ran smoothly with no issues. The Police Department confirmed. There were no calls to the advertised phone line or to the police department relative to sound complaints. Mr. Mandell stated that he was monitoring the sound throughout the event and the levels were within acceptable range, and below the levels typically emitted from the Levitt Pavilion. Mr. Mandell requested that the Board approve a set up that included additional vehicles and a later start time. Mr. Marpe stated that 9:00 PM should be the hard stop and Mr. Mandell indicated that the organizers would try to accommodate that schedule. Upon motion by Melissa Kane, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the request from the Westport Weston Chamber of Commerce to use Town property known as Imperial Avenue Parking Lot for "Supper and Soul Car Concerts", as approved by the Board of Selectmen on June 16, 2020, revised to request additional performance dates on August 7, 2020 and August 8, 2020 (rain date August 9, 2020), update the number of allowable vehicles and a start time of 7:00 PM, contingent upon compliance with comments and safety recommendations from relevant Town departments, and in accordance with the Town Policy on the Use of Town Property, Facilities and Public Roadways is hereby APPROVED.

Item #5 submitted after Westport News Publication Deadline

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO CDBG WESTPORT CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

5. Human Services Director Elaine Daignault presented Item #5. Ms. Daignault explained that the new amendments were a result of Executive Order 7B that was issued due to Covid-19. The requirement for notice deadlines for public meetings were revised. Upon motion by Melissa Kane, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the amendment to the Community Block Grant (CDBG) Program Westport Citizen Participation Plan as it relates to notice of public hearings is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO AND EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND J&M TRANSFER

6. Public Works Director Peter Ratkiewich presented Item #6. Mar. Ratkiewich explained that there are minor revisions and a minimal increase in price from the original contract. Further, the request was for a term extension on the original agreement through 2022. Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded By Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the amendment to and extension of the existing contract between the Town of Westport and J&M Transfer of Exeter, Rhode Island, for removal of sludge from the Water Pollution Control Facility is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM #7 (SUMMIT SAUGATUCK REQUEST FOR MLE) IS INCLUDED IN WPCA MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Eileen Francis, Recording Secretary