MEETING NOTICE

Select Board

Monday

April 8, 2024

6:00 P.M

Caula Brown_

Signed

SELECT BOARD MONDAY, APRIL 8, 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.

 Application request from Hitching Post Properties, LLC for a sixmonth seasonal trailer permit for recreational purposes located at 161 East Beach Road.

2. Licenses & Permits

3. Appointments and Resignations

- Request from Christopher Dunn, Chief of Police to promote Officer Jarrod Levesque to Sergeant.
- b. Request from Kristin Stinson, Town Clerk to appoint Jaria Bernardo, Emma Hathaway, Lilian Carbalho & Colleen Smith as Student Election Workers.

4. Action Items

- a. Request from Chris Leonard, Director of Marine Services to approve the contract for Bruce Ingham of the F/V Ocean Rancher for the 2024 quahog relay.
- Request to increase hourly rate of Assistant Town Clerk during Registrar's absence.
- c. Request to post the position of Local Building Inspector.
- d. Request to approve the following American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects:
 - Pare Engineering Agreement Drift Road Bridge
 Funding Source Local ARPA \$ 7,700
 - Test Borings Macomber neighborhood & loop \$115,000
 - Information Technology Upgrades \$100,000
 - Pump Station Easements (35 & 287 State Road)
 \$ 54,100
 - Street Improvements
 - East Beach Road Repairs
 - White Oak Run Layout
 - Various Streets

\$357,237

Funding Source Bristol County ARPA \$626,337

- e. Request to sign Jonathan Levi Architects, LLC Tolling agreement.
- f. Request from Carol Freitas, Veterans Service Officer to approve a \$10.00 donation from Lucille Bender for the Veteran's Food Pantry.
- g. Request from the Planning Board for Select Board comments on the flexible frontage request for special permit application for property located at 461 Old Harbor Road, Assessor's Map 87, Lot 5.
- a. East Beach
 - Request to relocate storm related material along East Beach Road.
 - Request from the East Beach Property Owners to place their trailers on the lots on April 26, 2024.
- b. Request from the Highway Department to approve the Chapter 90 Report and Project Increase.
- Town Meeting Warrant Approve for posting and Select Board Recommendation.

DATE/TIME RECEIVED BY TOWN CLERK

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Town Clerk

- <u>5.</u> **Discussion**
- Town Administrator Report <u>6.</u> <u>7.</u>
- Approve Minutes

March 25, 2024

- 8. Report on Bill Warrant
- 9. Selectmen Liaison Committee Reports & Suggestions for Future Agenda Discussion / Action
- <u> 10.</u>
- Comments and Statements
 Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List <u>11.</u>
- 12. Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

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

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 **



TOWN OF WESTPORT

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Town Administrator James K. Hartnett

816 Main Road Westport, MA 02790 The Coastal Agricultural Resource of New England

Office of the Select Board

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Jim Hartnett, Town Administrator

Re: Bi-Weekly Report

Date: April 8, 2024

1. 2023 Annual Town Report

Denise Bouchard is putting the finishing touches on the 2023 Town Report. The Report will be available for review and downloading from the Town Website on Friday, April 12, 2024.

2. 2023 Annual Town Meeting Budget

The Finance Committee has completed their review of the FY25 Budget. Attached is a copy of their budget that will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 7, 2025.

3. Vineyard Northeast

The Town received some additional information regarding the Vineyard Northeast Offshore (VO) Wind project. In their current bid, VO is proposing a point of interconnection with the grid in eastern Connecticut. Making landfall at Horseneck Beach and proceeding up Route 88 is **not** included in this bid proposal. They did leave the option open for future projects. There will be a meeting of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management on Thursday April 18, 2024, at the Westport Middle/High School from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

4. Green Team Recycle-Energy April 6th

Senator Rodrigues and Representative Schmid have sponsored another recycling and energy drive to be held Saturday, April 6th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Old Westport High School. This was a very successful event last year and a number of residents took advantage of the disposal savings and incentives. (Flyer attached)



FALL RIVER AND WESTPORT RESIDENTS ONLY

RECYCLING AND ENERGY DRIVE

Including Free Dehumidifier Drop-Off

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Old Westport High School, 19 Main Road, Westport, MA

Furniture and clothing must be clean and reusable. We reserve the right to refuse at our own discretion.

Cash, check & cards accepted.

