

**AGENDA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022**

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

**1. Acknowledgments & Recognitions**

**2. Discussion**

- a. Sen. Rodrigues and Rep. Schmid

**3. Public Hearings**

**4. Licenses/Permits**

**5. Appointments and Resignations**

- a. Request to re-appoint Isabel Kochman to the Board of Registrars.
- b. Request to appoint one of the following applicants to the Town Appointed Tenant Board Member seat of the Westport Housing Authority: Pauline L. Brodeur, Richard E. Ziomek, Dawn Lisa Provost and Arthur C. Rod
- c. Request from Bernadette Oliver; Town Clerk to appoint the following Poll Workers effective April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.  
Republican: Mary McCarthy, Nancy Cook, Carin Wehrmeister, June Hebert, Marjori Pavao, Amy Lawton, Marilyn Simons, Paul Trial, Paul Mann, Evelyn Mercier & Jacqueline Marmen  
Democrat: Geraldine Fortier, Almerinda Tenchara, Mary Freitas, Merline Toupin, Barbara Marcotte, Wilfred St. Michel, Phyllis Michalewich, Steven Anderson, Madeline Freitas & Claudette Bisson  
Unenrolled: Denise Toohey, John Gifford, David Lalima, Reginald Deschenes & Claire Parent.  
Substitute Poll Workers – Democrat: Claude Lovecraft, Judith Souza, Ann Maguire & Maureen Murphy  
Substitute Poll Workers – Republican: Judith Brightman  
Substitute Poll Workers – Unenrolled: Carol Borden, Marshall Ronco & Jan Caouette

**6. Discussion**

- a. Mass Highway Bridge Replacement Project
- b. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Town Warrant Articles
- c. School Committee Request – High School Expense Agreement

**7. Action Items**

- a. Request from Elephant Rock Beach Club for a crosswalk and required signage.

- b. Request from Bernadette Oliver; Town Clerk to approve the Warrant for Annual Town Election.
- c. Request from School Committee to transfer the Campground Property on Old Country Road from the Town to the School District.
- d. Request from the School Department to approve Change Order for the Roof Replacement Project at the Westport Elementary School.
- e. Request from Town Administrator to approve contract for Pioneer Consulting Group, Inc. to reconcile Water Enterprise Account.
- f. Request approval of the 2022 Seasonal Trailer Permits.
- g. Request to release Westport Housing Rehabilitation Program Lien recorded in Book 5945 Pages 306-310.

**8. Town Administrator Report**

**9. Approve Minutes**

- a. March 9, 2022
- b. March 14, 2022

**10. Report on Bill Warrant**

**11. Selectmen Liaison Committee Reports & Suggestions for Future Agenda Discussion / Action**

**12. Comments and Statements**

**13. Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List**

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

15. **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. To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.
  - b. Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining - Westport Police Association.
  - c. Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining - Highway Department
  - d. Approve Minutes
    - March 9, 2022
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## 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 – 1 vacancy (COD Rep).

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

Agricultural Commission Alternate – 2 Vacancies.

Bike / Walking Path Committee - 2 vacancies.

Energy Committee – 3 vacancies.

Fence Viewers – 1 vacancy.

Personnel Board – 2 vacancies.

Recreation Commission – 3 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.

Westport Cultural Council – 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 24, 2022

1. Westport Town Hall and Annex Inspections

The Town Hall and the Annex were recently inspected by Ralph Souza and Captain Mark Brisk. For the most part the buildings were in conformance with some minor issues that need to be addressed. Safety signage needs to be updated, storage areas need to be cleared, there are two oil tanks in the basement of the Town Hall that should be evaluated or removed (tanks were removed on Wednesday March 23, 2022) Electrical outlets and extension cords will also need to be addressed.

2. Westport Water Billing

The Town continues to work with the City of Fall River on the water billing account. A new account was set up by the City as of January 1, 2022, but water consumption still appears to be on the high side based on local meter readings. The accuracy of the older meters will be determined once the new meters are installed. Water meter replacement work should start within the next two weeks. There was a three week delay due to difficulty in getting some of the fittings.

3. Charter Communications

Charter Communications has notified the Town and will be notifying customers of a rate increase that will take effect on or after April 15, 2022. These rate increases will not affect current customers' promotional rates until the end of the promotional period. (Rate increases are in the file folder)

4. Bridge Replacement

I have been working with Keith McDonald from Pare Engineering on the state's bridge replacement program. Possible locations include the Drift Road Bridge structure just north of Charlotte White Road, the Old County Road Bridge spanning the Westport River and the Bridge Culvert on Cornell Road. Applications need to be filed by April 1, 2022.