

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tyler at 2:47 p.m.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Kirkby  
Councilperson Viens  
Councilperson Morrison  
Supervisor Tyler

Others present:

Keven Severance, DPW Superintendent  
Kate Simmer, Town Clerk  
Michael Fergot  
Susan Bullock

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comment.

**YOUTH COMMISSION:** No comment.

**RESOLUTION #127**

**APPROVE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, seconded by Councilperson Morrison and approved with an all in favor.

4 Ayes            Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the June 26, 2023 Public Hearing Meeting minutes as presented.

**RESOLUTION #128**

**APPROVE MINUTES**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens and approved with an all in favor.

4 Ayes            Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the June 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

**RESOLUTION #129**

**APPROVE THE BILLS**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved with a roll call vote.

4 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve Abstract #22 for \$20,769.32; vouchers #348-381; and Abstract #23 for \$2,031.32; vouchers #382-383.

**RESOLUTION #130**

**AWARD THE MOUNTAIN SPRING TIMBER BID TO GABE PALMER**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, and seconded by Councilperson Kirkby, and approved with an all in favor.

4 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to award Gabe Palmer the Mountain Spring Timber Bid Sale.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that Gabe Palmer will provide 25% of the value of timber after trucking is deducted.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town will waive the performance deposit.

**THE TOWN BOARD IS IN RECEIPT OF JUNE MONTHLY REPORTS FOR:**

Westport Town Court  
Westport Town Clerk  
Westport Town Supervisor

**RESOLUTION #131**

**MARRIAGE OFFICIAL FEE**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor.

4 Ayes Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler  
0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to approve the 1-day marriage officiant application license fee of \$25.00.

**DISCUSSION:** Supervisor Tyler received an email correspondence from Mr. Mark Smith regarding speeding on Bessboro Lane. The Board denied his request for an additional sign and no action was taken.

**DISCUSSION:** Supervisor Tyler presented the Board with information regarding the Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Worker's property tax 10% exemption, Real Property Tax Law 466-a. A public hearing needs to be held on this matter.

**RESOLUTION #132  
REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW 466-A PUBLIC HEARING**

On a motion by Councilperson Kirkby, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with an all in favor.

4 Ayes            Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler

0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to schedule a public hearing, for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Worker's property tax 10% exemption, Real Property Tax Law 466-a, on August 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm, regular meeting immediately following.

**RESOLUTION #133  
HIRE SKYLAR BASSELL AS A LIFGUARD**

On a motion by Councilperson Kirkby, and seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved with an all in favor.

4 Ayes            Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler

0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to hire Skylar Bissell as a lifeguard at \$19.00 per hour for the Ballard Park Beach.

**RESOLUTION #134  
AWARD 2006 INTERNATIONAL TANDEM DUMP TRUCK BID TO JOHN  
CAIN FOR \$16751.00**

On a motion by Councilperson Viens, and seconded by Councilperson Morrison, and approved with a roll call vote.

4 Ayes            Morrison, Viens, Kirkby, Tyler

0 Nays

**RESOLVED** to award the 2006 International Tandem Dump Truck bid to John Cain for \$16751.00

**DPW SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Bessboro Lane washed out, we are ready to blacktop. The cost is \$19,000.00. Looking into the use of CHIPS funds since the road is not 10 years old yet. The Fire Commissioners gave approval to pave the driveway at the Fire House. We would like to complete these two projects together. The transfer station outhouse is completed. We fixed the lawn from the fire truck getting stuck during the fireworks. All roads are passable after the storms. All the dirt roads have been graded. Working on putting something together for how long we should be keeping our trucks. The price of trucks is going up. We have four, if we keep them 12 years we will be replacing a truck every 3 years.

**SUPERVISOR TYLER** We are in receipt of a letter from Astrid Masle about a noise issue. The Board has decided to continue to monitor the situation. No action will be taken at this time.

Looking into a dog park. I'm in the process of getting prices for fencing and a gate.

Looking into installing a small kitchen at Lee Park Beach House, waiting for the Essex County Health Department.

The Fireworks were FANTASTIC, everyone agreed.

**RESOLUTION #135**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilperson Morrison, seconded by Councilperson Viens, and approved on an all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Catherine Simmer,  
Town Clerk