



WESTPORT

**TOWN OF WESTPORT**  
**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING**  
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**PACKET**  
**OCTOBER 12, 2023**  
**06:00 PM**



TOWN OF WESTPORT

## REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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### Call

All Representative Town Meeting members and inhabitants of the Town of Westport are hereby notified that a special meeting of the Representative Town Meeting members will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6pm. for the purposes listed below. There is no physical location for this meeting. It will be held electronically.

### SPECIAL NOTICE ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR THIS ELECTRONIC MEETING:

There will not be a physical location for this meeting. This meeting will be held electronically and live streamed on westportct.gov and shown on Optimum Government Access Channel 79 and Frontier Channel 6020. Meeting materials will be available at westportct.gov along with the meeting notice posted on the Meeting List & Calendar page.

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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### Item # 1

To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the request of the Finance Director, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Westport and Local 1303-194, Parks & Rec., Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO for the period covering July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, and to appropriate the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

Attachment: [Collective Bargaining Tentative Agreement Summary- Item \\_ 1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Draft New Contract- Item \\_ 1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [RTM Employee Compensation Finance Parks \\_ Rec Public Protection Committees Report- Item \\_ 1.pdf](#)

## General Attachments

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**RTM Special Meeting  
October 12, 2023**

**RESOLUTIONS**

(1)

**RESOLVED:** That upon the request of the Finance Director, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Westport and Local 1303-194, Council #4, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO for the period covering July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027 is hereby approved and the sum of \$105,084,00 to the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget is hereby appropriated.

SUMMARY OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED  
WITH LOCAL 1303-194, PARK & REC., COUNCIL #4, AFSCME

The Tentative Agreement is dated September 1, 2023. The Union ratified it on September 15, 2023.

Summary of the major terms is as follows:

- Provides for four years of wage increases effective and retroactive as follows:

7/1/23:	3%
7/1/24:	2.95%
7/1/25:	2.85%
7/1/26:	2.85%

- Remove Steps 1 and 2 for Classifications I and II only.

- Increase Employee Premium Share as follows:

7/1/23:	15% (same as last year)
7/1/24	15.5%
7/1/25:	16%
7/1/26:	16.5%

- Increase Sick Leave Award by \$50 based on sick leave accrual and usage. (Current max award is \$400 for employee with 20 or more years, middle award is \$200 for employee with 10 to 14 years.)

- Increase clothing allowance from \$550 to \$600 per year.

- Move Master Mechanic from Classification VIII to Classification IX.

- Create Step 2 for EMT and Paramedics with 6 years of service as of 7/1/23, and effective 7/1/23, Step 2 is 2.5% above current rate before the general wage increase is applied.

Create Step 3 for EMT's and Paramedics with 12 years' service as of 7/1/23, which is 5% above current rate before the general wage increase is applied.

Parks and Rec LOCAL 1303- 194 COUNCIL 4	6/30/2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	Total Cumulative Cost
<b>SALARY INCREASES</b>						
Date of Birth	Hire Date	PG	Step	Salary		
Total Base salaries	1,872,626	1,958,825	2,028,201	2,098,261	2,166,741	8,252,028
		4.60%	3.54%	3.45%	3.26%	
	Cost per year	86,199	69,376	70,060	68,480	294,115
Overtime	437,012	457,128	473,318	489,668	505,649	1,925,764
	Cost per year	20,116	16,190	16,350	15,981	68,637
Total Payroll	2,309,638	2,415,953	2,501,519	2,587,929	2,672,390	10,177,792
Overall Increase %		4.60%	3.54%	3.45%	3.26%	
Salary Increase %		3.00%	2.95%	2.85%	2.85%	
Step Increase%		1.60%	0.59%	0.60%	0.41%	
<b>Contact Settlement Costs</b>						
SS/Medicare	176,687	8,133	14,679	21,289	27,751	
W/C	31,411	1,446	2,610	3,785	4,933	
	208,098	9,579	17,289	25,074	32,684	84,626
Salary Increases	0	86,199	69,376	70,060	68,480	294,115
Overtime	0	20,116	16,190	16,350	15,981	68,637
FICA & WC	0	9,579	17,289	25,074	32,684	84,626
Uniform Allowance \$50 per person	0	600	600	600	600	2,400
Sick Leave \$50 per person	0	600	600	600	600	2,400
	0	117,094	104,055	112,684	118,345	452,178
Additional Premium Share	18,994	0	633	632	633	1,898
	0	0	633	632	633	1,898
Total Cost	2,536,730	117,094	103,422	112,052	117,712	450,280
		4.62%	3.90%	4.06%	4.10%	
<b>Appropriation Amount</b>						
<b>Budget</b>			\$ 117,094			
			\$ 90,206			

WAGE SCALES 2019 - 2023 EFFECTIVE JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR INDICATED									
CLASSIFICATION	FY	%Inc.	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
I Laborer/Custodian	19/20	2.50%	\$48,772	\$ 51,210	\$53,770	\$56,457	\$59,281	\$62,244	\$65,356
	20/21	2.50%	\$49,991	\$52,490	\$55,115	\$57,868	\$60,763	\$63,800	\$66,990
	21/22	2.50%	\$51,241	\$53,803	\$56,493	\$59,315	\$62,282	\$65,395	\$68,665
	22/23	2.50%	\$52,522	\$55,148	\$57,905	\$60,798	\$63,839	\$67,030	\$70,381
	23/24	3.00%			\$59,642	\$62,622	\$65,754	\$69,041	\$72,492
	24/25	2.95%			61,402	64,469	67,694	71,078	74,631
	25/26	2.85%			63,152	66,307	69,623	73,103	76,758
	26/27	2.85%			64,951	68,196	71,607	75,187	78,946
II Driver/Laborer	19/20	2.50%	\$ 51,209	\$53,767	\$56,457	\$ 59,281	\$62,244	\$65,354	\$68,623
	20/21	2.50%	\$52,489	\$55,112	\$57,868	\$60,763	\$63,800	\$66,988	\$70,338
	21/22	2.50%	\$53,801	\$56,489	\$ 59,315	\$62,282	\$65,395	\$68,663	\$72,097
	22/23	2.50%	\$55,146	\$57,902	\$60,798	\$63,839	\$67,030	\$70,379	\$73,899
	23/24	3.00%			\$62,622	\$65,754	\$69,041	\$72,490	\$76,116
	24/25	2.95%			64,469	67,694	71,078	74,629	78,361
	25/26	2.85%			66,307	69,623	73,103	76,756	80,595
	26/27	2.85%			68,196	71,607	75,187	78,943	82,892
III Asst. Mechanic	19/20	2.50%	\$53,770	\$56,458	\$59,280	\$62,244	\$65,356	\$68,623	\$72,051
Equipment Operator	20/21	2.50%	\$55,115	\$57,869	\$60,762	\$63,800	\$66,990	\$70,338	\$73,853
Grounds Specialist	21/22	2.50%	\$56,493	\$59,316	\$ 62,281	\$65,395	\$68,665	\$72,097	\$75,699
Head Custodian	22/23	2.50%	\$57,905	\$60,799	\$63,838	\$67,030	\$ 70,381	\$73,899	\$77,591
	23/24	3.00%	59,642	\$62,623	\$65,753	\$69,041	\$72,492	\$76,116	\$79,919
	24/25	2.95%	61,402	64,470	67,693	71,078	74,631	78,361	82,276
	25/26	2.85%	63,152	66,308	69,622	73,103	76,758	80,595	84,621
	26/27	2.85%	64,951	68,198	71,606	75,187	78,946	82,892	87,033
IV Dock master	19/20	2.50%	\$56,457	\$59,279	\$62,244	\$65,356	\$68,623	\$72,051	\$75,654
Equipment	20/21	2.50%	\$57,868	\$60,761	\$63,800	\$66,990	\$70,338	\$73,853	\$77,546
	21/22	2.50%	\$59,315	\$62,280	\$65,395	\$68,665	\$72,097	\$75,699	\$79,484
	22/23	2.50%	\$60,798	\$63,837	\$67,030	\$ 70,381	\$73,899	\$77,591	\$81,471
	23/24	3.00%	62,622	\$65,752	\$69,041	\$72,492	\$76,116	\$79,919	\$83,915
	24/25	2.95%	64,469	67,692	71,078	74,631	78,361	82,276	86,391
	25/26	2.85%	66,307	69,621	73,103	76,758	80,595	84,621	88,853
	26/27	2.85%	68,196	71,605	75,187	78,946	82,892	87,033	91,385



