

**AGENDA
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

**MONDAY- April 13, 2020
6:00 PM**

**DUE TO THE ONGOING COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK,
TOWN BUILDINGS are CLOSED to the PUBLIC BY EMERGENCY ORDER
THIS MEETING WILL BE BY REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY**

INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE:
YOU CAN JOIN BY COMPUTER: <https://meet.google.com/ace-tajh-etx>
OR DIAL IN by phone : 510-761-7508 enter PIN when asked: 981 327 222#
PLEASE JOIN 10 minutes early so the meeting can begin on time.

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 above. An audio recording of this meeting will be posted on the town's website as soon as we are able.

1. Acknowledgments & Recognitions

Recognition of the passing of Maurice A. Poutre on April 3, 2020 former Westport Police Sargent.

6:05 p.m.

2. Discussion

- a. COVID-19 updates and discussion
- b. Representative Paul Schmid
- c. Consider Postponement of Town Meeting with Town Moderator
- d. Consider Waiver of Tax penalties due to COVID-19.
- e. Consider postponement of East Beach trailer permits issuance
- f. East Beach Association discussion on regulation

6:10 p.m.

3. Licenses

- a. Request approval of renewal of Upweller Licenses for Kerian Fennelly (Wharf #1) and John Fennelly (Wharf# 2)

4. Action Items

- a. Approve Charter/KGI Wireless license agreement.
- b. 2020 Quahog Relay contract review and approval.

6:15 p.m.

5. Appointments and/or Resignations

- a. Request from Police Chief to make a contingent offer of employment to Michael Chicca.

- b. Request to appoint Roland Charron as a Per-Diem Wiring Inspector as needed.
- c. Retirement of Marlene Samson as Town Clerk as of April 22
- d. Request to appoint Bernadette Oliver as Acting Town Clerk
- e. Request to appoint Stella Farias as Assistant Town Clerk
- f. Request to post the open Principal Clerk for the Council on Aging

6. Town Administrator Report

7. Minutes

8. Bill Warrant

9. Selectmen Liaison Committee Reports

10. Boards/Committees/Commissions Vacancy List

11. Board Members Suggestions for Future Agenda Discussion / Action

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

13. Question & Answers.

Adjournment

Original posting with Town Clerk was on 4/9/2020, 2020 at 2:39pm

Adjournment



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From: Tim King, Town Administrator *TJK*
Subj: Bi-Weekly Report
Date: April 9, 2020

Item # 1 – CoronaVirus – COVID -19 Parking at Beaches/Landings/Boat Launches

With nicer week-end spring weather many residents and visitors want to get out doors to enjoy the change. Following the Governor's lead Westport has restricted parking at town beaches, landings, and boat launches. The purpose is to reduce the chances of too many people in too small a space and respect social distancing. Chris Leonard has identified a problem at the State Boat Ramp as visitors park there. He is working with state officials to resolve the dilemma.

Item # 2 – Corona Virus – New State Law Increases Municipal Fiscal Flexibility

The Mass Legislature passed a law that addresses a number of potential difficult issues related to Town Meeting, adopting municipal budgets, and spending on services without a budget after June 30, and other matters. Senator Rodrigues provided the attached letter that describes all the changes.

Item # 3 – FY 21 Municipal Budget – COVID-19 Impact

The economic impact of COVID-19 will have consequential affects on Westport's FY 21 Municipal Budget. Areas such as meals and lodging excise taxes, motor vehicle excise taxes, reduced licenses and permit fees, and state budget reductions will all reduce the estimated revenues for FY 21. My revised revenue estimate is \$500,000 lower than previously provided. This revenue decrease will have to be addressed by the Finance Committee.

Item # 4 - New School - Financing

COVID-19 has caused disruptions in the bond market. The Town of Westport planned on selling bonds in May for the new school. It looks like this will be postponed until Fall. The Town will seek another short-term financing for the additional funds that would be needed to keep the project going.

Item # 5 – WRWA Report

Attached is a periodic report from Westport Rivers Watershed Alliance for March 2020.

Item # 6 – Westport MS 4

The engineering consultant retained to develop plans for Westport's MS4 (stormwater monitoring) compliance has made significant strides. Attached is a summary from the Town Planner. The referenced IDDE will soon be uploaded onto the Town's Website in the Planning section under MS4.

Item # 7 - Monthly Reports

Attached are monthly reports from Cemetery, Highway, Veteran's Services, and Senior Center.