

**RTM Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 8, 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 35 RTM members present.

Voting on the following resolutions:

**10. 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.

Lauren Karpf's amendment seconded by Seth Braunstein

**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. As part of the design phase, the Town will prioritize pursuing an alternative to the Planning and Zoning coastal site plan approval, specifically the Jesup Green portion of the approval.

**By roll call vote, Failed 6-29**

Melissa Levy's amendment seconded by Clarence Hayes

**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 of \$630,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund for the design of the redevelopment of Taylor parking lot, Imperial lot, Police Station land, and exploration of structured parking using an updated parking study. In addition, we are unanimously eliminating the option for the design or creation of parking on Jesup Green.

**By roll call vote, Failed 10-25**

Wendy Batteau's amendment seconded by Peter Gold

**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 is hereby appropriated; provided, however, that no portion of the funds shall be used to design parking on any portion of Jesup Green.

**By roll call vote, passed 17-13-5**

Vote on amended motion as main motion

**By roll call vote, amended motion passed 23-12**

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**RESOLVED:** That upon the petition request of at least 20 Westport electors, a Committee is hereby 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.

**By roll call vote, Failed 5-26-1. Mr. Wieser abstained.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey M. Dunkerton  
Town Clerk

<b>Roll Call</b>		<b>#10 - Lauren Karpf's Amendment</b>				
Dist	First	Last	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain
1	Andrew	Bloom	X			
	Matthew	Mandell				
	Kristin	Purcell		X		
	Chris	Tait		X		
2	Jay	Keenan		X		
	Melissa	Levy	X			
	Louis	Mall		X		
	Michael	Perry		X		
3	Ross	Burkhardt		X		
	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	6	29	0	0

<b>Roll Call</b>		<b>Item #10</b>	Melissa Levy's Amendment			
Dist	First	Last	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain
1	Andrew	Bloom		X		
	Matthew	Mandell				
	Kristin	Purcell		X		
	Chris	Tait		X		
2	Jay	Keenan		X		
	Melissa	Levy	X			
	Louis	Mall		X		
	Michael	Perry		X		
3	Ross	Burkhardt	X			
	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	10	25	0	0

<b>Roll Call</b>		<b>Item #10</b>	Wendy Batteau's Amendment			
Dist	First	Last	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain
1	Andrew	Bloom	X			
	Matthew	Mandell				
	Kristin	Purcell	X			
	Chris	Tait	X			
2	Jay	Keenan		X		
	Melissa	Levy		X		
	Louis	Mall		X		
	Michael	Perry		X		
3	Ross	Burkhardt	X			
	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	17	13	0	5

<b>Roll Call</b>		<b>Item #10</b>	Vote on Underlying Resolution as Amended by Batteau's Motion			
Dist	First	Last	Yea	Nay	Recuse	Abstain
1	Andrew	Bloom	X			
	Matthew	Mandell				
	Kristin	Purcell	X			
	Chris	Tait	X			
2	Jay	Keenan		X		
	Melissa	Levy		X		
	Louis	Mall		X		
	Michael	Perry	X			
3	Ross	Burkhardt	X			
	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	23	12	0	0