Furniture:

Recliners Wood kitchen tables Kitchen chairs

Electronics:

Laptops (\$5)
TVs (\$20)
Monitors (\$20)
Microwaves (\$8)

Outdoor:

Tires (Auto/SUV) (\$12) Lawn mowesr (\$15) Propane Tanks (\$15)

: Appliances:

Mini fridges **(\$20)** Stoves **(\$30)** Washers or Dryers **(\$20)**

Other:

Clothing/blankets
Mattresses (\$45)
Box Springs (\$45)
Polystyrene (\$10/bag)
bags are supplied
Food Pantry

Food Pantry Donations

And more!

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Fiscal Year 2025

Article 4 Annual Town Meeting

Proposed Budget

		FY24 Salary		FY24 Expense		FY24 Total		FY25		FY25		FY25		
									Salary Appropriation		Expense Appropriation		Total	% of Total Budget
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GENI	ERAL GOVERNMENT					_								
114	Moderator	\$	917	\$	-	\$	917	\$	944	\$	=	\$	944	0.00%
122	Selectmen	\$	330,814	\$	50,100	\$	380,914	\$	339,123	\$	52,100	\$	391,223	0.74%
131	Finance Committee	\$	4,500	\$	750	\$	5,250	\$	3,500	\$	750	\$	4,250	0.01%
132	Reserve Fund	\$		\$	100,000	\$	100,000	\$	-	\$	100,000	\$	100,000	0.19%
135	Town Accountant	\$	143,965	\$	73,073	\$	217,038	\$	149,941	\$	82,080	\$	232,021	0.44%
141	Assessors	\$	241,844	\$	42,325	\$	284,169	\$	250,541	\$	44,243	\$	294,784	0.56%
147	Treasurer/Collector	\$	319,162	\$	134,900	\$	454,062	\$	330,348	\$	151,900	\$	482,248	0.91%
151	Legal	\$	~	\$	130,000	\$	130,000	\$	-	\$	135,000	\$	135,000	0.26%
152	Personnel Board	\$	1,000	\$	300	\$	1,300	\$	1,000	\$	300	\$	1,300	0.00%
155	Information Technology	\$	74,310	\$	343,600	\$	417,910	\$	86,800	\$	355,110	\$	441,910	0.84%
161	Town Clerk	\$	127,394	\$	4,880	\$	132,274	\$	128,401	\$	8,820	\$	137,221	0.26%
163	Registrar of Voters	\$	96,425	\$	16,520	\$	112,945	\$	100,394	\$	21,115	\$	121,509	0.23%
171	Conservation	\$	128,714	\$	6,470	\$	135,184	\$	132,218	\$	6,470	\$	138,688	0.26%
175	Planning Board	\$	213,790	\$	37,390	\$	251,180	\$	220,226	\$	37,390	\$	257,616	0.49%
176	Appeals Board	\$	9,000	\$	3,300	\$	12,300	\$	10,765	\$	3,700	\$	14,465	0.03%
191	High School Upkeep	\$		\$	125,000	\$	125,000	\$	=	\$	150,000	\$	150,000	.28%
192	Town Hall/Annex	\$	48,000	\$	161,250	\$	209,250	\$	48,000	\$	166,050	\$	214,050	0.41%
193	Property Insurance	\$	-	\$	525,000	\$	525,000	\$	-	\$	600,000	\$	600,000	1.14%
198	Town Farm	\$	-	\$	2,400	\$	2,400	\$	-	\$	2,400	\$	2,400	0.00%
		\$	1,739,835	\$	1,757,258	\$	3,497,093	\$	1,802,201	\$	1,917,428	\$	3,719,629	7.04%
PUBL	IC SAFETY													
210	Police Department	\$	3,784,742	\$	366,400	\$	4,151,142	\$	3,950,384	\$	387,150	\$	4,337,534	8.21%
220	Fire Department	\$	2,301,382	\$	268,050	\$	2,569,432	\$	2,360,128	\$	284,550	\$	2,644,678	5.01%
241	Building Department	\$	135,671	\$	9,950	\$	145,621	\$	204,926	\$	11,100	\$	216,026	0.41%
244	Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$	4,284	\$	700	\$	4,984	\$	4,413	\$	800	\$	5,213	0.01%
292	Animal Control	\$	73,203	\$	16,033	\$	89,236	\$	85,443	\$	22,790	\$	108,233	0.20%
297	Shellfish	\$	78,152	\$	8,025	\$	86,177	\$	80,378	\$	8,525	\$	88,903	0.17%
298	Parking Tickets	\$	321	\$	16,890	\$	16,890	\$		\$	17,890	\$	17,890	0.03%
		\$	6,377,434	\$	686,048	\$	7,063,482	\$	6,685,672	\$	732,805	\$	7,418,477	14.04%
SCHC	OOLS													
300	Westport Community Schools	\$	i 	\$	21,435,162	\$	21,435,162	\$	-	\$	22,499,082	\$	22,499,082	42.58%
360	Regional School Assessments	\$:=	\$	2,021,122	\$	2,021,122	\$	=	\$	2,145,000	\$	2,145,000	4.06%
		\$	120	\$	23,456,284	\$	23,456,284	\$	<u> </u>	\$	24,644,082	\$	24,644,082	46.64%
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PUBL	IC WORKS & FACILITIES													
421	Highway Dept	\$	610,803	\$	302,165	\$	912,968	\$	801,958	\$	303,665	\$	1,105,623	2.09%
423	Snow & Ice (Storm Account)	\$	30,000	\$	120,000	\$	150,000	\$	30,000	\$	120,000	\$	150,000	0.28%
424	Street Lights	\$	본말	\$	11,000	\$	11,000	\$		\$	13,000	\$	13,000	0.02%
433	Transfer Station	\$	147,558	\$	191,600	\$	339,158	\$	146,281	\$	196,225	\$	342,506	0.65%
491	Cemetery Department	\$	179,765	\$	38,075	\$	217,840	\$	195,000	\$	39,750	\$	234,750	0.44%
492	Veteran's Graves	\$: -	\$	1,750	\$	1,750	\$		\$	2,000	\$	2,000	0.00%
		\$	968,126	\$	664,590	\$	1,632,716	\$	1,173,239	\$	674,640	\$	1,847,879	3.50%

