

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY – November 6, 2018**

Members Present: Shana M. Shufelt, Chair
Steven J. Ouellette, Vice Chair
Ann E. Boxler, Clerk
Brian T. Valcourt
Richard W. Brewer
Also Present: Timothy King, Town Administrator

Select Board Chair Shufelt called the meeting to order at 6:08 P.M. in the Westport Town Hall, 2nd floor meeting room, 816 Main Road, Westport, MA.

Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance

Chair's Announcement – The Chair announced that under the provisions of MGL Chapter 30A, section 20(f), the meeting was being recorded by community cable television. The Website Everythingwestport.com was also video recording.

Ms. Shufelt explained how the December 4, 2018 date was chosen. Due to the fact that the High School Auditorium was not available on the 11th and due to the related year end issues for assessing and Tax Collection, the 18th was too late in the month, the 4th was the only alternative.

Ms. Shufelt stated she also checked with the moderator. The articles are what were discussed at the last meeting. Ms. Shufelt asked Mr. King what the funding sources were. He said the stabilization fund or levy limit could support these items. State aid for the Horseneck Beach land may be available.

Ms. Shufelt read the petition article into the record. Counsel advised to act on the administrative action as it is a lawfully submitted petition. The merits are not to be discussed at this time.

Motion by Mr. Ouellette to approve the warrant with four articles and with the correction in Article 4 of the word the damage to drainage. Second by Mr. Valcourt. The Board vote 5-0 in favor. Articles follow:

Action Items

Review and approve for posting Special Town Meeting Warrant for Tuesday December 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Westport High School containing the following articles (see attached):

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$60,000, or any other sum, for the design, project oversight and replacement of the Westport Briggs Road Fire Station roof, including all expenses incidental and related, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$65,000 for the purpose of funding a contract with a consultant to assist and otherwise advise the Treasurer with regard to the operation of the Treasurer's office including any necessary and related costs and expenses related thereto or to take any other action related thereto.

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ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$30,000 or any other amount to pay the cost of insurance deductibles for claims filed against the town, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

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ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the construction and repair of storm water drainage from the Westport Elementary School presently dumping on adjacent private property at 783 Gifford Road and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised and appropriated, transferred from available funds, or by borrowing, or otherwise, and/or take any other action available thereto.

BY PETITION

Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting

Ms. Shufelt stated that the campground committee asked to purchase the campground property. She stated that they recommended an appraiser.

Mr. Ingoldsby and Nancy Stanton-Cross were present. Mr. Ingoldsby asked the logistics of a town meeting. He thought that he could place an article on the warrant. Discussion ensued over there not being enough time to formulate a dollar amount.

Mr. Ouellette said to continue forward and when it is ready it will go through. There would need to be an appraisal and determination of where the funds will come from.

Ms. Shufelt did not want to lose sight of the fact that this Board is supportive of this committee, but they are asking the town to approve an unknown figure and an unknown source of funding. There is not enough information at this time to move this forward.

Ms. Stanton-Cross stressed the urgency because the land owner of the 30 acre parcel is receiving offers for a solar farm and for purchase to continue the campgrounds. She said the offers continue to drive the price up.

Mr. Brewer stated that he was not able to make the Saturday meeting and asked if there were other developments and any changes to the time frame because as he was last aware Mr. Costa, the property owner, had indicated he could wait till May Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Ingoldsby stated that the committee met with other representatives of the school building committee and library trustees who were in favor of going forward with a purchase.

Mr. Ouellette and Mr. Valcourt suggested not excluding Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of recreation, but it can not be for the schools or controlled by the school.

Ms. Anderson of Gifford Road stated the need to get this passed was discussed that at the meeting because the plans for the new school have to be submitted and if there is a possibility of putting the tennis courts on this parcel then that would remove the cost of the courts on the other side, The cost of the tennis courts are priced at \$1 million dollars and if placed at that parcel it would be more affordable and save the library.

Ms. Shufelt stated that it is possible to have a change order for the tennis courts. However, there will be a lack of tennis courts for a long time – but she did not want to dismiss this possibility. The tennis courts are in the realm of possibility.

In conclusion – the first 3 articles, are for emergency purposes.

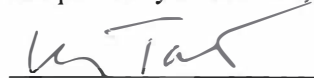
Special Town Meeting will take place December 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westport High School on Main Road.

Motion by Mr. Valcourt to accept the warrant articles. Second by Mr. Brewer. The Board voted 4-1 with Mr. Ouellette voting nay.

Adjournment

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lucy Tabit Administrative Assistant/
Confidential Clerk

APPROVED:



Ann E. Boxler, Clerk, Select Board Member

Attachments

STM Warrant
Petition Article 4.