

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

WESTBROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, October 20, 2016  
Mulvey Municipal Center  
Multi-Media Room

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Bishop called the meeting at 6:00 p.m. In attendance included: First Selectman Bishop, Selectman Hall, Selectwoman Labbadia, Tony Cozza, BOF member, Paul Connelly, Chairman BOF, David Maiden, Building Official, Jeff Kriete, Attorney Wells, Town Counselor, Rich Annino, Director of Park & Rec., Sonia Marino, Director of Health, George Gonsalves, Keith Ainsworth, Esq., Carl Cascio, Acoustical Technologies, Bill and Heidi Wrang.

REQUEST FROM RESIDENT – Noise Ordinance

Mr. Ainsworth, on behalf of Mr. Gonsalves, and Mr. Wrang provided information to the BOS regarding their respective views on the Noise Complaint submitted to the Land Use Department/BOS. Information documenting their concerns was included in the BOS packet.

Mr. Maiden, Building Official, per the BOS's request, reiterated the protocol regarding the Noise Ordinance.

Mr. Bishop made a motion to authorize David Maiden, Building Official, to hire an acoustical engineer to perform testing that will address the specific issue raised and to concurrently refer the matter to the Zoning Commission for possible action. All interested parties will be invited to the Zoning Commission meeting. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON FISKE LANE TENNIS COURT AND PLAYScape ADJACENT TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

The tennis courts located at Fiske Lane have been in disrepair for several years. Additionally, the Westbrook Foundation provided a grant for the replacement of playground equipment located adjacent to the Fire Department. It has been suggested that the playscape be moved to across the parking lot.

Mr. Bishop made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing with the BOS on 11/21/16 @ 7:00 p.m. regarding the Fiske Lane Tennis Courts and playscape followed by a Town Meeting. Town Meeting agenda is to include a request for an easement. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BEACH CONCESSION STAND

Per the agreement, the necessary repairs (installation of a hood) to the beach concession stand were the responsibility of John Anello, proprietor of Hog Wild. The cost of the repairs totaled approximately \$12,000. The agreement with Mr. Anello expires in 2018. Mr. Anello has requested that the BOS consider extending his contract for an additional year and freezing the rent at \$3,000; waiving the additional \$500 per year as indicated in the agreement.

Mr. Bishop made a motion to extend to September 2019 the current agreement with Hog Wild @ \$3,000 per year. The contract will go out to bid in the fall/winter 2019. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bishop withdrew the motion.

Mr. Hall made a motion to extend the agreement with Hog Wild through 9/2020 @ \$3000 per year each year and to authorize the First Selectman to negotiate the ownership of hood to revert ownership to the Town. Ms. Labbadia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT – Finance Director

Mr. Bishop made a motion to appoint Donna Castracane as the Director of Finance for the Town of Westbrook to begin on or about 11/28/16 at salary of \$80,000 per year. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Mr. Kriete distributed an article from the Danbury Newspaper regarding a change to a Noise Ordinance.

APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Bishop made a motion to add to the agenda a first reading for Ralph DePonte, D, Conservation Commission, acceptance of resignation from Eve Barakos, ZBA and the re-appointment of the Constables to a one year term. Ms. Labbadia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop made a motion to accept the letter of resignation received from Eve Barakos, ZBA. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

First Reading – Ralph DePonte – D – Conservation Commission

Mr. Hall made a motion to re-appointment the following Constables to one year terms: Joe Pucillo, Larry Merrill, Mark Wyzkowski, Mike McKenna, Kenneth McNamara, and Derek Allen. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/29/16 BOS meeting. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

The RFP bids for the electronic sign are due on 11/3/16.

Registration for the CCM Annual Convention is due 10/31. The Convention is scheduled on 11/14 and 11/15.

Mr. Bishop reported that Mr. Lyman has withdrawn his request to purchase town property located on Boston Post Road.

The event honoring Tom Odell was a great success. The bill was received from Waters Edge and totaled approximately \$600.00.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bishop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest,

Suzanne Helchowski  
Administrative

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