

**AGENDA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REMOTE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022**

**DUE TO THE ONGOING COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK,
THIS MEETING WILL BE BY REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY
INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE:**

JOIN BY COMPUTER:

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

Chair's Announcement – Under MGL Chapter 30A, section 20(f) – Meeting being recorded. Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the **Westport Board of Selectmen** is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order. A reminder that persons who would like to listen to or view this meeting while in progress may do so by following the remote links listed on the posting on line. An audio recording of this meeting will be posted on the town's website as soon as we are able.

1. Acknowledgments & Recognitions

2. Covid Update

3. Public Hearings

4. Licenses/Permits

5. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Request from Chief Pelletier to re-appoint Turner K. Ryan to Full-Time Police officer.
- b. Request from Chris Gonsalves; Highway Department to appoint Brian R. Legendre as a Special Equipment Operator.

6. Discussion

- a. The Cable Advisory Board update on the Cable License Renewal Process, and seeks input and guidance for a timeline and priorities.
- b. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Discussion

7. Action Items

- a. Hix Bridge Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project Support Letter
- b. Request to use \$60,000 of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Westport Harbor Water Study
- c. Request to use \$25,000 of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Entry Point Networks Consulting Service Agreement, to develop a fiber optic feasibility study.
- d. Request to use American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds to hire a consultant/engineer to oversee infrastructure projects including design of public water and sewer projects.
- e. The Long Term Building Committee is requesting approval to release the Request for Information for the former High School.
- f. Request to accept the following donations from the Westport Council Aging for the period of November 17, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Best Use \$870, Social Day Scholarship Program \$500, Hospitality \$20 and Tech Class \$25 totaling \$1415.
- g. Request by Planning Board to consider amendments to the Town's Zoning By-Laws.
- h. Request from David Cole to create an Internet Advisory Committee.

8. Town Administrator Report

9. Approve Minutes

- a. January 18, 2022

10. Report on Bill Warrant

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

12. Comments and Statements

13. Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List

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

15. Executive Session

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: January 31, 2022

1. Route 6 Sewer Design

The Planning Board has been working with Kleinfelder Engineering on the design of a public sewer main along the Route 6 Corridor. The preliminary design for Phase 1A (Fall River line easterly to Route 88) has been completed and the contract for final design will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at this meeting. Final design of Phase 1A is being completely funded with by the “Rural and Small Communities Grant”. Preliminary design for the remainder of Route 6 is underway and test borings should begin within the next couple of weeks.

2. Green Communities

The Town’s energy consultant, Kathleen Stanley has been working on a number of projects for the Town. She completed a preliminary review of the Town Hall and Town Hall Annex heating systems and she will be looking to see if replacement would qualify for energy or state grant funding.

In order to maximize the net metering credits the Town receives from the solar contracts, reallocation for Town buildings must be completed. Kathleen Stanley has been working with Town Accountant Nicole Pearsall, on reallocating these percentages and allocating the unused energy credits to Town Accounts.