

**AGENDA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REMOTE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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

- a. **Public Hearing** RE: An application request from I Cars, Inc. for a Class II Motor Vehicle License to sell used vehicles at 983 State Road, Westport, MA. Manager, George El Hayek, vehicle limit of "for sale" vehicles is 30.

4. Licenses/Permits

5. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Request from David Cole, Keith Novo and Paul Joncas to be appointed to the newly formed Internet Advisory Board.
- b. Appoint Select Board representative to the newly formed Internet Advisory Board.
- c. Request from Nicole Pearsall; Town Accountant to appoint Joanne Landry as Assistant Accountant.
- d. Request from the Board of Health to appoint Phil Weinberg to serve on the Climate Resiliency Committee, with Donna Amaral as alternate.
- e. Request from the Finance Committee to appoint Jessica McKane as Recording Clerk.

6. Action Items

- a. Request from Lawrence Kitchen III, of Dartmouth for parking permit for the Hixbridge Landing.
- b. Review Board of Health Recommendations for Mask Mandate & Remote Meetings.
- c. Request from the Planning Board to review the Oak Ridge Plans.
- d. Request from Dharma Voyage Community Rowing for four parking passes for the Hix Bridge Landing for use by non-resident members.
- e. Approve/Sign Grant Agreement for the Bristol County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.
- f. Acceptance of Deed from Kathleen Brum Trustee of the Malina A. Barboza Family Trust, Assessor's Map 13, Lots 76, 87 and 156-159.
- g. Acceptance of Deed from Charles Barboza Trustee of the Malina A. Barboza Family Trust, Assessor's Map 13, Lots 77, 88 and 192 & 195.
- h. Coastal Healing By Law Compliancy Determination – Marijuana Project Manufacturing License.
- i. Request from Carol Freitas; Veteran's Service Officer to accept the following donations toward the Food Pantry Fund; Colleen & Mark Bichajian for \$75.00 and Noquochoke Lodge AF & AM for \$500.00.
- j. Approval of the Mass Audubon Coastal Waterbird Management Program Agreement.
- k. Request to use Bristol County ARPA Funds to Purchase an Ambulance-\$350,000 and a Backhoe \$160,000.

7. Discussion

- a. Campground Committee Update
- b. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and Town Warrant Articles

8. Town Administrator Report

9. Approve Minutes

- a. January 31, 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. 7:30 p.m. 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. To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.
- b. Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining - Westport Police Association.
- c. Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining - Highway Department
- d. Discuss strategy with respect to Litigation – East Beach Improvement Association vs Town of Westport et al.
- e. Discuss strategy with respect to Litigation – Diane F. Cramphin vs Town of Westport – Adamsville Landing Case.
- f. Discuss strategy with respect to Litigation – Hadley vs Town of Westport

g. Approve Minutes of January 3, 2022

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: February 14, 2022

1. Hix Bridge Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Draft Report

Mark Habel, Project Manager with the US Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to extend the review period for the draft report by 30 days to March 12, 2022. A copy of the report and public notice can be reviewed on the Town of Westport Webpage:

<https://www.westport-ma.com/home/news/hix-bridge-aquatic-restoration-project>

2. Mass Audubon Piping Plover Report

Mass Audubon submitted their yearly report on Piping Plover monitoring for Cherry and Webb Beach, Beach Avenue (the Knubble) and East Beach. A total of three Piping Plover pairs were counted during the statewide census on Cherry & Webb Beach with no hatchlings. There was no evidence of Piping Plover activity in the Beach Avenue area. The report recommends enforcement of dog prohibition regulations along Beach Avenue and Cherry 7 Webb Beach. A copy of the report and agreement for 2022 is included in the packet.

3. Water Meter Replacement

Mass Installation Inc. has been awarded the contract to replace the water meters for approximately 160 users in the Route 6, Davis Road area. Residents will be notified within the next 2-4 weeks to schedule appointments for the meter replacements. It is anticipated that this work will take 4-8 weeks.

4. Free Cash Certification

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue has certified "free cash" as of July 1, 2021. This has been a difficult year with personnel changes in the financial offices. Nicole Pearsall, Sue Brayton and staff have done a great job compiling and filing the required documents in order to get these certifications.

General Fund	\$1,580,989
Enterprise Fund Harbor	\$87,588
Enterprise Fund Water	\$386,372
Enterprise Fund Beach	\$234,893