Fiscal Year 2025 Article 4 Annual Town Meeting Proposed Budget FY24 FY24 FY24 FY25 FY25 FY25 Salary Expense Total Salary Expense Total % of Total Appropriation Appropriation Appropriation Appropriation Appropriation Appropriation Budget **HUMAN SERVICES** 511 Board of Health 409,279 \$ 25,540 \$ 434,819 425,522 25,690 0.85% 451,212 \$ 541 Council on Aging \$ 183,668 \$ 234,053 50,385 \$ 192,585 \$ 50,385 242,970 0.46% 543 Veterans Services \$ 57,222 \$ 437,697 380,475 \$ 58,940 \$ 364,075 \$ 423,015 0.80% 549 Commission on Disabilites \$ 200 \$ 1,000 \$ 200 S 800 \$ 1,000 0.00% \$ 650,369 \$ 457,200 1,107,569 677,247 440,950 \$ 2.12% \$ \$ 1,118,197 **CULTURE & RECREATION** 610 Library \$ 297,118 \$ 328,843 31,725 \$ 307,754 31,725 339,479 0.64% 630 Recreation \$ 63,600 \$ 2,000 \$ 65,600 \$ 70,509 \$ 2,000 \$ 72,509 0.14% Historical Commission \$ S 1,475 \$ 1,475 \$ \$ 1,750 \$ 1,750 0.00% \$ 360,718 | \$ 35,200 395,918 \$ 378,263 \$ 35,475 413,738 0.78% DEBT SERVICE 710 Principal Payments 2,921,960 2,921,960 3,220,548 3,220,548 S \$ 6.10% Interest Payments \$ \$ 2,099,954 2,099,954 \$ 2,007,792 2,007,792 3.80% 5,021,914 \$ 5,021,914 \$ 5,228,340 5,228,340 9.90% \$ Assessments SRPEDD 820 \$ - S 3,500 3,500 - \$ 3,750 \$ 3,750 0.01% \$ -\$ 3,500 3,500 \$ - \$ 3,750 \$ 3,750 0.01% PENSION & INSURANCE Pension Assessment 3,364,839 3,364,839 S \$ \$ 3,560,395 \$ 3,560,395 6.74% 914 Health & Life Insurance \$ 100,000 4,447,000 4,547,000 4,782,000 4,882,000 \$ \$ 100,000 \$ 9.24% 100,000 7,811,839 7,911,839 \$ 100,000 8,342,395 8,442,395 15.98% \$ 10,196,482 \$ 39,893,833 \$ 50,090,315 52,836,487 10,816,622 \$ 42,019,865 \$ 100.00% Total FY23 budget \$ 50,090,315 Increase over FY 24 TOTAL FY24 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET 52,836,487 2,746,172 5.48% Recommended Funding Sources 51,923,589 Taxation - Raise & Appropriate 63,092 Septic Program - Monies Reserved for Debt F \$ \$ 25,000 Wetlands Fund 15,000 Cemetery Sale of Lots Account 5 40,000 | Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest Account \$ S 15,000 Transfer Station Receipts Reserved \$ 15,888 Waterways Fund 90,000 Enterprise Indirect Cost Transfer S S 14,500 Community TV Reserved \$ 634,418 Free Cash

52,836,487 Total