

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024
2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL
816 MAIN ROAD**

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

Dorothy Howarth, 105 Years Old, 12/12/18, Oldest Resident

1. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Request to accept the resignation of Veronica Beaulieu from the Westport Housing Authority effective April 9, 2024.
- b. Request to appoint Michael Brouillard to the Cemetery Laborer II position.
- c. Request to appoint Steve Souza to the Cemetery Foreman Position.

2. Action Items

- a. Request from Jim Hartnett, Town Administrator to dispose of surplus property, valued at less than \$5,000
 - 85 broken desks and chairs
 - Fire Department light fixtures
- b. Request from Beverly Bisch, Council on Aging Director to approve her education incentive.
- c. Request to approve the 2023 Alcohol Beverage Control Commission Annual Report
- d. Request to approve the Deputy Police Chief Job Description.
- e. Request from Matt Armendo, Board of Health Director to approve the education incentive for Linda Pierce, Town Nurse.
- f. Request to approve contract extension for Rochester Bituminous Products, Inc.
- g. Request from Chris Leonard, Director of Marine Services and the Shellfish Advisory Committee to reduce hat Commercial catch limit of Oysters from (3) town baskets per day to (2) two town baskets per day.

3. Discussion

- a. East Beach Storm Damage
- b. FY2025 Budget Discussion
- c. Temporary use of the Old High School

4. Town Administrator Report

5. Approve Minutes

- a. December 18, 2023

- 6. Report on Bill Warrant**
- 7. Selectmen Liaison Committee Reports & Suggestions for Future Agenda Discussion / Action**
- 8. Comments and Statements**
- 9. Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List**
- 10. Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.**
- 11. 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. Approve Injury on Duty status of Police Officer.
 - b. Approve Minutes
 - December 4, 2023

Adjournment

The Town of Westport does not discriminate based on disability and is committed to hosting accessible meetings. To request a reasonable accommodation to attend this meeting, please contact the municipal ADA Coordinator James Hartnett at Hartnett.J@Westport-ma.gov.

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.
Safety Regulation Board - 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: January 8, 2024

1. New Cannabis Control Commission Regulations

The Division of Local Services (DLS) has provided guidance on the recent regulatory changes affecting municipal finance promulgated by the Cannabis Control Commission pursuant to Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022, an Act Relative to Equity in the Cannabis Industry. In addition to placing restrictions on Host Community Agreements the Act imposes a number requirements on licensing.

2. Chapter 90 Funding

Governor Healey announced that a total of \$100 million for Fiscal Year 2024 has been allotted from the Fair Share amendment to support local infrastructure projects. Westport's Fair Share apportionment for Fiscal Year 2024 is \$399,162. The funds will automatically be incorporated into the Town's existing Chapter 90 contract with MassDOT.

3. KPLAW Fee Changes

The Town received notification that the hourly rate for Town Counsel legal services will increase by \$10.00 to \$235. An increase of 4.4%, Tax Title legal services will also increase to \$185.00 per hour.

4. Infrastructure Oversight Committee (IOC) Meeting

The IOC has scheduled a public meeting at the New Middle/High School for January 24, 2024. The committee and Klienfelder Engineering will provide an update on design and permitting and discuss possible funding sources. Borrowing for the project will need Town Meeting approval and will likely need approval at the April municipal election.



John R. Maher
Director of Government Affairs

December 28, 2023

Re: Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes

Dear Municipal Official,

We appreciate our customers and continue to enhance our services with the finest communication and entertainment products available, while also providing a compelling suite of services at the greatest value. Despite our best efforts, rising costs, including programming fees charged by TV networks have impacted our pricing. Massachusetts customers are being notified via bill message regarding the following price changes that will take effect on or after January 30, 2024. Please note for customers who may be paying a promotional price, the retail price does not take effect until the end of the promotional period.

Product	Price
Broadcast TV Surcharge	Will increase by \$2.55/month.
Spectrum TV Select	Will increase by \$5.00/month.
Spectrum TV Silver and Gold	Will each increase by \$10.00/month.
Spectrum TV Select Signature	Will increase by \$5.00/month.
Spectrum TV Select Plus	Will increase by \$5.00/month.
Spectrum Mi Plan Latino (Customers will receive 11 new channels.)	Will each increase by \$5.00/month.
Grandfathered Spectrum Mi Plan Latino (Customers will receive 22 new channels.)	Will increase by \$8.00/month (customers will receive a \$3.00 credit for 12 months to offset the increase).
Grandfathered Spectrum Mi Plan Latino Silver and Gold	Will each increase by \$13.00/month (customers will receive a \$3.00 credit for 12 months to offset the increase).
Grandfathered Spectrum Lifestyle Plan Silver and Gold	Will each increase by \$5.00/month.
Spectrum Latino View	Will increase by \$3.00/month.
Spectrum Entertainment View	Will increase by \$3.00/month.
AMC+	Will increase by \$1.00/month.
Spectrum Digi Tier 1	Will increase by \$3.00/month.
Adult Programming	Will increase to \$19.99/month.



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Product	Price
Spectrum TV Bundle (grandfathered legacy Time Warner Cable bundle that includes customers subscribing to double play (video and internet) and triple play (video, internet, and voice))	Will increase by \$20.00/month.
Spectrum Digital Terminal Adapters	Will increase by \$1.51/month.
Spectrum Receivers	Will increase by \$1.51/month.

We remain committed to providing excellent communications and entertainment services in your community. If you have any questions about this change, please contact me at 774-243-9735 or at John.Maher@charter.com.

Sincerely,

John R. Maher
Director of Government Affairs
Charter Communications