

Board of Selectmen
February 24, 2016
APPROVED MINUTES

The Board of Selectmen, Traffic Authority and Water Pollution Control Authority held a public hearing on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 307/309 of the Westport Town Hall. In attendance were Jim Marpe, Avi Kaner, Helen Garten, Gail Kelly, Steve Edwards, Alicia Mozian, Andy Kingsbury, Dewey Loselle, presenters as noted in the minutes, members of the public, and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

MINUTES

1. Item #1 was presented by Avi Kaner. There were no revisions. Upon motion by Helen Garten, seconded by Helen Garten and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's public hearing of February 10, 2016 are hereby APPROVED.

2. ITEM #2 WAS WITHDRAWN

ADOPT 2016-2021 SOUTHWESTERN REGION NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

3. Item #3 was presented by Fire Chief Andy Kingsbury, Conservation Director Alicia Mozian, Michael Towle of WestCOG, and a representative from Milone & MacBroom. The presenters provided background and historical perspective. The Plan Update provides comprehensive strategies and recommendations relative to, among other things, hazard mitigation, natural disaster awareness, potential regulation updates, and public utility coordination. In addition, adoption of the Plan enables the Town to apply for relevant grant funding. Upon motion by Helen Garten, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the 2016-2021 Southwestern Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update resolution (as attached) is hereby ADOPTED.

APPROVE RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK – DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM (CDBG-DR) GRANT

4. Item #4 was presented by Operations Director Dewey Loselle. Mr. Loselle explained the purpose of the grant and how the funding would be applied to the described project(s) which will be to conduct flood resiliency planning and stream analysis. Public Works Director Steve Edwards provided additional information relative to engineering aspects of the planned projects. Upon motion by Helen Garten, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen is:

- 1) cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and
- 2) that the action of the First Selectman in filing the application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing for the amount of \$650,000 is hereby approved and ratified, and the First Selectman is hereby authorized to provide such additional information and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner; to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance and any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Westport.

APPOINT ALTERNATE FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE WESTPORT BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

5. Item #5 was presented by Assistant Town Attorney Gail Kelly. Upon motion by Helen Garten, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 9-199 (b), the following electors of the Town of Westport:

Robert Bass (R)
Sharon Silver (D)
Candice Savin (D)

are hereby APPOINTED as alternate members of the Westport Board of Assessment Appeals for terms effective March 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016.

6. ITEM #6 (ADDENDUM 1) WAS WITHDRAWN
7. ITEM #7 (ADDENDUM #2) WAS WITHDRAWN

Upon motion by Avi Kaner, seconded by Jim Marpe and passing by a vote of 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Eileen Francis
Recording Secretary