	FY	Step1	Step1	Step 2	Step 2		
	22/23	2.50%	\$82,759	6 Years of Service +2.5%	12 Years of Service +5.0%		
<b>VI EMT</b>	19/20	2.50%	\$ 79,434				
<b>Crew Chief</b>	20/21	2.50%	\$81,420				
	21/22	2.50%	\$ 83,456				
	<b>22/23</b>	2.50%	\$ 85,542	\$ 87,681	\$ 89,819	July 1, 2023 Eff Pay	
	<b>23/24</b>	3.00%	\$ 88,108	\$ 90,311	\$ 92,514		
	<b>24/25</b>	2.95%	\$ 90,707	\$ 92,975	\$ 95,243		
	<b>25/26</b>	2.85%	\$ 93,293	\$ 95,625	\$ 97,957		
	<b>26/27</b>	2.85%	\$ 95,951	\$ 98,350	\$ 100,749		
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<b>VI-A EMT Hired After</b>	19/20	2.50%	\$50,562				
<b>7/01/2017 Crew Chief*</b>	20/21	2.50%	\$51,518	\$ 52,806	\$ 54,094	July 1, 2023 Eff Pay	
	<b>23/24</b>	3.00%	\$ 53,064	\$ 54,390	\$ 55,717		
	<b>24/25</b>	2.95%	\$ 54,629	\$ 55,995	\$ 57,360		
	<b>25/26</b>	2.85%	\$ 56,186	\$ 57,590	\$ 58,995		
	<b>26/27</b>	2.85%	\$ 57,787	\$ 59,232	\$ 60,676		
<b>VII Paramedic</b>	19/20	2.50%	\$81,101				
	20/21	2.50%	\$ 83129				
	21/22	2.50%	\$85,207				
	<b>22/23</b>	2.50%	\$87,337	\$ 89,520	\$ 91,704	July 1, 2023 Eff Pay	
	<b>23/24</b>	3.00%	\$ 89,957	\$ 92,206	\$ 94,455		
	<b>24/25</b>	2.95%	\$ 92,611	\$ 94,926	\$ 97,241		
	<b>25/26</b>	2.85%	\$ 95,250	\$ 97,632	\$ 100,013		
	<b>26/27</b>	2.85%	\$ 97,965	\$ 100,414	\$ 102,863		
<b>VIII Foreman</b>	19/20	2.50%	\$80,929				
	20/21	2.50%	\$82,952				
	21/22	2.50%	\$85,026				
	<b>22/23</b>	2.50%	\$87,151				
	<b>23/24</b>	3.00%	\$ 89,766				
	<b>24/25</b>	2.95%	\$ 92,414				
	<b>25/26</b>	2.85%	\$ 95,047				
	<b>26/27</b>	2.85%	\$ 97,756				
	19/20	2.50%	\$88,993				
<b>Senior Foreman</b>	20/21	2.50%	\$91,218				
<b>Master Mechanic (From V</b>	21/22	2.50%	\$93,498				
	22/23	2.50%	\$95,836				
	<b>23/24</b>	3.00%	\$ 98,711				
	<b>24/25</b>	2.95%	\$ 101,623				
	<b>25/26</b>	2.85%	\$ 104,519				
	<b>26/27</b>	2.85%	\$ 107,498				
<b>IX EMT Coordinator</b>	19/20	2.50%	\$88,993				
	20/21	2.50%	\$91,218				
	21/22	2.50%	\$93,498				
	<b>22/23</b>	2.50%	\$95,836	\$ 98,232	\$100,628	July 1, 2023 Eff Pay	
	<b>23/24</b>	3.00%	\$ 98,711	\$ 101,179	\$ 103,647		
	<b>24/25</b>	2.95%	\$ 101,623	\$ 104,164	\$ 106,704		
	<b>25/26</b>	2.85%	\$ 104,519	\$ 107,132	\$ 109,745		
	<b>26/27</b>	2.85%	\$ 107,498	\$ 110,186	\$ 112,873		

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**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE TOWN OF WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT  
AND  
LOCAL 1303-194, COUNCIL #4  
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY  
AND  
MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES  
AFL-CIO**

**JULY 1, ~~2019~~2023 - JUNE 30, ~~2023~~2027**

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AGREEMENT made by and between the TOWN OF WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT (hereinafter referred to as "TOWN"), and LOCAL 1303-194 OF COUNCIL #4, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, (hereinafter referred to as "UNION")

WHEREAS, the UNION was organized and designed to maintain and promote a harmonious relationship between the TOWN and its employees covered by this Agreement in order that more efficient and progressive public service may be rendered; and

WHEREAS, the UNION has been designated in Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations, Decision No. 2163-A, dated April 26, 1983, as the collective bargaining representative of a unit of employees of the TOWN as more specifically hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the parties, pursuant to the requirements of the Municipal Employees Relations Act, concluded negotiations in good faith on all matters properly subject to collective bargaining;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I  
RECOGNITION**

The TOWN recognizes the UNION as the exclusive representative, for purposes of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours and other conditions of employment, of all regular full time and regular part time employees employed by the TOWN in the classifications provided in the Wage Schedule. Regular part time employees are defined to include only those employees employed on an annual basis to work twenty (20) or more hours a week on a continuous and regular work schedule. Part time employees employed to work less than twenty (20) hours per week or seasonally less than a full year are specifically excluded from coverage of this Agreement. Permanent employees as used hereinafter shall be defined as regular full time and regular part time employees who have successfully completed their probationary period.

