

Board of Selectmen Meeting
August 26, 2020
APPROVED MINUTES

The Westport Board of Selectmen and Water Pollution Control Authority held a public meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 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, and broadcast on Westport's Optimum Government Access Channel 79 and Frontier Channel 6020.

<https://view.earthchannel.com/PlayerController.aspx?&PGD=westportct&eID=1134>

In attendance were Jim Marpe, Jennifer Tooker, Melissa Kane, Eileen Flug, Sara Harris, Al D'Amura, presenters as noted in the minutes, and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

Melissa Kane joined late and was not in attendance during the discussion concerning the Minutes.

MINUTES

1. Jennifer Tooker presented Item #1. There was discussion on the revision of the minutes to eliminate additional commentary and narrative because the meetings are recorded and available on the website for future review. Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Jennifer Tooker and passing by a vote of 2-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meetings of July 22, 2020 and August 12, 2020 and the Water Pollution Control Authority's Meetings of July 22, 2020 and August 12, 2020 are hereby APPROVED.

Melissa Kane joined the meeting at approximately 9:10 AM.

APPROVE EXTENSION THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 2020 FOR CLOSURE OF CHURCH LANE TO ALLOW FOR OUTDOOR DINING AND ADDITIONAL PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

2. DMA President Randy Herbertson and DMA Events Coordinator Jacqui Bidgood presented Item #2. Staff Corporal Al D'Amura also provided comment on the current conditions and safety aspect of the closure relative to the barricades. Local Merchant Peter Mennona indicated his support of the extension. Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a VOTE OF 3-0, IT WAS:

RESOLVED, that the extension of the previously approved request to close the town owned roadway known as Church Lane from the intersection of Elm Street to Post Road East through September, 2020 to allow for additional pedestrian access and outdoor restaurant seating is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE CLOSURE OF PORTION OF MAIN STREET ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 FOR FITNESS ON MAIN STREET EVENT

3. DMA President Randy Herbertson and DMA Events Coordinator Jacqui Bidgood presented Item #3. Ms. Bidgood provided a schematic of the set-up of exercise classes and how it would comply with Covid protocols. Concerns and questions, including those related to insurance requirements from participants, posed by the Board were addressed. Upon motion by Melissa Kane, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the closure of the portion of Main Street (#1 Main Street to #90 Main Street) from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday, September 12, 2020 (rain date TBD) for a “Fitness Day on Main Street” program sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association, contingent upon compliance with comments, conditions 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.

APPROVE TRADEMARK LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WESTPORT AND EARTHPLACE, INC. RE SUSTAINABLE WESTPORT TRADEMARK

4. Assistant Town Attorney Eileen Flug presented Item #4. Ms. Flug summarized the terms of the agreement. Earthplace Executive Director Tony McDowell and Sustainable Westport Chair Peter Boyd commented on each organization’s respective mission and sustainability goals. Board members thanked the participants and applauded the concept and strategy both organizations employ that places Westport on the leading edge of the movement towards sustainability. Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Trademark License Agreement between the Town of Westport and Earthplace, Inc. as it relates to use of the Sustainable Westport trademark in connection with its programming to organize volunteers and raise funds to help achieve the Licensor’s goal is hereby APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Eileen Francis
Recording Secretary