

Board of Selectmen Meeting
August 11, 2021
APPROVED MINUTES

The Westport Board of Selectmen, Traffic Authority, and Water Pollution Control Authority held a public meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 9:00 AM in the Westport Town Hall Auditorium, 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport, Connecticut. It was live streamed on www.westportct.gov, and broadcast on Westport's Optimum Government Access Channel 79 and Frontier Channel 6020.

In attendance were Jim Marpe, Jennifer Tooker (via teleconference), Melissa Kane (via teleconference), Eileen Flug, Sara Harris, Michelle Perillie, Alicia Mozian, presenters as noted in the minutes, members of the public and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

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MINUTES

1. 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 meeting of July 28, 2021 are hereby APPROVED.

ITEM #2 WITHDRAWN

2. Item #2 postponed from July 28, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting – subsequently *WITHDRAWN* by Fire Marshal per letter of August 2, 2021

~~To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve a variance of Town Code Sec. 50-340-Construction Standards. (a) (3) to allow the construction of a temporary curb cut and driveway to be located on Morningside Drive South to serve as temporary emergency vehicle access to 1076 Post Road East (Post Plaza) during construction, contingent upon compliance with the Westport Fire Marshal's letter of July 16, 2021.~~

APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND ABILIS FOR 136 RIVERSIDE AVENUE

3. Chair of the Real Property Committee Helen Garten presented Item #3 via teleconference. Ms. Garten explained the process and the history of the property, the public/private cooperation and support of the project and the terms of the Lease. The Board expressed its thanks to Ms. Garten and others for the positive results. Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Lease Agreement between the Town of Westport and Abilis, Inc. as it relates to the Town owned property known as 136 Riverside Avenue is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE CONSULTING ENGAGEMENT LETTER BETWEEN THE TOWN, BOE AND MARSH & McLENNAN

4. Finance Director Gary Conrad presented Item #4. Mr. Conrad explained that this was a renewal for the services provided by Mr. Burger and that the services provided for many years have been favorable. Upon motion by Melissa Kane, seconded by Jen Tooke and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that Consulting Engagement Letter 2021-2022 between the Town of Westport and Westport BOE and Marsh & McLennan Agency and Martin S. Burger, CPCU, ARM, as it relates to insurance consulting services is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE WESTCOG MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE, 2021-2026

5. Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning Michelle Perillie and Conservation Director Alicia Mozian presented Item #5. Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, the Board APPROVED AND ADOPTED the following:

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE, 2021-2026**

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport has historically experienced severe damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of those natural hazards profiled in the plan (e.g., *flooding, high wind, thunderstorms, winter storms, earthquakes, droughts, dam failure, and wildfires*), resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport Board of Selectmen approved the previous version of the Plan in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westport and Western Connecticut Council of Governments developed and received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2021-2026 under the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, public and committee meetings were held and public input was sought in 2020 and 2021 regarding the development and review of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, 2021-2026; and

WHEREAS, the Plan specifically addresses hazard mitigation strategies and Plan maintenance procedure for the Town of Westport; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends several hazard mitigation actions/projects that will provide mitigation for specific natural hazards that impact the Town of Westport, with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make the Town of Westport eligible for funding to alleviate the impacts of future hazards; now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen:

1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Town of Westport.
2. The respective officials identified in the mitigation strategy of the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended actions assigned to them.
3. Future revisions and Plan maintenance required by 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA are hereby adopted as a part of this resolution for a period of five (5) years from the date of this resolution.

4. An annual report on the progress of the implementation elements of the Plan shall be presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Adopted this 11th day of August, 2021 by the Board of Selectmen of Town of Westport, Connecticut

*REVISION 08-10-2021 - Items 6 and 7 WITHDRAWN
TO BE SCHEDULED FOR A SPECIAL MEETING*

- ~~6. To take such action as the meeting may determine to adopt a town statement on diversity, equity and inclusivity.~~

~~WORK SESSION—DISCUSSION ONLY~~

- ~~7. To review and discuss project ideas and prioritization for American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds to be distributed to the Town of Westport.~~

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Melissa Kane, seconded by Jennifer Tooker and passing by a vote of 3-0, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM

/Eileen Francis/
Eileen Francis, Recording Secretary