**ARTICLE II  
DUES, CHECK-OFF**

**SECTION 1.**

The TOWN agrees to deduct from the paycheck of each employee, who has agreed to join the UNION and has voluntarily signed an authorized payroll deduction card, a sum, certified by the President of the UNION, as UNION dues. Deduction will be made from the payroll periodically as specified on the card and total dues shall be delivered to the authorized bank as designated by the UNION. Each deduction shall be made from the first payroll of each month except when the employee is not on the payroll for that period. The TOWN shall not be responsible for deducting any member's dues if he/she is not on the payroll during the specific deduction payroll period.

The UNION agrees to save the TOWN harmless for any loss, damage or expense arising from the application of the provisions of this article.

**ARTICLE III  
EMPLOYEE STATUS**

**SECTION 1. PROBATIONARY PERIODS**

Any new employee shall have a probationary period of six (6) months (which may be extended by management up to 3 months) during which time he/she shall be evaluated at the end of the third and sixth month. New employees shall not be entitled to benefits during their probationary period except for the following: a) holiday pay for those holidays specified in Article VI, which may occur during said probationary period, b) earned vacation according to Article VII and c) sick leave earned during the probationary period earned at the rate of one (1) day per month. Upon satisfactory completion of the probationary period he/she shall be classified a permanent employee, regular full time or regular part time. During the probationary period, an employee may be terminated with or without cause and without recourse to the grievance and arbitration provisions of this Agreement.

Probationary period for a promotion shall be three (3) months. Any promoted employee who fails the three (3) month probationary period shall be returned to his/her former position.

**SECTION 2. LAYOFFS**

- a) In the event of a reduction in the work force or the abolishment of a position, the employee with the least seniority within the classification in the department shall be laid off first. The TOWN agrees to place the affected employees in a vacant position provided the employee is qualified for the position. In the event that the vacancy would result in a demotion (reduction in classification and/or pay grade), the employee shall have the option to accept the layoff or the demotion. In the case of an employee who accepts a demotion in lieu of layoff, it is understood that such employee shall have his/her seniority rights and recall rights as if he/she had accepted a layoff.
- b) A laid off employee shall have recall rights for a period of one (1) year from the date of layoff. Such recall rights shall be based on seniority i.e., last laid off, first reinstated. Recall rights shall apply to the department from which the employee was laid off.
- c) If a vacancy exists in a department for which no employee is on recall, then all laid off employees may apply, except that if an employee is on layoff from a position in one department and the classification in a different department is vacant, that employee shall have preference based on seniority. Such recall shall be subject to a three (3) month probationary period.

- d) A laid off employee has the right to bump a less senior employee in a lower classification within the department, provided he/she is capable of performing the required work in the reasonable judgment of the TOWN.

**SECTION 3. DISCHARGE**

No permanent employee shall be discharged or otherwise disciplined except for just cause. In the event of a discharge or other disciplinary action, the employee shall be given the reason therefore in writing within seven (7) calendar days, and a copy shall be mailed or given to the UNION. Depending on the nature of the infraction, disciplinary action may include a verbal or written warning, suspension without pay or discharge. All disciplinary action shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

**SECTION 4. NOTICE OF VACANCY**

Notice of vacancies and/or new positions covered by this Agreement shall be posted on TOWN bulletin boards at each location to which employees regularly report and sent to the president of the UNION three (3) working days prior to any other public announcement. Such notices shall include job classification, rate range and job requirements, and qualifications for that classification as determined by the TOWN.

**SECTION 5. TRANSFER, PROMOTIONS AND NEW POSITIONS**

Present employees who apply for a vacancy or a new position within the bargaining unit shall be considered prior to all other candidates. In filling a vacancy or a new position, qualifications, and departmental and town wide seniority respectively, shall be given consideration. If an involuntary permanent transfer shall become necessary, the employee with the least classification seniority in the department from which the transfer is being made, shall be transferred first. Employees desiring a permanent transfer within the same job classification shall so inform the Personnel Director in writing.

**ARTICLE IV  
HOURS OF WORK**

**SECTION 1.**

A regular part time employee covered by this Agreement shall be scheduled by his/her respective department head as approved by the First Selectman.

**SECTION 2.**

- a) The normal work week for all regular full time employees, except as set forth in Schedule A, shall be a five (5) day, forty (40) hour work week from Monday through Friday. Daily hours for such forty (40) hour employees shall be from 8:00:00 a.m. to 4:30:30 p.m. including a one-half (1/2) hour meal period. All other regular full time employees shall work the hours set forth in Schedule A, to include a one-half (1/2) hour meal period.
- b) Each employee shall be entitled to one 15-minute break in the morning and one 15-minute break in the afternoon. Breaks shall normally be taken at 10:00 a.m.

and 2:00 p.m. except that the time may change subject to the needs of a particular job.

- c) By consent of the parties the particular employee's workday hours and times of break may be adjusted based on the needs of the Department and/or for mutual convenience. Consent for such adjustment shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**SECTION 3.**

Work performed by regular full time employees beyond eight (8) hours in any one (1) day or forty (40) hours in any week shall be compensated at one and one-half (1½) times the regular hourly rate of pay. All overtime work must be approved in advance by the department head or his/her designee.

**SECTION 4.**

Work performed by regular full time employees on Sunday will be compensated at two (2) times the regular hourly rate of the employee except for those employees whose regular schedules include Sunday.

**SECTION 5.**

Work performed on a holiday, shall be compensated at two (2) times the regular hourly rate of the employee in addition to holiday pay; or in lieu of such holiday pay the employee may elect to take compensatory time at straight time. Compensatory time off for holiday work will be selected by the employee with the approval of the department head or his/her designee.

**SECTION 6.**

Employees regularly scheduled to work on Easter Sunday, shall be paid at the rate of two (2) times their hourly rate for the hours worked that day.

**SECTION 7.**

Overtime and call back lists shall be established, maintained and posted in order that such overtime and call back work be offered to and distributed as equally as possible on a rotating basis within a department or a division by classification. In the event that overtime work is required and all employees on the overtime roster have refused such overtime, the employee first offered the overtime shall be required to perform such work unless excused, in which case, the TOWN may use other sources.

**ARTICLE V  
WAGES AND BENEFITS**

**SECTION 1.**

Annual wages effective July 1, 2019-2023 through June 30, 2023-2027 and the classifications covered by this Agreement are set forth in Wage Schedules attached hereto. The annual rate of pay of each employee and whatever additional pay to which he/she is entitled shall be divided into twenty-four (24) payments which are as nearly equal as possible, and shall be paid to such employee on the 15th and the last day of

every month, or the legal full banking day prior to the 15th or last day of the month, should those dates fall on a weekend or a holiday. All wages will be paid through Direct Deposit.

