

Board of Selectmen Meeting
September 22, 2021
APPROVED MINUTES

The Westport Board of Selectmen, Traffic Authority, and Water Pollution Control Authority held a public meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 9:00 AM in the Westport Town Hall Auditorium, 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport, Connecticut. In attendance were Jim Marpe, Jennifer Tooker, Melissa Kane, Eileen Flug, Cindy Palaia, Donna Douglass, Jeff Dunkerton, Ryan Paulsson, Foti Koskinas, members of the public and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

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MINUTES

1. Jennifer Tooker presented Item #1. There were no revisions. 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 Water Pollution Control Authority's meeting of September 8, 2021 are hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE USE OF TOWN PROPERTY FOR OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK TO FIGHT SUICIDE EVENT ON OCTOBER 24, 2021

2. Captain Ryan Paulsson representing the Police Department and the Applicant presented Item #2. Captain Paulsson explained the route and the coordination with the Police Department and the organizers. Because this is a new event in Westport, the organizers are not certain of the number of participants, but Sgt. Paulsson assured that the PD will manage necessary safety guidelines for all. Upon motion by Melissa Kane, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the use of Town property known as Imperial Avenue Parking Lot, Riverwalk, Jesup Road and Imperial Avenue on Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 8 am to 1 pm for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's *Out of the Darkness Walk to Fight Suicide*, contingent upon compliance with recommendations from Town departments and in accordance with Procedures for Use of Town-owned Property, Facilities and/or Public Roadways is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET & OTHER ROADWAYS ON OCTOBER 27 (RAIN DATE OCTOBER 28) FOR HALLOWEEN PARADE

3. Parks & Recreation Program Manager Cindy Palaia presented Item #3. Ms. Palaia described the plans for the parade were the same as previous years but would not include any indoor venues such as Town Hall. Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, the Board approved the original request for October 27.

Subsequent to the Board's initial approval, Police Chief Foti Koskinas spoke that the Police Department had conferred with the Parks & Recreation Department and determined that a rain date was an option. Upon Motion by Jim Marpe to amend the original approval to include a rain date as noted in the Resolution, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the closure of Main Street from Post Road to Avery Place, Avery Place to Myrtle Avenue and Myrtle Avenue from Evergreen Avenue to Main Street on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 *with a rain date of October 28, 2021* from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm for the Town Halloween Parade is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR JAMES S. MARPE TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR CLG GRANT FOR HIRING CONSULTANT

4. Historic District Commission Coordinator Donna Douglass presented Item, #4. Ms. Douglass provided an overview of the process and the purpose for the hiring of an historic preservation consultant to update and reevaluate current listings and survey for additional listings on the HRI. Upon motion by Melissa Kane, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that First Selectman James S. Marpe is empowered to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Westport a certain contract with the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development, and to affix the corporate seal, if any.

APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR JAMES S. MARPE TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT WITH CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY GRANT FOR TOWN CLERK DIGITAL IMAGING PROJECT

5. Town Clerk Jeffrey Dunkerton presented Item #5. Mr. Dunkerton explained the yearly request for the funding through a grant that will allow for converting public records to digital image allowing on-line access. Upon motion by Melissa Kane, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that First Selectman James S. Marpe is authorized to execute and deliver in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Westport, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Jim Marpe, seconded by Melissa Kane and passing by a vote of 3-0, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM

/Eileen Francis/
Eileen Francis, Recording Secretary