

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022
2nd FLOOR MEETING ROOM
TOWN HALL
816 MAIN ROAD
6:00PM**

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

Acknowledgments & Recognitions

1. Public Hearings

a. 6:05PM

Tax Classification Hearing

Pursuant to MGL Ch. 40 Section 56, discussion with Assessors for the percentage of local tax levy to be borne by each class of property for Fiscal Year 2023.

b. 6:10PM

Request from Joumana Chedid, dba Top Quality Auto Sales, Inc. for a Class II License and Repair License at 937-939 State Road, with Nicolas Obeid as manager, with a total of 40 cars.

2. Licenses/Permits

3. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Request from Police Chief Pelletier to appoint Reserve Officer Cody Smith to Full Time Officer.
- b. Request from Police Chief Pelletier to appoint EMD911 Dispatcher Sean Munzing to Full Time Officer, subject to successful completion of training, testing and background check.
- c. Request to accept the retirement of Bernadette Oliver, Town Clerk as of January 6, 2023.

4. Discussion

- a. 6:30PM –Tony Roselli, Yearly Audit
- b. Phil Weinberg, Title IV Regulations
- c. Town Administrator Goals

5. Action Items

- a. Notice of Proposed Acquisition on Property (APR) on parcels located on Gifford Road and Mouse Mill Road, owned by Michael P. Ferry.
- b. Request from Bernadette Oliver, Town Clerk to certify the votes for John Thomas Saunders; County Commissioner and Sherrilynn M. Mello; Register of Deeds.
- c. Request to approve the contract for Roger Fernandes as the Route 6 Infrastructure Project Manager.
- d. Request from Carol Freitas, Veterans Officer to accept the following donations: Normand Blanchette, \$100; discretionary use, Valerie Butler, \$100; Veterans

Food Pantry, Westport United Congregational Church MMI, \$500; discretionary use and \$200 in gift cards from Mr. & Mrs. Samson and The Angel Shop.

- e. Request from the Council on Aging to accept the following donations: \$50; Ralph Urban Donation for Best Use, \$50; Maureen Solomon for Outreach, \$10; Kathy Davis for Outreach, \$15; Richard Barboza, Best Use, \$50; Ann Newton In Memory of Muriel Peters, \$25; Manuel Rego for Best Use, \$5000 Neil Van Sloun for Best Use Totaling \$5200.
- f. Request from Matt Armendo, Board of Health Director to post the Transfer Station & Recycling Center Worker position both in-house and to the public simultaneously.
- g. Request from Michael Burris, Town Planner to accept a \$30,000 Grant for purchase of a conservation restriction at Snell Brook through the FY23 Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Mini-Grant Program.
- h. Request from the Town Hall Employees to hold a Christmas Potluck Luncheon on Wednesday, December 21st, and to close the Town Offices for an hour in order to participate in the luncheon.
- i. Request to post the Interim Town Clerk Position to fill the unexpired term of Bernadette Olivier, effective January 7, 2023.
- j. Request to approve the Settlement Agreement the Diane F. Cramphin vs. Town of Westport – Adamsville Landing Case.

6. Town Administrator Report

7. Approve Minutes

- a. November 14, 2022

8. Report on Bill Warrant

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

10. Comments and Statements

11. Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List

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

13. 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. Discuss strategy with respect to Litigation – East Beach Improvement Association vs Town of Westport et al.
- b. Discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining - Westport Police Association.
- c. Approve Minutes: September 12, 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 – 2 vacancies (Fin Com).

Agricultural/Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Council – 1 vacancy (CIPC Rep)

Agricultural Commission Alternate – 2 Vacancies (Alternate)

Bike / Walking Path Committee - 2 vacancies.

Climate Resiliency Sub Committee Members

Council On Aging – 1 vacancy

Energy Committee – 4 vacancies.

Fence Viewers – 1 vacancy.

Personnel Board – 1 vacancy.

Recreation Commission – 4 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.

**** 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: December 5, 2022

1. Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Mini-Grant

The Town of Westport was awarded a \$30,000 grant for purchase of a Conservation Restriction (CR) for property abutting Snell Creek through the FY2023 Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Mini-Grant Program. This project involves the protection of the property located at 559 Main Road that will prevent subdivision and further development. The property is owned by the Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Town will hold the conservation restriction. This grant was filed by the Planning Board with required matching funds from the Coalition.

2. Hix Bridge Dredging Study

The U.S. Army Corps has completed their internal review of the Hix Bridge Study and they had comments relating to the placement of stone debris in the scour holes. Their comments are currently being reviewed by the Town and the Westport River Watershed Alliance. Additional local funding may be required to advance the study to the final stage.

3. Cemetery Bathroom Facilities

Diman students have started work at the cemetery garage, a new window has been installed and rough framing has been started for the bathroom. Upgrades to the electrical service is being reviewed and priced. Students are also doing some other minor repairs to the building including shingling the east side, this has been in disrepair for years. Ronald Porte from the cemetery and the cemetery staff along with the Diman staff and students are doing a great job.

4. Bristol County ARPA Requests

The Town received notification from Bristol County ARPA on the recent requests:

School Passenger Vans - Level I approved, still in Level II review

(2) SUV's Fire Department – This request was resubmitted to Bristol County and after review of the additional documentation, the Town received funding approval from the County.