**SECTION 2. INCREMENT FORMULA**

- a) An employee hired prior to January 1 in any fiscal year shall be entitled to a full step in the applicable salary schedule on the following July 1; an employee hired between January 1st and March 31st in any fiscal year shall be entitled to a one-half (½) step in the applicable salary schedule on the following July 1st and shall be entitled to one and one-half (1½) steps the following July 1st; and an employee hired between April 1st and June 30th shall not be entitled to a step increase on the next following July 1st. In no event, shall a step increase be granted until completion of a probationary period nor shall any step increase for any employee exceed the top step of the applicable salary schedule.
- b) A promoted employee shall be placed in the appropriate salary grade at a step which is closest to but greater than his/her current rate of pay.
- c) A demoted employee shall be placed in the appropriate salary grade at a step which is closest to but not greater than his/her current rate of pay.

**SECTION 3. MEDICAL, DENTAL AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG INSURANCE**

(21) The Town will provide the Lumenos High Deductible Plan (HDHP) with a health savings account (HSA) with deductibles of \$2,000/\$4,000 funded 50% by the Employer for full time active employees.

(32) Employees participating in the HDHP/HSA contribute towards the cost of the plan as follows:

July 1, <del>2019</del> 2023	12%15%
July 1, <del>2020</del> 2024	13%15.5%
July 1, <del>2021</del> 2025	14%16%
July 1, <del>2022</del> 2026	15%16.5%

- b) Each regular full time employee shall be eligible for Family coverage under the Blue Cross Flexible Dental Plan. The maximum dental benefit is One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).
- c) Regular 10-month employees shall be eligible to participate in the same medical, dental and prescription drug insurance, for Single Plus One coverage by paying the percentage of the cost of coverage specified in a) above for twelve (12) months. Such employees shall be entitled to purchase Family coverage by paying, in addition to the costs specified in a) above for Single Plus One coverage, 100% of



the difference in cost between Single Plus One and Family coverage.

Other regular part- time employees shall be eligible for the same medical and dental insurance for Single coverage by paying the percentage of the cost of coverage specified in a) above. Such employees shall be entitled to purchase Single Plus One or Family coverage by paying, in addition to the costs specified in a) above for Single coverage, 100% of the difference in cost between Single and Single Plus One coverage, or 100% of the difference in cost between Single and Family coverage.

- d) Reference to a specific health insurance provider shall be intended solely as a point of reference for benefits, and shall not obligate the TOWN to provide benefits through any particular provider.
- e) The Town reserves the right to change health plans or carriers, provided that the replacement plan is substantially equal on an overall basis in terms of benefits.
- f) If an employee proves that he is paying for similar coverage for hospital service and medical service, as set forth in Section 1, the Town shall be relieved of its responsibilities to provide coverage and the employee will not be responsible for the cost sharing contribution set forth herein for so long as the employee maintains similar coverage.
- g) Prescription benefits under the HSA shall be provided through a prescription benefit manager ("PBM") designated by the Town. "

The health and medical as herein specified provided by the Town shall include a contribution, under Section 125 of the IRS Code, by a covered employee in an amount equal to a percentage of the premium cost as defined in this Section for the health and medical coverage as follows:

**SECTION 4. PRODUCTIVITY AWARD**

An employee shall be eligible for an award bonus if he/she has met the criteria for the program described in Schedule B.

**SECTION 5. LIFE INSURANCE**

The TOWN shall provide and pay for Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) group life insurance policy for each regular full time and regular part time employee.

**SECTION 6. RETIREMENT HEALTH INSURANCE**

For employees who were hired before July 14, 2017, shall upon retirement from the employment of the TOWN, shall be permitted to continue coverage as available for retired employees under said medical and dental insurance at the individual's cost as provided in the Westport Municipal Employees' Retirement Plan; and provided further, that such coverage shall continue only during such period of time as the retiree is not employed elsewhere wherein similar benefits are available. Employees hired after July 14, 2017 are

not eligible for retiree health insurance.

**SECTION 7. WAIVER OF HEALTH INSURANCE**

- (1) The Town agrees to pay each employee who is eligible and who declines health and prescription coverage, and who is not covered by another Town sponsored plan, an annual stipend for opting out of Single coverage, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) Single Plus One, Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) and for Family, Three Thousand (\$3,000).
- (2) The employee must show proof that he/she has medical coverage when there is a federal or state mandate that individuals maintain health insurance.
- (3) The stipend will be paid every second pay period in July. Should an employee terminate, the Town retains the right to recover, on a pro rata basis, the amount paid from any monies owed the employee such as vacation pay.

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**ARTICLE VI  
PAID HOLIDAYS**

**SECTION 1.**

Regular full time and regular part time employees shall be paid for and have the following designated days off as holidays:

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Independence Day                                    | New Year's Eve Day     |
| <del>Juneteenth</del> <del>Labor Day</del>          | New Year's Day         |
| <del>Labor Day</del> <del>Columbus Day</del>        | Martin Luther King Day |
| <del>Columbus Day</del> <del>Veterans Day</del>     | Presidents Day         |
| <del>Veterans Day</del> <del>Thanksgiving Day</del> | Memorial Day           |
| <del>Thanksgiving Day</del>                         |                        |
| Day after Thanksgiving                              |                        |
| Last full workday before Christmas                  |                        |
| Christmas Day                                       |                        |

**SECTION 2.**

A regular part time employee shall be paid holiday pay on the basis of his/her average daily hours worked during the previous fiscal year.

**SECTION 3.**

If any of the listed holidays falls on a Sunday; the following Monday shall be considered the holiday. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, the Friday before shall be considered the holiday. If any of the listed holidays falls on a scheduled vacation day, the employee shall

be given an extra day off.

**ARTICLE VII  
VACATIONS**

**SECTION 1.**

- a) A permanent employee who has completed one (1) or more years of service as of each July 1 shall receive two (2) weeks' vacation with pay. An employee with less than one-year service on July 1 shall receive vacation on a pro-rata basis.
- b) An employee who has completed two (2) years of service as of July 1 shall receive three (3) weeks' vacation pay.
- c) An employee, who was hired prior to July 1, 2012, who has completed eleven (11) or more years of service as of July 1 shall receive the following working days of vacation:

<u>COMPLETED SERVICE</u>	<u>EARNED VACATION</u>
Eleven (11) years	Sixteen (16) days
Twelve (12) years	Seventeen (17) days
Thirteen (13) years	Eighteen (18) days
Fourteen (14) years	Nineteen (19) days
Fifteen (15) years	Twenty (20) days
Twenty-one (21) years	Twenty-one (21) days
Twenty-two (22) years	Twenty-two (22) days
Twenty-three (23) years	Twenty-three (23) days
Twenty-four (24) years	Twenty-four (24) days
Twenty-five (25) years	Twenty-five (25) days

An employee, who was hired on or after July 1, 2012, who has completed eleven (11) or more years of service as of July 1 shall receive the following working days of vacation:

<u>COMPLETED SERVICE</u>	<u>EARNED VACATION</u>
Eleven (11) years	Sixteen (16) days
Twelve (12) years	Seventeen (17) days
Thirteen (13) years	Eighteen (18) days
Fourteen (14) years	Nineteen (19) days
Fifteen (15) years	Twenty (20) days
Twenty-five (25) years	Twenty-five (25) days

**SECTION 2. WHEN VACATIONS ARE TAKEN**

- a) Vacations shall be taken in the fiscal year following the year in which it was earned except that special permission may be granted by the First Selectman for an employee to carry over unused vacation from one year only to the next following year.
- b) An employee shall be granted vacation for the time requested subject to the approval of the Department Head and the demands of service. In the event of conflict between two or more employees requesting the same vacation period, seniority shall govern. No vacation request shall be unreasonably denied. In the event there is any unused vacation by March 1 in any fiscal year the balance shall be scheduled by March 31 to be used prior to June 30.

