

**AGENDA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WESTPORT TOWN HALL
816 MAIN ROAD, WESTPORT, MA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

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

1. Acknowledgments & Recognitions

2. Covid Update

3. Licenses/Permits.

4. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Request from Ron Costa to be re-appointed to Citizens for Citizens as the Town of Westport representative.
- b. Accept the Retirement of Jonathan Paull from the Harbor Master Department, after 32 years of service.
- c. Request to appoint Tony Viveiros to the Long Term Building Committee.

5. Discussion

- a. Route 177- Robert Street Roundabout, Update from Pare Engineering
- b. Tree Lighting

6. Action Items

- a. Request from Superintendent Thomas Aubin to use the campground property on Old County Road for emergency access.

7. Town Administrator Report

8. Approve Minutes

- a. November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. November 3, 2021 Dog Hearing Minutes

9. Report on Bill Warrant

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

11. Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List

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

13. Comments and Statements.

14. 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 the Executive Session Minutes of November 8, 2021
- b. To Discuss strategy – Diane F. Cramphin vs. Town of Westport - Adamsville Landing Case

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: November 22, 2021

1. Route 6 Phase 1A Sewer Design Grant Award

The Baker-Polito Administration has informed the Town that the grant in the amount of \$380,000 from the Rural and Small Town grant program has been approved. The grant application was initiated by the Planning Board and filed by the Select Board earlier in the year. This grant does not require any matching funds from the Town and will be used to complete Phase I of the Route 6 Sewer design. This is the section between the Westport/Fall River Town line and Route 88. (Award Letter in the packet)

2. Budget Update

Most of the departments have submitted their budgets requests for FY23, the remaining budgets should be in this week. Will be scheduling individual meetings with the departments starting on Monday, November 29, 2021. Capital Improvement Planning Committee met on Wednesday, November 17th and will meet again on December 1st to review department requests. Supplemental funding will be required for the FY22 budget to cover property insurance increases and coverage for the new school.

3. Westport Point Parking/Turnaround

There have been a number of meetings with Town departments, business owners and neighborhood representatives to discuss emergency access and parking at Westport Point. At this time the group was in general agreement that the turnaround should be clearly delineated, with striping and "No Parking" signs. This may require repaving the turnaround and the existing 6 parking spots at the end of Main Road. Funding for this work would need to be identified.

4. Deer Crashes

AAA published an Advisory on October 26, 2021, regarding deer crashes. According to the advisory deer crashes peak in autumn because it's deer mating season which means they're on the move at dusk and dawn. Last year at this time between October and December, Westport had 24 deer crashes, the highest number in the state. The advisory can be found at the following link:

<https://blog.mass.gov/transportation/uncategorized/aaa-advisory-buck-le-up-deer-crashes-abound-in-autumn/>