

**AMENDED AGENDA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022
TOWN HALL
816 MAIN ROAD
6:00PM**

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

Acknowledgments & Recognitions

1. Public Hearings

6:05pm – application request of Robert McAuliffe for a six-month seasonal trailer permit for recreational purposes to locate a trailer on 138 East Beach Road. The property is shown on Assessor’s Map 76A, Lot 103.

2. Licenses/Permits

- a. Request from the Holy Ghost Club, Inc. 179 Sodom Road for One Day Alcoholic Beverage Licenses:
May 20, 2022 from 5pm – 10pm for a Chicken BBQ
June 11, 2022 from 12pm – 6pm for a Family Reunion
June 25, 2022 from 1pm – 7pm for a Fundraiser
- b. Request from New England Race Events, LLC for a One Day Wine & Malt License at John Reed Road, from 10:00am – 1:00pm on Sunday, May 22, 2022.

3. Appointments and Resignations

- a. Request from the Steve Souza, Cemetery Department to appoint Ryan Furtado as a seasonal employee starting May 15, 2022.
- b. Request from the Steve Souza, Cemetery Department to post a Seasonal Employee Position.
- c. Request from Police Chief Keith Pelletier to re-appoint Officers Luke Sauve and Corey Mack as Full-Time Police Officers effective May 19, 2022.
- d. Request from Police Chief Keith Pelletier to re-appoint Officers Michelle Donovan and Sarah Zielinski as Full-Time Police Officers effective May 9, 2022.
- e. Request to fill the vacant position on the Board of Registrars; Democratic Town Committee: Isabel Kochman. Republican Town Committee: Robert Alves, Paul Mann and Eve Mercer to be appointed as Registrar of Voters.
- f. Request from Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD) to appoint a designee to the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG).
- g. Request from Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District to appoint a Board of Selectmen Representative to the SRPEDD Commission.
- h. Request to approve the resignation of Jeremy Dellecese from the Westport Police Department effective April 30, 2022.

4. Discussion

- a. Caring for Historic Cemeteries in Westport– Betty Slade and Todd Baptista
- b. Beach Committee Update
- c. Open Meeting Law Complaint 4/25/2022 Patrick Higgins

5. Action Items

- a. Request from the Recreation Department to accept a \$100.00 Donation from Donna Amaral for purpose of recreation.
- b. Request from The Buzzards Bay Coalition to hold their Annual Road (Bicycle) Race through town on Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 8:00am – 10:00am
- c. Request from the Westport Education Foundation, Friends of Council on Aging and the Westport Middle-High Parent Teacher Organization, to hold the 2022 5K Walk/Run on Sunday, October 23, 2022.
- d. Request to approve contract for AFSCME Council 93 Local 1701, Highway Department.
- e. Request from the Planning Board for comments regarding the Special Permit and Site Plan for Borrego Solar, located on the west side of Division Road between 355 and 403, owned by John and Marie Ciccotelli.
- f. Request to release Westport Housing Rehabilitation Program Lien recorded in Book 8138 Page(s) 248-251.
- g. Request from the Council on Aging to accept the following donations \$120 Misc Donation for Tech Class, \$150 from Ralph Urban, for Best Use. Totaling \$270.
- h. Request from Denise Bouchard, to refund Elizabeth Colby of 107 Davis Road, \$15.88 in Demand/Penalty Fees due to an error in Water Department Billing.
- i. Request from Chris Leonard; Marine Services to advertise the Shellstock Fundraiser Banner over Main Road, from now until the event which is August 13, 2022.
- j. Request from Westport River Watershed Alliance to hold their Annual Cherry & Web Clean up Day on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 10am – 12 Noon.

6. Town Administrator Report

7. Approve Minutes

- a. April 25, 2022
- b. May 3, 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:

Adjournment

*AMENDED: 4a – Revision

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: May 9, 2022

1. SRPEDD Annual Meeting

SRPEDD is holding their annual meeting at White's of Westport on May 25, 2022, a copy of the invitation is included in folder.

2. SouthCoast Rail Update

Work continues in East Taunton, Fall River, Lakeville and Berkley, a copy of the construction update dated April 26, 2022 is included in the folder.

3. Project Updates

Route 177 Roundabout

As requested by MassDOT, Pare Engineering is working through the alternatives analysis to confirm the roundabout as the most appropriate improvement for the intersection. Copy of the draft report should be completed this week, and will be added to the Board of Selectmen folder. The alternative analysis and required shared use path will require additional design work, and the Town is looking at different funding sources to cover the additional design work including, MassDOT, and Chapter 90 funding. State funding may also be available.

Hix Bridge Landing

The Landing Commission is working on a new design for the parking area and ramp at the Hix Bridge Landing. The \$50,000 contract for the state earmark has been approved by the state and the Seaport Economic Council has approved a grant in the amount of \$76,000 to cover the design costs. Upon receipt of the signed contract from the state, the Landing Commission will start the design process. Design should be completed in FY23, permitting could extend into FY24.

Green Communities

The town received a grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the Department of Energy Resources, this grant will be used to pay for lighting upgrades at the Beach Grove Cemetery Building, Harbormaster office, Highway Department, Macomber and Elementary Schools. Work is scheduled to be completed this fall. The Energy Committee and the Town's consultant are looking at the Town Hall heating system to see if it can be replaced under a Green Communities Grant, this would be a combined heating and air conditioning system.

4. Board of Health Grant

The Westport BOH has applied for \$300,000 DPH Public Health Excellence Grant, this would provide funding annually (expected to be available through 6/30/33). Westport would be the designated lead agency for the Southcoast Public Health Collaborative, which will include Freetown, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. The grant is designed to expand opportunities for cross-jurisdictional sharing to enable local public health to meet statutory requirements, respond to emergencies, and plan public health improvements. The grant will support additional staffing to be shared among all six communities. Funds may not be used to supplant existing BOH funding. Westport, as the lead agency, will also receive a 15% administrative fee.