

RTM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 7, 2024
7:30 p.m. Westport Town Hall

The Call

1. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the estimate and recommendation of the Board of Finance, to adopt a budget for the Town of Westport for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and to make such specific appropriations as appear advisable.

2. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, to adopt a budget for the Town Railroad Parking Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and to make such specific appropriations as appear advisable.

3. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, to adopt a budget for the Town Sewer Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and to make such specific appropriations as appear advisable.

4. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, to adopt a budget for the Wakeman Town Farm Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and to make such specific appropriations as appear advisable.

5. To take such action as the meeting may determine, to require that property taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, shall be due and payable in four quarterly installments, and to designate the dates of the first days of July, October, January, and April as the dates upon which such installments shall be due and payable, and that all taxes in an amount of \$100 or less shall be due and payable in a single installment on the first day of July.

6. To take such action as the meeting may determine to require that the motor vehicle tax shall be due and payable in a single installment.

7. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectwomen and in accordance with Section 2 (C) of the Policy for Gifts to the Town, to approve the acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$30,000 from an anonymous donor for deposit to the Police Department K-9 Unit.

8. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and a request by the Director of Public Works, to approve an appropriation of \$440,000 from the Sewer Reserve Fund for the Replacement of 2 Maintenance Lifts Located at Pump Station #10 (Greens Farms Rd) and Pump Station #11 (Compo Road South).

9. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and a request by the Director of Public Works, to approve an appropriation of \$121,000 along with bond and note authorization to the Municipal Improvement Fund for the Final Design and Construction Documents for Cross Highway culvert over Deadman Brook.

10. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and a request by the Director of Public Works, to approve an appropriation of \$630,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund for design and permitting of the redevelopment of Jesup Green and the Imperial Lot.

11. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the petition request of at least 20 Westport electors, to require that a Committee be appointed to review the DPIC plans for both Parker Harding and Jesup Green, the scope of the work and the associated costs; and to consider the merits and costs associated with feasible alternatives to what is being proposed by the DPIC, including a parking deck at the Baldwin lot; and to report its findings to the entire membership for such action as may be appropriate.

The Meeting called to order 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: There are 36 RTM members present.

Voting on the following resolutions:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education's budget items as recommended by the Board of Finance and approved or amended by the Representative Town Meeting be adopted and the sum of **\$151,736,102** for the Board of Education Budget is hereby appropriated to meet expenditures;

By show of hands, the motion passes unanimously 36 - 0.

The second part of that Agenda Item:

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town of Westport General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as recommended by the Board of Finance and approved or amended by the Representative Town Meeting, be adopted and the sum of the Board of Education Budget, the First Selectwoman's Budget, and the Other Agencies and Organizations Budget in the amount of **\$243,144,077** is hereby appropriated to meet

expenditures and that for the purpose of raising a tax on the Grand List of 2024, the sum of **\$243,144,077** is hereby appropriated.

By show of hands, the motion passes unanimously 36 - 0.

10. RESOLVED: That upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and a request by the Director of Public Works, the sum of \$630,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund for design and permitting of the redevelopment of Jesup Green and the Imperial Lot is hereby appropriated.

Kristin Purcell made a motion to amend the resolution, Candace Banks seconded.

Amended Resolution:

RESOLVED: To take such action as the meeting may determine upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance and a request by the Director of Public Works, to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$630,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund for the design of Jesup Green, the Imperial Lot, the police station land and the exploration of a green parking structure north or south of Post Road.

Jennifer Johnson made a motion to postpone vote on Kristin Purcell's amendment, Liccione seconded.

By roll call vote, Failed 7-28

Vote to amend main resolution

By roll call vote, amended motion passed 25-10.

Vote to continue meeting with a new agenda item past 11:00 PM

By roll call vote, Failed 15-18-2

The meeting adjourned at 1:28am.

