

**AGENDA  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022**

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

**1. Acknowledgments & Recognitions**

**2. Public Hearings**

**6:05 p.m.** - Nstar Electric d/b/a Eversource Energy requesting permission to install 1 FO Pole labeled 159/70AA on Sodom Road approximately 28 feet northwest of existing pole 159/70-A and 114 southeast of Lindera Way. Nstar Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy Plan No. Dated October 12, 2021.

**3. Licenses/Permits**

**4. Appointments and Resignations**

- a. Request to accept the resignation of Don Davidson from The Long Term Building Committee.
- b. Request from Director of Public Health; Matthew Armendo to Promote Nicholas Vidmar to Animal Control Officer, to post the position of Animal Control Officer, and to increase Nick Vidmar to 40 hours (from 30) until a second officer is hired.

**5. Discussion**

- a. Update from Entry Point
- b. Harpers Payroll Discussion regarding exclusive online access for employees.
- c. Request from Planning Board to discuss the upcoming public forum that will be held at the end of the month regarding the Westport Complete Streets Program that will focus on the Draft Prioritization Plan.

**6. Action Items**

- a. Army Corps of Engineers to file a support letter for the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project Integrated Detailed Project Report and Environmental Assessment for Hix Bridge.
- b. Request from New England Race Events LLC to hold the Annual Horseneck Half Marathon and 3.5 mile events on May 22, 2022 at 9:00am, to start and finish at the State Beach.
- c. Request from Kevin Curt to allow the East Beach Residents who have been issued their 2022 permit to set up their lots on April 29, 2022.
- d. Request from Jody Mancini from Osprey Sea and Surf for a Hix Bridge Parking Pass.
- e. Accept report from the Planning Board on proposed zoning amendments for the Annual Town Meeting.
- f. Approve letter of support for Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant for the South Watuppa Pond.
- g. Request from the Highway Department for approval for Snow & Ice Deficit Spending up to \$25,000.

- h. Request to approve the AFSCME Memorandum of Agreement for the Westport Highway Department.
  - i. Notice of intent to renew Highway Surveyor Contract
  - j. Request from the Council on Aging to accept the following donations: \$45; Misc Donation for Tax Help, \$100; Misc Donation for Tech Class, \$10; Misc Donation Fuel Assistance Help, \$30; ST.Pat's Grab & Go Donations, \$200; Richard Dow Donation for Best Use, \$200; Sharon Anctil Donation for Best Use, \$75; Ralph Urban Donation for Best Use , \$15; Misc Donation Best Use. Totaling \$675
  - k. Review and recommend Warrant Articles.
  - l. Approve/Amend Warrant Articles.
7. **Town Administrator Report**
8. **Approve Minutes**
- a. March 28, 2022
9. **Report on Bill Warrant**
10. **Selectmen Liaison Committee Reports & Suggestions for Future Agenda Discussion / Action**
11. **Comments and Statements**
12. **Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List**
13. **Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.**
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. To discuss strategy relating to litigation known as Municipal Communications II, LLC v. Menard et al., Bristol County Superior Court, Docket No. 2173 CV 00664B and Municipal Communications II, LLC v. Town of Westport, U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts, C.A. No. 1:21-cv-11561-AK
  - b. Approve March 28, 2022 Executive Session Minutes

## 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: April 11, 2022

1. Housing Production Plan Update

SRPEDD has awarded the Town a \$6,500 District Local Technical Assistance Grant (DLTA) to begin the process of updating the town's Housing Production Plan (HPP). SRPEDD anticipates being able to award the Town an Additional 2023 DLTA award to complete the HPP when next year's funds become available. Amy Messier and the Planning Board applied for the grant and have taken over this project from the Affordable Housing Trust. The HPP establishes a strategic plan for production of affordable housing that is based upon a comprehensive housing needs assessment.

2. Outdoor Seating

On April 1, 2022, Governor Charlie Baker signed into law an Act permitting licensees that have been approved for expanded patio/outdoor service to continue their outdoor operations until April 1, 2023. Licensees that seek to continue this service after April 1, 2023, are encouraged to apply for an alteration of premises. Otherwise, these amended licenses automatically revert back to their original status.

3. Bristol County ARPA Funding

The Bristol County Commissioners approved the use of ARPA funds for three projects requested by the Town. A public water supply study for the Westport Harbor area. Funding for a new ambulance to replace an existing ambulance that was taken off line early due to mechanical issues and a new backhoe for the Highway Department to be used for stormwater and infrastructure maintenance.

4. Tree Friends North Cemetery

There is a very large tree at the Friends North Cemetery just north of the Old High School on Main Road. The lower tree limbs and extensive root system are damaging the historic head stones, also making maintenance difficult. The size and location of the tree requires removal by a professional. Betty Slade and the cemetery department have been working on this and will be using private funding or CPA funding to cover the removal costs.