

**SELECT BOARD
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 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

Acknowledgments & Recognitions

1. Public Hearing(s) – 6:05P.M.

- a. Request to approve the layout of Rita Lane Extension as shown on the plan entitled “Roadway Layout Plan of Rita Lane (Extension)” Westport, Massachusetts prepared for Twin Pines Westport Realty Trust, Dated: December 12, 2023.
- b. Request from Verizon New England and Eversource to install five (5) jointly owned poles along the southwest side of Highland Avenue, in front of 182, 308, 372, 390 Highland Avenue and one just north of 398 Highland Avenue.
- c. Request from Austin Russell, Hilltop Motors and Equipment for a Class II Motor Vehicle License at 61 Hix Bridge Road, with a total of 10 cars.

2. Licenses & Permits

- a. Request from Lafrance Hospitality Corp. dba Hampton Inn to approve the Change of Manager on their Wine & Malt license to Evan Poitras.

3. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Request from Irene Buck, Council on Aging, to appoint David LaLima to the unexpired term ending June 30, 2025 and Carol Vidal to the unexpired term ending June 30, 2024.
- b. Request to appoint one of the following nominees to the Board of Registrars for the three year term effective April 2, 2024 to the Board of Registrars.
Robert Alves (Republican)
John Cabral (Republican)
Kathryn Cayton (Democrat, Incumbent)
Paul Trial (Republican)
- c. Request to accept the resignation of Peter McGarr from the Board of Assessors effective March 18, 2024, and to post the vacancy.
- d. Request from the Westport Board of Library Trustees to appoint Assistant Library Director Bonnie Strebel to the position of Interim Library Director, effective March 30, 2024, and a commensurate increase in her rate of pay to that of the current Library Director until such time as a permanent Library Director is appointed.

- e. Request from Irene Buck, chair of the Cable Advisory Board to appoint Carrie Cunha to the Board.
- f. Request from Jeremy Hardy to be appointed for the three year term as Constable.

4. Action Items

- a. Request from Town Clerk, Kristin Stinson to approve the Warrant for the Annual Town Election to be held April 9, 2024.
- b. Request to approve the Westport River Watershed Spring/Summer Activities
 April 3, 9am-12pm - Climate Change Beach Program at Cherry & Webb
 April 11 & 12, 8am -11am - 5th grade field study at Cherry & Webb beach/dunes
 April 27, 9-12, Electronics Recycling Day, behind Town Hall
 May 29, 31 and June 4, 9am-10am - 4th Grade field study at Emma Tripp Landing
 June 8 – Dune Hike at Cherry & Webb
 June 15 – River Day (Rain Date June 22)
 June 24 – August 16 - Summer Watershed Discovery Programs at Westport Family Beach
- c. Request from Dharma Voyage to purchase four (4) Hix Bridge Landing Passes.
- d. Request from Chief Daniel Baldwin to pursue the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant.
- e. Request from the Watershed Alliance for the Select Board to Co-Sponsor and information session about the Route 6 water/sewer project and the ballot question, to be held on April 6, 2024, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the Library.
- f. Request from the Board of Health to approve the three year Employee Agreement for Board of Health Director, Matt Armendo for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.
- g. Request from the Board of Health to approve the one year Employee Agreement for Board of Health Nurse, Linda Pierce, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- h. Request to sign Amendment 4A with Kleinfelder Northeast, Inc. for the Gifford Road and Osborn Street final design.
- i. Request from Sue Brayton to approve insurance updates required for Affordable Care Act compliance and potential savings for employees and Town or Westport effective FY 2025.
- j. Request by Manny Soares to place an article on the May 7, 2024 Annual Town Meeting to create an Infrastructure Department.

5. Town Administrator Report

6. Approve Minutes

- a. March 11, 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. Town of Westport vs Robert Branca and James Sabra, Trustees of the ANC Nominee Trust
- b. Approve Minute
 - March 11, 2024

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 ****