**SECTION 3.**

An employee shall be entitled to earned vacation pay if he/she resigns from his/her position with not less than fourteen (14) calendar days' notice. An employee discharged for cause shall not be entitled to a vacation payout.

**SECTION 4.**

Regular part time employees who are covered by this Agreement shall receive vacation benefits on a pro-rata basis and shall be paid vacation pay on the basis of his/her average weekly hours (or average daily hours where applicable) worked during the previous fiscal year.

**ARTICLE VIII  
LEAVE PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1. SICK LEAVE**

Each permanent employee shall be entitled to accumulated sick leave with pay at the rate of one (1) day per month from the date of employment provided, however, the TOWN may require satisfactory proof of illness when sick leave is taken. An employee may charge to his/her sick leave accrual up to two (2) days of absence in a fiscal year due to an illness of a spouse or child requiring the presence of such employee.

Upon the expiration of accumulated sick leave at full pay, employees will be entitled to leave for a serious health condition at the rate of one -half (1/2) pay as follows:

<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>	<u>WORKING DAYS AT 1/2 PAY</u>
0-3 Years	30
3 or more	60

Each regular part time employee shall be entitled to sick leave on the same basis except that the compensation therefore shall be based on the average daily hours worked during the previous fiscal year.

**SECTION 2.**

The First Selectman, for reasonable cause, may extend any of the above for not more than three (3) successive twelve (12) day periods if the employee is unable to return to work because of sickness upon expiration of his/her sick leave.

If any employee uses all of his/her sick leave and any extensions and he/she is not eligible to be placed on pension, the First Selectman may grant the employee sick leave without pay for a maximum time of one (1) year. He/she will be reinstated, if he/she is able to return to work before his/her leave terminated, upon physician's certification to perform his/her duties without loss of rank, seniority rights or any privileges.

**SECTION 3. INJURY LEAVE UP TO MAXIMUM RECOVERY**

Each employee who is injured or disabled in the performance of his/her duties shall be entitled after ten (10) work days' absence to injury leave with full pay (not to be charged to earned sick leave) less Workers' Compensation from the date of injury until such time as he/she is able to return to duty or reaches the point of maximum recovery, whichever comes first. In no event shall such injury leave exceed twelve (12) months for any individual injury. Nothing herein shall affect rights or benefits under existing Workers' Compensation law. If such employee is unable to return to duty, he/she shall be eligible for a disability pension, under the Pension Plan, if qualified.

**SECTION 4. FUNERAL LEAVE**

Three (3) days special leave with pay shall be granted to attend a wake, funeral or memorial services for a death in the immediate family. Should the leave period include days not scheduled normally as work days, only the actual work days necessary to complete the three (3) day period shall be allowed. Immediate family shall mean wife, husband, sister, brother, father, mother, grandparents, children, grandchildren, and mother, father or children of the current spouse. Extensions may be given for just cause by the First Selectman or his/her designee.

One (1) day special leave with pay shall be granted in the event of death of a relative not included in the definition of immediate family.

**SECTION 5. ACCUMULATED VACATION AND PAY AT DEATH**

In the event of the death of an employee, if the deceased employee has unused or earned vacation time due him/her, his/her spouse shall receive the accumulated time in monetary value. In addition to any other payments or benefits to which he/she may be entitled, the spouse of any employee who dies during the term of this Agreement shall receive the next four (4) weeks' pay following the employee's last earned pay. If such employee is not survived by a spouse, such terminal pay and vacation pay shall be paid to his/her estate.

**SECTION 6. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY**

The First Selectman may grant a leave of absence without pay not to exceed one (1) year to an employee who requests such leave in writing for valid personal reasons. Leave shall not be unreasonably withheld and terms of the leave shall be specified in the letter granting the leave. Leave for other employment shall not be grounds for leave of absence.

During a leave of absence there shall be no accrual of time for pension purposes. All health benefits and life insurance may be continued at the expense of the employee.

**SECTION 7. PERSONAL LEAVE**

An employee with the prior approval of the head of the department (except in an emergency) shall be entitled to three (3) personal leave days in each fiscal year for personal business. New Hire probationary employees may not take personal leave during the probationary period.

**SECTION 8. MILITARY LEAVE**

Any employee required to serve on military duty for training because of membership in the National Guard or in the Reserve of the U.S. Armed Forces shall be granted time off to meet the required military obligation but not to exceed thirty (30) days in any one calendar year. In the event the military base pay for any such duty for training is less than the normal wages from the TOWN for the same period, said employee shall be paid the difference by the TOWN.

**SECTION 9.**

Maternity Leave shall be granted in accordance with state statutes.

**ARTICLE IX  
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

The purpose of this procedure is to provide an orderly method of adjusting grievances within the time limits specified. Any employee having a grievance concerning the interpretation or application of any provision of this Agreement may seek adjustment under this grievance procedure by filing a summary of his/her particular grievance in writing with his/her immediate superior within fifteen (15) calendar days after the occurrence of the grievance or from the date the employee knew or should have known of the incident giving rise to the grievance. The UNION shall have the right to institute or withdraw from any grievance.

Time limits specified herein may be extended by mutual agreement in writing between the president of the UNION and the TOWN. Such agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld by either party.

**STEP 1. EMPLOYEE TO DEPARTMENT HEAD**

The employee and the UNION steward or both shall present to the Department Head all facts available pertaining to the problem. Within seven (7) calendar days the Department Head shall address the problem or notify the employee and/or his/her representative of his/her decision.

**STEP 2. TO THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR**

If the employee and the UNION feel there should be further review, the facts pertaining to the problem shall be presented to the Personnel Director in writing by the steward

within seven (7) calendar days after a decision is rendered under Step 1. The Personnel Director shall review the problem and discuss it with the employee and his/her representative and within seven (7) calendar days render his/her decision in writing.

**STEP 3. TO THE FIRST SELECTMAN**

If the employee and the UNION feel further review is necessary, the UNION shall within seven (7) calendar days after a decision is rendered under Step 2, request a meeting with the First Selectman. The First Selectman shall, within seven (7) calendar days thereafter call meeting of all the parties concerned and the UNION'S Grievance Committee and discuss the problem fully. The First Selectman may render a decision in writing, either at the end of the meeting or within seven (7) calendar days after the meeting to the Representative of the UNION.

