

Board of Selectwomen Meeting
July 27, 2022
APPROVED MINUTES

The Westport Board of Selectwomen, Local Traffic Authority, and Water Pollution Control Authority held a public meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 9:00 AM in the Westport Town Hall Auditorium, 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport, Connecticut. In attendance were Jennifer Tooker, Andrea Moore (via telephone), Candice Savin, Eileen Flug, Keith Wilberg, Donna Douglass, Michael Kronick, Christine Alison, presenters as noted in the minutes, members of the public, and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

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MINUTES

1. Jennifer Tooker presented Item #1. Upon motion by Candice Savin, seconded by Jennifer Tooker and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the Board of Selectwomen's meeting of July 13, 2022 are hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE WAIVER OF THE TOWN POLICY ON ENCROACHMENTS ON TOWN PROPERTY FOR STONE WALL AT 11 LITTLE FOX LANE (postponed from 07-13-2022).

2. Applicant Rabia Hayden presented Item # 2. Ms. Hayden stated that the questions she had previously were answered sufficiently and she was comfortable with the plans and the results of the conversation with the Town Attorney's Office and Engineering Department. Town Engineer Keith Wilberg indicated the Engineering Department's requests for additional description and survey maps that encompassed the entirety of the encroachment as well as a reasonable deadline for completion of the work were met. Upon motion by Candice Savin, seconded by Jennifer Tooker and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the request for a Waiver of the Town Policy on Encroachments on Town Property as it relates to an existing stone wall located within the Town right-of way at 11 Little Fox Lane, contingent upon compliance with comments and requirements from relevant town departments, is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE WAIVER TO THE WESTPORT DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO THE DRIVEWAY AT 64 LONG LOTS ROAD

3. Applicants Richard and Carol Anderson presented Item #3. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson stated that the driveway was constructed prior to their occupancy of the residence, that the extra width does provide a level of safety for ingress and egress onto the busy roadway and re-constructing the driveway would be an excessive cost and response to the conditions. Town Engineer Keith Wilberg stated that, although the driveway does not conform with the ordinance, there are no significant engineering impacts that would preclude maintaining it in its current layout. Upon motion by Candice Savin, seconded by Jennifer Tooker and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the request for a waiver to the Westport Driveway Ordinance (Town Code Sec. 50-340, Article II. Driveways) as it relates to the driveway at 64 Long Lots Road is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH PALEOWEST, LLC FOR PRESERVATION PLAN

4. HDC Coordinator Donna Douglass presented Item #4. Ms. Douglass explained that the consultant was a requirement of the submitted grant application. The preservation plan would provide a guide for the town and the future of potential historic designations. Upon motion by Candice Savin, seconded by Jennifer Tooker, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Consulting Agreement between the Town of Westport and PaleoWest, LLC for the preparation of a town-wide preservation plan as described in the Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant Application is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN TOWN AND MARION BODY WORKS, INC FOR 2 - 2024 CUSTOM RESCUE ENGINES

5. Fire Chief Michael Kronick presented Item #5. Chief Kronick indicated that the replacement of the 2001 engines was necessary, they were planned replacements and were at the end-of-life. He further explained that the purchasing costs and the manufacturing of the engines was very volatile at the moment due to inflation, and that any delay could potentially cause increased costs as well as a delay in acquisition of the completed vehicles. He noted that Marion Body Works is a preferred vendor and the funding bodies have approved the appropriation. Upon motion by Candice Savin, seconded by Jennifer Tooker and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that upon the request of the Fire Chief, the contract between the Town of Westport and Marion Body Works, Inc. for two (2) 2024 Spartan Metrostar-Marion Custom Rescue Engines is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENTS OF 2020 AND 2021 TAXES

6. Tax Collector Christine Alison presented Item #6. Ms. Alison explained the reasons why certain taxpayers requested refunds, including sale of properties or transfer of motor vehicles. Upon motion by Candice Savin, seconded by Jennifer Tooker and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Tax Collector and in accordance with C.G.S. Sec. 12-129, the refunds of overpayments of 2020 and 2021 Grand List Year Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle taxes, as presented, are hereby APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Candice Savin, seconded by Jennifer Tooker and passing by a vote of 3-0, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM

/Eileen Francis/
Eileen Francis, Recording Secretary