

**SELECT BOARD
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL
816 MAIN ROAD
6:00 P.M.**

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

Under MGL Chapter 30A, section 20(f) – this meeting is being recorded.

Welcome Comments from the Chair

Westport Police Department Open House – March 16, 2024 from 10am – 12noon

Acknowledgments & Recognitions

1. Public Hearing(s) – 6:05P.M.

- a. Petition from National Grid and Verizon New England to install two poles in front of 572 and 490 Old Harbor Road.

2. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Request from Michael Burriss to appoint Kevin Curt to the Climate Resiliency Committee.
- b. Request to appoint one of the following nominees for the three year term effective April 2, 2024.
Robert Alves (Republican)
John Cabral (Republican)
Kathryn Cayton (Democrat, Incumbant)
Paul Trial (Republican)

3. Action Items

- a. Request from Martin Costa, Clean our Westport (COW) to hold their annual town clean up day on Saturday, April 6, 2024, and to hang a banner for the event.
- b. Request from the Council on Aging to accept the following donations totaling \$780

\$140	Bonnie Bower	Tech
\$5	Sharon Hagerty	Tech
\$10	Anonymous	Outreach
\$10	Louise Gereard	Tax Help
\$50	Karen Kirby	Tax Help
\$20	David Severs	Tax Help
\$20	Patricia Severs	Tax Help
\$75	Portsmouth High Athletic Boosters	In Memory of Elsa Cory
\$50	Ken Decosta	In Memory of Alice Rezendes
\$50	Mary Swiecki	In Memory of Maria Silva
\$350	Margaret Vieira	In Memory of Maria Silva

- c. Conditional Approval of the 2024 Seasonal Trailer Permits.
- d. Approve Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting

4. Discussion

- a. Community Preservation Committee
- b. East Beach
- c. Public Water Supply – Sanford Road (Manny Soares)

5. Town Administrator Report

6. Approve Minutes

- a. January 31, 2024
- b. February 12, 2024
- c. February 26, 2024

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.

12. Executive Session – pursuant to the provisions of MGL c 30A section 21(a), Chair declares an open meeting will have a detrimental effect to:

- a. Approve Minutes
 - February 12, 2024
 - February 26, 2024
- b. Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining – Westport Permanent Firefighters Association, Local 1802
- c. Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining – Highway Department, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1701.

Adjournment

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Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List

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

ADA Transition Plan Committee – 1 Vacancy
 Agricultural Commission Alternate – 2 Vacancies (Alternate)
 Bike / Walking Path Committee - 2 vacancies.
 Economic Development Task Force - 3 vacancies
 Energy Committee – 2 vacancies.
 Fence Viewers – 1 vacancy.
 Historical Commission -1 Vacancy and 3 Alternate Vacancies

Safety Regulation Board - 1 vacancy.

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



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Town Administrator
James K. Hartnett

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Jim Hartnett, Town Administrator
Re: Bi-Weekly Report
Date: March 11, 2024

1. Route 6 Interbasin Transfer Act Permit

As part of the Route 6 Sewer and Water project, the Town was required to file a Request for Determination of Insignificance under the Interbasin Transfer Act. This was required because the design shows sewer and water transfers from different watersheds located in Fall River and Westport. This has been a very lengthy and detailed permitting process but the Town has finally received the draft recommendation for the Water Resource Commission to vote on at their next meeting in April. The WRC staff recommends that the commission find that this project is insignificant under the ITA. This is a favorable recommendation for the Town. (Copy of recommendation in Select Board files)

2. Broadcasting of Meetings

After multiple attempts to contact Spectrum, the Town finally made contact early last week and Spectrum assigned a member of their team to make the necessary connections to the Town's system. This allowed the Town to broadcast on the local channels again as of March 6, 2024. Select Board meetings can also be viewed online at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@westportgovernmenttv>

3. Spectrum Northeast, LLC

The cable contract endorsed by the Select Board on September 11, 2023, was signed by Spectrum on February 29, 2023. This is a ten year contract negotiated by the Cable Advisory Committee and approved by the Select Board. This was a very tedious and lengthy process and Irene Buck and the Cable Advisory Committee did a great job getting this finalized.

4. Chapter 90 Funds

Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll announced funding for the Chapter 90 program. The Town of Westport's apportionment will be \$691,953.61. Chris Gonsalves and the Highway Department will use these funds to repave and reconstruct roads throughout the Town.