**STEP 4. ARBITRATION**

In the event the employee and the UNION feel that further review is justified, he/she shall within fifteen (15) calendar days after the First Selectman renders his/her decision file notice of appeal to submit the matter to arbitration by the Connecticut State Board of Mediation and Arbitration. The decision of the Board shall be final and binding on both parties. Each party shall be liable for their own share of expenses and any general expenses of the arbitration not applicable to either party shall be mutually shared by both parties. The Arbitration Board shall have no authority to amend, modify, alter or otherwise change the language of the Agreement.

**ARTICLE X  
NO STRIKE-NO LOCKOUT**

During the life of this Agreement, there shall be no strike, slowdown, suspension or stoppage of work in any part of the TOWN'S operation by employees or employee, nor shall there be any lockout by the TOWN in any part of the TOWN'S operation.

**ARTICLE XI  
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement the TOWN of Westport reserves all rights of management, whether by statute or otherwise, to direct and control the operation of the TOWN facilities and the TOWN employees including, but not limited to, the rights to: to determine the standards of services to be offered by TOWN employees; to determine the standards of selection for TOWN employment; to direct its employees and to take disciplinary action against them; to relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons; to issue rules, policies and regulations, including those affecting working conditions; from time to time, to change those rules, policies and regulations and enforce them; to maintain the efficiency of governmental operations; to determine work schedules; to determine the methods, means and personnel by which the TOWN's operations are to be conducted; to determine the content of job classifications; to exercise complete control and discretion over its organization and technology of performing its work; and to fulfill all of its legal

responsibilities subject to bargaining impact as may be required by MERA.

**ARTICLE XII  
UNION BUSINESS**

**SECTION 1.**

The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the UNION shall have super-seniority during their tenure in office in the event of a layoff in their respective departments. Irrespective of seniority, they shall be the last to be laid off.

**SECTION 2.**

With the prior notice to the TOWN, the duly elected officers of the UNION specified in Section 1 who are TOWN employees may be granted time off without loss of pay to attend to UNION business up to a maximum of nine (9) days total for all such officers in each year of this Agreement. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Such nine (9) days shall be exclusive of any time required to process grievances under the Agreement.

**SECTION 3.**

- a) Grievant and a UNION steward or one officer shall be granted necessary time off without loss of pay at Step 1 and Step 2 of the Grievance Procedures.
- b) Grievant, one steward and one officer of the UNION shall be granted necessary time off without loss of pay to attend a grievance hearing at Step 3 and Step 4.
- c) A Staff Representative of Council #4, AFSCME, shall be entitled to attend grievance hearings at Step 3 and Step 4.

**ARTICLE XIII  
PENSION PLAN and 401(k) PLAN**

- a) The parties agree that the document entitled "Retirement Plan for Municipal Employees of the Town of Westport," adopted July 1, 1966, and as last amended July 1, 1993 shall be incorporated herein, as part of this collective bargaining agreement. Only employees hired before July 14, 2017 are eligible for the pension plan. Employees hired on or after July 14, 2017 will participate in the Town of Westport Defined Contribution Plan.
- b) The employee contributions to the said Pension Plan shall be 5.5% of base pay effective July 1, 2019 and 6.0% effective July 1, 2020, through payroll deductions.
- c) An employee who has accrued unused sick time at his/her retirement date, shall have unused sick time, to a maximum of sixty (60) days, included in said employees "credited service" under the aforesaid "Retirement Plan for the Town of Westport," sixty (60) days of accumulated sick time will entitle the employee to three (3) calendar months of credited service for benefit computation. If the employee has less than sixty (60) days in unused sick time prior to retirement date,



no sick time may be included as credited services for the purpose of retirement.

- d) An employee hired on or after July 14, 2017 is eligible to participate in the Town of Westport Defined Contribution Plan. The employee shall contribute 5.0% of base wages and the Town will match the contributions up to a maximum of 5.0%
- d) Effective July 1, 2007 employees are entitled to participate in "The Town of Westport 401k Plan" under the terms and conditions of that Plan.

**ARTICLE XIV  
MISCELLANEOUS**

**SECTION 1. JURY DUTY**

Leave for jury duty shall be granted without loss of pay except that any remuneration received by the employee for such jury duty shall be deducted from his/her pay so that in no event, can the total amount exceed a regular day's pay. The employer reserves the right to have the employee excused from jury duty.

**SECTION 2. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE**

- a) All employees covered by this Agreement, (except EMS), shall receive a work clothing reimbursement to be used in the fiscal year in which it is received in the amount of ~~\$550.00~~\$600.00, to be expended for appropriate articles of clothing related to their employment, which shall include safety shoes, and subject to the rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the First Selectman or his/her designee.

Any employee hired after July 1 but prior to December 31, shall receive \$100.00 upon hire for the purchase of safety shoes. Upon becoming a permanent employee, the employee shall receive the balance of the clothing allowance for that fiscal year. An employee hired on or after January 1, shall receive \$100 upon hire but shall not be entitled to any additional clothing allowance in that fiscal year.

- b) Rain gear shall be provided as needed to employees required to work outdoors in inclement weather.
- c) Designated employees are required to wear the logo clothing which will be issued (without charge) as noted below:

	<u>INITIAL ISSUE</u>	<u>ANNUALLY THEREAFTER</u>
T-Shirts	5	5

Golf Shirts	3	1
Sweat Shirts	2	1
Jackets	1	1

Semi-Annually (Sept. 15 and Mar. 15) employees may purchase additional items from their respective clothing allowances at pre-established prices. Clothing worn must be clean and presentable (without holes, tears, or alterations).

d) Allowances and reimbursements under this Section 2 shall be by direct deposit or check.

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**SECTION 3. SAFETY**

- a) Helmets shall be furnished to employees on the job wherever overhead hazards exist.
- b) It shall be mandatory for all employees who receive reimbursement for safety shoes to wear these shoes as required during working hours. Failure to wear required safety shoes or equipment (such as eye protection, ear protection, safety vests, chaps, etc. as appropriate) shall make the employee subject to proper disciplinary action.
- c) Should an employee complain that his/her work requires him/her to be in an unsafe or unhealthy situation in violation of acceptable safety rules, the matter shall be considered immediately by the representative of the TOWN. If the matter is not adjusted satisfactorily, the grievance may be processed according to the grievance procedures of this Agreement.

**SECTION 4. CALL BACK**

An off-duty employee, (except EMS) called for emergency work shall be given a minimum of four (4) hours work at one and one-half (1½) times his/her regular hourly rate of pay. If call back occurs on Sunday or holiday, pay is at two (2) times his/her regular hourly rate of pay.

**SECTION 5. MEAL REIMBURSEMENT**

Whenever employees (except EMS) are required to perform emergency duty duly authorized by the Department Head or his/her designee, the TOWN shall provide reimbursement for meals as follows:

- a) When an employee is required to stay on duty and work through the scheduled lunch period.
- b) When an employee is required to stay on duty after 4:30 p.m. and work past the 6:00 p.m. meal hour.
- c) When an employee is required to stay on duty and work through the midnight to 1:00 a.m. period.
- d) When an employee is required to stay on duty and, work past 6:00 am.

