

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023
2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL
816 MAIN ROAD
6:00PM**

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

Welcome Comments from the Chair

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

Acknowledgments & Recognitions

1. Public Hearing

6:05PM - a petition from Verizon New England Inc. and NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy proposing to relocate facilities, Pole 157A/84.5 on Fisher Road. Plan No. MA2023-06 dated February 23, 2023.

2. Licenses/Permits

- a. Request from the Holy Ghost Club, 171 Sodom Road for a One Day All Alcohol Beverage License, for a clamboil on Friday, May 19, 2023 from 5pm-10pm.

3. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Request from Beverly Bisch to appoint Kathleen Hertzler to the part time position of Transportation Clerk.
- b. Request from the Finance Committee to appoint Lawrence Holsworth to be the Infrastructure Oversight Committee.

4. Action Items

- a. Request from Westport Route 88 Solar, LLC to amend Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement.
- b. Request from Christopher Leonard, Director of Marine Services to hang a banner for Shellstock, which will take place on Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 3p.m. – 7p.m.
- c. Request from the Westport Education Fund in conjunction with The Friends of the Council on Aging and the Westport Middle-High PTO to hold their Annual Walk for Westport on Sunday, October 29, 2023 from 10am-12pm.
- d. Request from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation MA-RI Chapter to hold their Annual Bicycle Ride through Westport on Saturday, September 23, 2023.
- e. Request from Matt Armendo, Board of Health Director to post the Part Time Animal Control Officer Position.
- f. Request from Jim Hartnett to approve amended Job Description for Principal Maintenance Specialist and appoint Robert Marshall to the position.

- g. Request from the WES MAC PTO to hang the banner promoting their Tough Kids Challenge from May 22, 2023 through June 11, 2023, for the June 11, 2023 Event.
- h. Request from the Planning Board to support the Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) 2.0 Grant.
- i. Request from the Planning Board for the Board of Selectmen to provide a letter of support for it's applications to the Rural and Small Towns and Commonwealth Places grants.

5. Discussion

- a. Carol Freitas, Veterans Agent – Memorial Day Update
- b. Override Discussion

6. Town Administrator Report

7. Approve Minutes

- a. May 1, 2023
- b. May 2, 2023

8. Report on Bill Warrant

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

10. Comments and Statements

11. Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List

12. 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

Economic Development Task Force – 3 vacancies

Energy Committee – 4 vacancies.

Fence Viewers – 1 vacancy.

Recreation Commission – 4 vacancies.

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 ****

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Town Administrator
James K. Hartnett

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Jim Hartnett, Town Administrator

Re: Bi-Weekly Report

Date: May 15, 2023

1. Diman School Project

At the request of the City of Fall River the Diman School building project is going to remove the proposed Geothermal Well Fields from the design. The committee has indicated that this will cause a delay and may have further implications to the project. The school will be giving an update on the project at a breakfast meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

2. Veterans' Day

The Board has been invited to participate in the Town of Westport's Memorial Day ceremonies on May 27, & May 29th. A copy of the flyer for both the Wreath-Laying Ceremonies and the Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony are included in the Select Board packet.

3. Lifeguards

Just a reminder, the Town is looking to hire lifeguards for Cherry & Webb Beach. Employment Applications can be found on the Town Website. The Beach Committee has been seeking applicants and is working with the recreation director, Dana Stewart to organize the summer employment.

4. Gifford Road –Route 177 Intersection

A preliminary meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 12th with MassDOT to discuss possible upgrades to the intersection of Gifford Road and Route 177. Funding for this work was secured with the assistance of Senator Rodrigues.

5. Highway Department Road Improvements

The 2022/2023 Roadway Paving Improvement schedule can be found at the following link:

<https://www.westport-ma.com/highway-department/urgent-alerts/2022-2023-roadway-improvements>

Work scheduled by the Highway Surveyor, Chris Gonsalves, includes drainage, paving and miscellaneous punch list repairs remaining from last year's street improvement contract. Please note that work schedules are subject to change based on weather conditions.