Discussion to accept item #10 amended motion as the main motion on Wednesday, May 8th.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey M. Dunkerton
Town Clerk

Roll Call		Item #10	Motion made by Purcell			
Dist	First	Last	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain
1	Andrew	Bloom	X			
	Matthew	Mandell	X			
	Kristin	Purcell	X			
	Chris	Tait	X			
2	Jay	Keenan	X			
	Melissa	Levy		X		
	Louis	Mall	X			
	Michael	Perry	X			
3	Ross	Burkhardt	Absent			
	Jimmy	Izzo	X			
	Pam	Kopack	X			
	Don	O'Day	X			
4	Andrew	Colabella	X			
	Noah	Hammond		X		
	Clarence	Hayes		X		
	Jeff	Wieser	X			
5	Peter	Gold		X		
	Karen	Kramer	X			
	Richard	Lowenstein	X			
	Claudia	Shaum	X			
6	Candace	Banks	X			
	Seth	Braunstein		X		
	David	Rosenwaks		X		
	Alma	Sarelli	X			
7	Brandi	Briggs	X			
	Lauren	Karpf	X			
	Jack	Klinge	X			
	Ellen	Lautenberg	X			
8	Wendy	Batteau	X			
	Ari	Benmoshe	X			
	Rachel	Cohn		X		
	Julie	Whamond	X			
9	Jennifer	Johnson		X		
	Nancy	Kail	X			
	Sal	Liccione		X		
	Kristin	Schneeman		X		
		36	25	10	0	0

Roll Call		Item #10	Motion by Johnson to Postpone Vote on Purcell's Amendment			
Dist	First	Last	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain
1	Andrew	Bloom		X		
	Matthew	Mandell		X		
	Kristin	Purcell		X		
	Chris	Tait		X		
2	Jay	Keenan		X		
	Melissa	Levy	X			
	Louis	Mall		X		
	Michael	Perry		X		
3	Ross	Burkhardt	Absent			
	Jimmy	Izzo		X		
	Pam	Kopack		X		
	Don	O'Day		X		
4	Andrew	Colabella		X		
	Noah	Hammond		X		
	Clarence	Hayes	X			
	Jeff	Wieser		X		
5	Peter	Gold	X			
	Karen	Kramer		X		
	Richard	Lowenstein	X			
	Claudia	Shaum		X		
6	Candace	Banks		X		
	Seth	Braunstein		X		
	David	Rosenwaks		X		
	Alma	Sarelli		X		
7	Brandi	Briggs		X		
	Lauren	Karpf		X		
	Jack	Klinge		X		
	Ellen	Lautenberg		X		
8	Wendy	Batteau		X		
	Ari	Benmoshe		X		
	Rachel	Cohn	X			
	Julie	Whamond		X		
9	Jennifer	Johnson	X			
	Nancy	Kail		X		
	Sal	Liccione	X			
	Kristin	Schneeman		X		
		36	7	28	0	0

Roll Call		Item #11	Vote to Continue the Meeting with a new item past 11			
Dist	First	Last	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain
1	Andrew	Bloom		X		
	Matthew	Mandell				X
	Kristin	Purcell	X			
	Chris	Tait	X			
2	Jay	Keenan	X			
	Melissa	Levy		X		
	Louis	Mall	X			
	Michael	Perry	X			
3	Ross	Burkhardt	Absent			
	Jimmy	Izzo	X			
	Pam	Kopack	X			
	Don	O'Day	X			
4	Andrew	Colabella	X			
	Noah	Hammond	X			
	Clarence	Hayes		X		
	Jeff	Wieser		X		
5	Peter	Gold		X		
	Karen	Kramer		X		
	Richard	Lowenstein		X		
	Claudia	Shaum		X		
6	Candace	Banks	X			
	Seth	Braunstein		X		
	David	Rosenwaks	X			
	Alma	Sarelli		X		
7	Brandi	Briggs	X			
	Lauren	Karpf	X			
	Jack	Klinge	X			
	Ellen	Lautenberg		X		
8	Wendy	Batteau		X		
	Ari	Benmoshe		X		
	Rachel	Cohn		X		
	Julie	Whamond				X
9	Jennifer	Johnson		X		
	Nancy	Kail		X		
	Sal	Liccione		X		
	Kristin	Schneeman		X		
		36	15	18	0	2