The TOWN shall not provide reimbursement for meals during emergency duty as follows:

- a) No noon meal if an employee goes off duty at or before noontime and reports for duty later.
- b) No evening meal if an employee goes off duty at or before 4:30 p.m. and reports for duty later.
- c) No midnight meal if an employee goes off duty at or before midnight
- d) No morning meal if an employee goes off duty at or before 6:00 am.

The maximum allowance for each meal shall be:

Breakfast	Four Dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50)
Lunch	Seven Dollars (\$7.00)
Dinner	Eight Dollars (\$8.00)
Midnight Meal	Seven Dollars (\$7.00)

Each bill must include amount, date and time of meal, signature of the employee and the Department Head or his/her respective designee.

**SECTION 6. MILEAGE ALLOWANCE**

Any employee required to use his/her automobile for TOWN business shall be reimbursed at the same rate as other TOWN employees as determined by the First Selectman.

**SECTION 7. EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT**

In the event the First Selectman requires an employee to attend or participate in any course of study or out of town program for purposes of improving job skills, then the TOWN agrees to reimburse such employee for all reasonable cost associated with attendance.

**SECTION 8. INFORMATION TO MEMBERS**

A copy of this Agreement, a copy of the Retirement Plan, the Defined Contribution Plan and the 401(k) Plan shall be posted on the Town's website. Employees desiring a printed copy of the contract may obtain one from the personnel office. Employees shall be provided with an Annual Statement of the employee's contribution to the Retirement Plan as of June 30th and an annual statement of unused accumulated leave balance.

**SECTION 9. NOTIFICATION TO UNION**

- a) As soon as possible after July 1, the TOWN shall submit to the UNION a list of employees by Department, showing the employee's classification and length of service within the TOWN and the employee's current salary and pay grade. Any probationary period shall be included in determining length of service.
- b) The TOWN agrees to notify the UNION of the date of hiring, termination, permanent transfer and/or promotion of employees covered by the Agreement within thirty (30) days of such occurrence with notification as to classification and rate step.

**SECTION 10. WORKING IN HIGHER CLASSIFICATION**

An employee temporarily assigned by the Department Head or his/her designee to work in a higher classification for more than four (4) hours in a day shall receive an increment on his/her scale equivalent to 5% for all such hours worked.

**SECTION 11. EMERGENCY CALL BACK PROTECTION**

The TOWN agrees to save an employee harmless from any claim for damages to person or property and to pay for damages to an employee's automobile, not otherwise covered by insurance, resulting from an accident which occurs when an employee is enroute to or returning from an emergency call back in his/her own automobile, provided that the TOWN shall not be liable for such damages if the accident was caused by willful negligence on the part of such employee.

**SECTION 12. DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING**

Employees shall be subject to reasonable suspicion drug testing [excluding EMT and Paramedic employees who effective on ratification will be subject to the Westport Police Department Alcohol and Substance Abuse/Drug and Alcohol Testing General Order 4.06.](#)

**ARTICLE XV  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE**

**SECTION 1. TRAINING DAYS**

Each EMT and EMT Coordinator shall be entitled to a maximum of eight (8) days in each Fiscal Year as compensation for In-Service training. Such days shall be taken as approved by the Director at the convenience of the Department.

Each training session will be credited at a minimum of four (4) hours.

Training days to be classified "training days" shall be scheduled and posted a minimum of one (1) week in advance except shorter notice may be given for just cause.

**SECTION 2. CLOTHING**

The EMT and EMT Coordinator shall receive a clothing allowance of \$625.00 such amount being advanced immediately upon employment, to purchase necessary uniform and equipment. In addition, the TOWN shall provide the necessary patches and rockers for the uniforms.

**SECTION 3. CALL BACK**

Each off-duty EMT and the EMT Coordinator called in for emergency work shall be given a minimum of four (4) hours work at one and one-half (1½) times his regular hourly rate of pay.

**SECTION 4. WORK ON A HOLIDAY**

Effective July 1, 2007 any EMT, or EMT Coordinator who works on a Holiday listed under

ARTICLE VI shall receive his/her regular salary for the day plus one additional day at the straight time rate. In addition, any overtime worked on a Holiday shall be paid at time and one-half (1.5).

**ARTICLE XVI  
SUBCONTRACTING**

Before the TOWN enters into any new Agreement to subcontract any work that is presently being performed by members of the bargaining unit, it shall discuss with the bargaining unit why the TOWN is contemplating the subcontracting of the bargaining unit's work.

**ARTICLE XVII  
SAVINGS CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unlawful by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

**ARTICLE XVIII  
DURATION**

| Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement shall be effective July 1, [20192023](#).  
| Thereafter, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect without reopening of any kind through June 30, [20232027](#).

It shall continue from year to year thereafter, unless either party gives notice to the other of its intention to change, modify or terminate this Agreement, which notice to the other party must be given in writing at least six (6) months prior to its termination.

**SCHEDULE A  
WORK SCHEDULES – VARIOUS**

**WORK SCHEDULES - VARIOUS**

Employees in the following positions shall work the schedule listed below and this shall be considered their normal work schedule.

**MARINA PERSONNEL**

Personnel regularly assigned to duty at the marinas shall, from the beginning of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day work weekends and holidays, except during the weeks when he/she is granted a Saturday/Sunday weekend off. Such overtime on scheduled days off shall first be offered to those employees regularly assigned to those duties. Scheduled days off between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend, shall be mutually agreed upon and satisfy department needs. Any work performed on scheduled days off, shall be paid at the respective overtime rates.

**Parks Maintenance Personnel**

Scheduled Overtime – An employee working scheduled overtime shall be given a minimum of three (3) hours work at one and one half (1 ½) times his/her regular hourly rate of pay. If work occurs on Sunday or holiday, pay is at two (2) times his/her regular hourly rate of pay. Work on holidays includes the addition of holiday pay. Scheduled overtime is to be distributed utilizing the established overtime and call back list (refer to ARTICLE IV SECTION 7).

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL**

Forty (40) hours per week as scheduled by the Chief of Police or his designee. Overtime provisions for over eight (8) hour day and Sunday will not apply, but overtime for more than forty (40) hours/week shall be at time and one half.

