

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023  
2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM  
TOWN HALL  
816 MAIN ROAD  
6:00PM**

**6:00 p.m. Call To order & Pledge of Allegiance**

**Acknowledgments & Recognitions**

**Public Hearings** - none

**1. Licenses/Permits** - none

**2. Appointments and Resignations**

- a. Request from Matt Armendo, Board of Health Director to appoint Brandon Weingold as Transfer Attendant II, effective March 9, 2023.
- b. Request from George Stelljes to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Associate Member.
- c. Request from Allison Valton to accept her resignation from the Board of Registrars.
- d. Request from Carrie Cunha to be appointed to the Personnel Board.

**3. Action Items**

- a. Request from Dharma Voyage for 4 Hixbridge Landing Passes.
- b. Requests from George Ripley, Library Director
  - to promote Principal Clerk Bonnie Strebels, Senior Clerk, to Assistant Director/Children's Librarian effective Monday, March 20, 2023.
  - to increase Principal Clerk Amy Medeiros' weekly hours to 40 hours, effective Monday, March 20th, 2023.
  - to post the Library Principal Clerk Position
- c. Request from the Planning Board for comments regarding Special Permit for Flexible Frontage Plat 69 Lot 12, 559 Main Road.
- d. Request from Martin Costa to hold the Annual Spring Clean Our Westport (COW) Day on Saturday, April 15, 2023, 9:00am – 12:00pm.
- e. Review Capital Improvement Planning Committee Report
- f. Town Meeting Warrant Articles

**4. Discussion**

- a. Diman Ballot Question
- b. Proposition 2 ½ Override Discussion
- c. Budget Update

**5. Town Administrator Report**

6. **Approve Minutes**
  - a. February 21, 2023
7. **Report on Bill Warrant**
8. **Selectmen Liaison Committee Reports & Suggestions for Future Agenda Discussion / Action**
9. **Comments and Statements**
10. **Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List**
11. **Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.**

## Adjournment

### **Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List**

**\*\*Committee members with terms that end in June should advise if they wish to continue\*\***

ADA Transition Plan Committee – 2 vacancies (Fin Com).

Agricultural/Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Council – 1 vacancy (CIPC Rep)

Agricultural Commission Alternate – 2 Vacancies (Alternate)

Bike / Walking Path Committee - 2 vacancies.

Climate Resiliency Sub Committee Members

Cultural Council – 1 vacancy

Energy Committee – 4 vacancies.

Fence Viewers – 1 vacancy.

Personnel Board – 1 vacancy.

Recreation Commission – 4 vacancies.

Safety Regulation Board - 1 vacancy.

Tax Incentive Program Committee (1 vacancy –Westport Economic Development Task Force Rep).

Westport Citizen's Betterment Committee – 1 vacancy.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Associate Member

**\*\* Committees are kindly requested to advise who serves as chair, vice chair and clerk \*\***

# TOWN OF WESTPORT

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Town Administrator  
James K. Hartnett

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Jim Hartnett, Town Administrator

Re: Bi-Weekly Report

Date: March 6, 2023

## 1. Recycling and Energy Drive – June 24, 2023

Senator Rodrigues has reserved June 24, 2023 to host a Recycling and Energy Drive in Westport. The event is coordinated by the GreenTeam Junk Removal, sponsored by National Grid, Eversource and our local legislators. The GreenTeam Junk Removal team and the Senator's staff will work with the Town to coordinate the logistics of the event. A postcard will be sent out to residents 10 – 15 days before the event. The postcard will list the updated rates for disposal of selected items and list the items that will be accepted that day. This event is another great opportunity for residents to properly dispose of unwanted items and donate usable items to charitable organizations. The Board of Health Director, Matt Armendo has been working with the Senator's office to coordinate the event.

## 2. Green Communities Grant

Kathy Stanley, the Town's energy consultant organized the initial kick-off meeting held last week for the Green Communities Grant. Looking to hire an electrical engineering consultant within the next month to design the upgrades needed to support the new heat pumps for the Town Hall Building. The majority of the installation work will be completed during the spring and summer of 2024. The majority of the project will be funded by the Green Communities Grant and Utility incentives.

## 3. Budget Information

The Governor submitted her budget for FY24, this is just the first step in the process and will likely be modified as it works its way through the House and Senate. The budget shows a moderate increase in State Aid, mainly Chapter 70 funding, increases in assessments including Regional and Charter schools will offset a portion of the increase.