

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022  
2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM  
TOWN HALL  
816 MAIN ROAD  
6:00PM**

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

**Acknowledgments & Recognitions**

**1. Public Hearings**

**2. Licenses/Permits**

**3. Appointments and Resignations**

- a. Request from Keith Pelletier, Chief of Police, to approve the Retirement of Officer David Leite, after 27+ years of service, and to appoint him as a Reserve Police Officer.
- b. Request to appoint Amy Abate, Eric Abate, Brett Silvia & Megan Silvia as Public Weighers at A & E Metals, 449 American Legion Highway.

**4. Discussion**

- a. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Discussion
- b. Internet Advisory Committee

**5. Action Items**

- a. Request from the Infrastructure Oversight Committee to hire Roger Fernandes as Project Manager, for the Route 6 Infrastructure Work subject to contract negotiations.
- b. Request from Chris Gonsalves, Highway Surveyor for an increase in Private Snow Plowing and Sanding Rates.
- c. Request from Keith Pelletier, Chief of Police, to designate one handicapped parking space as near as possible to 488 Old County Road, the Head Country Store.
- d. Request for approval of a Conservation Restriction on Kirby Brook Farm located at 333 Drift Road, Map 52 Lot 15.
- e. Zoning Board of Appeals
  - 1) Request to increase fees.
  - 2) Request to reclassify Clerk's Position.
- f. Request to accept the following donations to the Council on Aging: \$175; Ralph Urban Donation for Best Use, \$25; Anonymous for Tech Help, \$5; Outreach, \$20; Barbara Norton, Best Use, \$50; Pam & Eric Diamond In Memory of Muriel Peters Totaling \$275

- g. Request from Carol Freitas, Veterans Service Officer to accept the following donations: Anonymous, \$25, Veterans Food Pantry and J&S Restaurant Enterprises, Inc. dba Kozy Nook Restaurant, \$1,000, Veterans Discretionary Fund
  - h. Request to approve use of perpetual care funds to construct toilet facilities and septic system at the Cemetery Office.
  - i. Approve request to the Finance Committee for Reserve Fund Authorization to purchase a truck for Town Hall Maintenance.
  - j. Request funding from the Community Preservation Committee for upgrades to the Town Hall Electrical System and exterior preservation and repairs.
6. **Town Administrator Report**
  7. **Approve Minutes**
    - a. October 24, 2022
  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

Council On Aging – 1 vacancy

Energy Committee – 4 vacancies.

Fence Viewers – 1 vacancy.

Infrastructure Oversight Committee – 1 Business to Business Member, 1 Neighborhood Rep.

Personnel Board – 1 vacancy.

Recreation Commission – 4 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.

\*\* 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: November 14, 2022

## 1. Title V Regulations

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is proposing to amend the Title 5 regulations, 310 CMR 15.000, to enhance protection of embayments and estuaries—particularly on Cape Cod, the Islands and Southeastern Massachusetts—from nitrogen pollution originating primarily from wastewater. The proposed amendments will add nitrogen reduction provisions within natural resource areas for Title 5 systems. MassDEP is also proposing new related regulations at 314 CMR 21.00 to provide a voluntary watershed permitting approach to control nitrogen and other pollutants from entering the embayments and estuaries.

The draft regulations will be published on the MassDEP website at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>. Public hearings will be held under the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 30A on November 30, 2022 at 6:00 pm, December 1, 2022 at 1:00 pm, and December 5, 2022 at 6:00 pm. In addition MassDEP is planning on conducting two public information sessions. More details about the public hearings and public information sessions can be found on the MassDEP website.

The Board of Health resubmitted the joint response letter to MassDEP to be included in the official public hearing records.

## 2. Diman Regional High School Ballot Question

The debt exclusion question on the November 7th ballot for Diman did not pass. 3,345 yes, and 3,700 no. Unless approved by the Town at a future election, funding for Westport's share of the school funding will be charged to the Town's operating budget. Preliminary estimates for FY24 would be \$101,000, but this increases substantially in FY25 to \$431,000. I would recommend that the question be placed on the Town election in April of 2023.

## 3. Old High School

At the last meeting of the Long Term Building Committee a recommendation was made to the Board of Selectmen to place a non-binding question on the April ballot, to see if the Town voters were interested in using the former high school for municipal offices and if the voters would approve funding to support the reuse. Preliminary estimates place the cost of such change of use at \$29 million dollars. It will be difficult to formulate a comprehensive question for the ballot, consideration should be given to circulating a survey to gather the public's input.

4. National Opioid Settlement

Earlier in the year the State reached a settlement with opioid distributors, and participating municipalities will receive 40% of the abatement funds the state recovers. As a participating community Westport will receive the following disbursements.

<b>Beneficiary Type</b>	<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Payment Amount</b>	<b>Payment Method</b>
General Purpose Government	Janssen Payment Year 1	\$7,309.61	Wire Transfer
General Purpose Government	Janssen Payment Year 2	\$17,053.47	Wire Transfer
General Purpose Government	Janssen Payment Year 3	\$13,649.21	Wire Transfer
General Purpose Government	Janssen Payment Year 4	\$20,957.84	Wire Transfer
General Purpose Government	Janssen Payment Year 5	\$23,229.54	Wire Transfer

5. Bristol County ARPA Requests

The Town received notification from Bristol County ARPA on the recent requests:

Route 6 Zoning Study – Level I approved, advanced to Level II

School Passenger Vans - Level I approved, advanced to Level II

Fire Department Pick-up – Level I Denied

(2) SUV’s Fire Department – Level I Denied – resubmitted with additional documentation