**POLICE EQUIPMENT MECHANIC**

Monday - Friday. 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**BUILDING CUSTODIANS**

Police Dept.	7:00 AM - 3:30 PM Monday - Friday or 3:00 PM - 11:30 PM Monday -Friday
Railroad Parking	10:00 AM - 6:30 PM Monday - Friday
Town Hall	6:30 AM - 3:00 PM Monday - Friday or 3:00 PM - 11:30 PM Monday - Friday

**SCHEDULE B  
SICK LEAVE AWARD**

Effective July 1 of each fiscal year, employees shall be eligible for an award bonus if he/she has achieved the years of service, sick leave accrual and maximum sick leave usage as shown below:

REQUIRED YEARS OF SERVICE	REQUIRED ACCRUED SICK LEAVE	SICK LEAVE USED (JULY 1 – JUNE 30)	AWARD**
5 to 9 Years	30 days	4 or fewer days	\$100
	"	5 " " "	\$140
	"	6 " " "	\$130
	0	0	\$100
10 to 14 Years	60-50 days	4 or fewer days	\$200
	"	5 " " "	\$225
	"	6 " " "	\$200
	0	0	\$150
15 to 19-20 or more Years	90-75 days	4 or fewer days	\$300
	"	5 " " "	\$330
	"	6 " " "	\$275
	0	0	\$200
20 or more Years	120 days	4 or fewer days	\$400
	"	5 " " "	\$350
	"	6 " " "	\$300
	0	0	\$200

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\*\*Awards will be disbursed in a lump sum in the first pay period in December of the fiscal year following the year in which it was earned. For example, an award made in December 1996 would be based on required years of service and required accumulated sick leave as of July 1, 1995 and the number of days of sick leave used for the period July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996. Such awards shall not be included in calculations for pension purposes

FOR THE TOWN OF WESTPORT

FOR THE UNION  
LOCAL 1303-194  
COUNCIL #4 AFSCME

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[James S. Marpe](#) [Jennifer Tooker](#)  
First Selectwoman

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Edward Frawley, President  
Local 1303-194, Council #4

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[Ralph M. Chetcuti](#) [Gary G. Conrad](#)  
Personnel Director

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Paul Lavelle  
Union Representative

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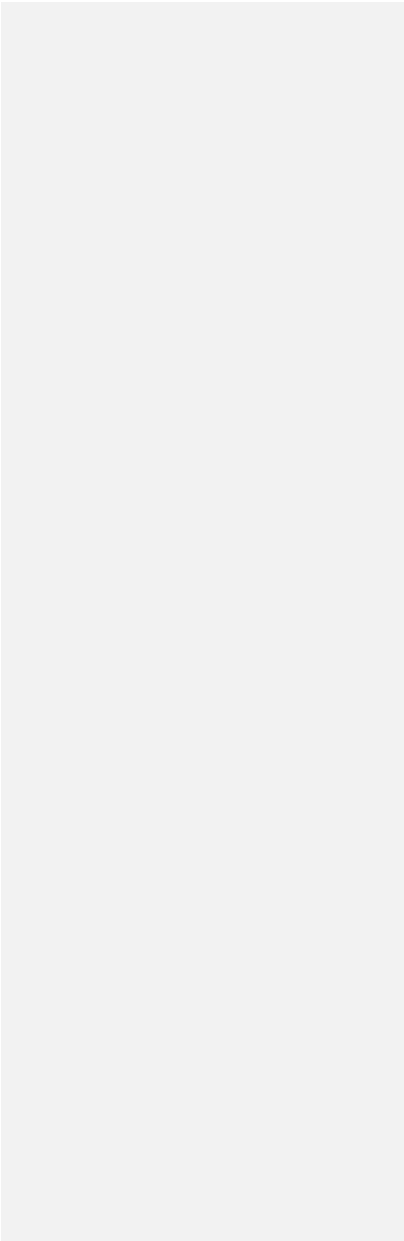
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The above is a true and attest copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the TOWN OF WESTPORT and LOCAL 1303-194, COUNCIL 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Patricia H. Strauss](#) [Jeffrey M. Dunkerton](#)  
Town Clerk



**WAGE SCALES 2019 - 2023**



**RTM Employee Compensation, Finance, Parks & Recreation and Public Protection Committees  
Joint Report**

**Tentative Agreement with Local 1303-194  
Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 7:00PM via Zoom**

**10/12 /23**

**RTM Members Present**

Employee Compensation Committee (6 of 8)

Louis Mall, Chair; Candace Banks; Jimmy Izzo; Nancy Kail; Jay Keenan; Julie Whamond. Absent: Don O'Day; Michael Perry.

Finance Committee (4 of 7)

Seth Braunstein, Chair; Lyn Hogan; Nancy Kail; Stephen Shackelford. Absent: Rachel Cohn; Noah Hammond; Don O'Day;

Parks & Recreation Committee (8 of 11)

Chris Tait, Chair; Jamie Bairaktaris; Jessica Bram Seth Braunstein; Andrew Colabella; Jimmy Izzo ; Sal Liccone; Kristin Purcell; Julie Whamond. Absent: Rachel Cohn; Noah Hammond.

Public Protection Committee (8 of 10)

Jimmy Izzo, Chair; Candace Banks; Andrew Colabella; Karen Kramer; Sal Liccione; Louis Mall; Stephen Shackelford; Claudia Shaum. Absent: Noah Hammond; Richard Lowenstein.

**Presenters in Attendance**

Gary Conrad, Finance Director, Town of Westport

Foti Koskinas, Chief of Police

David Farrell, Deputy Chief of Police

Jen Fava, Director of Parks and Recreation

**Others in Attendance**

Jeff Gootman, Fire Department

Nick Marsan, Fire Department

The RTM Employee Compensation, Finance, Parks & Recreation and Public Protection committees met together via Zoom "to recommend to the full RTM to approve the tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Westport and Local 1303-194, Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027 and to appropriate the sum of \$105,084 to the 2023-24 fiscal budget.

**Presentation:**

Gary Conrad, Finance Director for the Town, presented results of the negotiations. There were 3 sessions, very friendly and productive. Other members of the negotiating team, Chief Koskinas, Deputy Chief Farrell, and Director of Parks & Rec Jen Fava concurred.

This is a complex union group comprising 8 paramedics who along with 25-40 unpaid volunteers, provide Westport with Emergency Medical Service. It also includes 28

Parks and Rec employees and various police and service vehicle mechanics. It was noted that a bump in steps and pay grade was essential to retain an important group of our employees

Summary of the major financial terms is as follows:

- Provides for four years of wage increases effective and retroactive as follows:
 

7/1/23:	3%
7/1/24:	2.95%
7/1/25:	2.85%
7/1/26:	2.85%
- Increase Employee Premium Share as follows:
 

7/1/23:	15% (same as last year)
7/1/24:	15.5%
7/1/25:	16%
7/1/26:	16.5%

**Discussion**

During the discussion of hiring and retention, drug testing was brought up and highlighted for RTM members.

**SECTION 12. DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING**

**Employees shall be subject to reasonable suspicion drug testing excluding EMT and Paramedic employees who effective on ratification will be subject to the Westport Police Department Alcohol and Substance Abuse/Drug and Alcohol Testing General Order 4.06.**

Members of the RTM asked questions and sought clarification on the policy, including testing for marijuana, which this does. This issue is of particular interest and support from members of the Public Protection Committee

**Action**

Therefore, motions from all four Committees in favor of recommending approval of the proposed resolution, Jay Keenan/Jimmy Izzo (EE Comp); Seth Braunstein/Nancy Kail (Finance); Sal Liccione/Andrew Colabella (Parks & Rec); Andrew Colabella/Candace Banks(Public Protection) passed as follows:

- Employee Compensation: 6 – 0 in favor,
- Finance: 4 – 0 in favor,
- Parks & Rec 8 - 0 – 1,
- Public Protection: 8 – 0 in favor,

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.  
Respectfully written and submitted,

Louis M. Mall, D2, EE Compensation chair