

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOS MEETING

TOWN OF WESTBROOK, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Mulvey Municipal Center
Multi-Media Room/ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance included: First Selectman Hall called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. In attendance included: First Selectman Hall, Selectman Campbell, Selectman Bialicki, Donna Castracane, Director of Finance, Eric O’Connell, Press, Terri DiPietro, Middlesex Health, Marilyn Ozols, Chairman Planning Commission, Karl Gelotte, BOF, Heidi Wallace, Environmental Planner, Chief Cusson, Randy Bell, Conservation Commission, Don Giudice, Todd Vigorito, John Palermo, Emergency Management Director, and Peter Gillespie, Planner.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to add to the agenda a discussion on staffing in the Public Works Dept. Mr. Bialicki seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ALL HABITAT AGREEMENT – Lake Laconia

A copy of the All Habitat Agreement for treatment (aquatic plant management program) of Lake Laconia was included in the BOS packet. The document has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. Mr. Giudice updated the BOS on the status of the lake and the history of treatments to the lake. The recommended treatment plan is as follows:

All Habitat		
CT DEEP Permit	\$550.00	
Base Cost	\$900.00	
Lillies – Clear Cast	\$1,600.00	4 acres @ \$400/acre
Milfoils – Tribune/Flumigard	\$4,734.00	6 acres @ \$789/acre
Total	\$7,784.00	
OptionsI Milfoil		
Milfoils – ProcellaCOR	\$7,200.00	8 acres @ \$900/acre, 3 yr. guarantee 30% of pond
REVISED TOTAL	\$10,250.00	(Westbrook’s share - \$5,125.00 - funds budgeted in Conservation Commission’s budget)

Note that ½ of the treatment will be paid for by the Lake Laconia Estates Home Owner’s Association.

Mr. Campbell made a motion authorizing the First Selectman to sign the All Habitat Agreement as recommended in the amount of \$10,250.00 (Westbrook’s share \$5,125). Mr. Bialicki seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COASTAL RESILIENCY GRANT

The Towns of Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Clinton and the Borough of Fenwick have been awarded a National Fish and Wildlife Grant in the amount of \$150,000 to facilitate a Coastal Resiliency Plan. A copy of the grant documents was included in the BOS packet. The required “matching” funds are budgeted and Capital and Old Saybrook will contribute “matching” funds. “In-kind” services; i.e. volunteer and staff time will be considered “matching”. Grant funds will be used to hire a consultant to facilitate the Plan. Mr. Gillespie and Ms. Ozols were available to respond to questions/comments posed by BOS members.

Mr. Bialicki made a motion to accept the National Fish and Wildlife Grant in the amount of \$150,000 and forward same to the Board of Finance and Town Meeting for further action. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS – Internal Promotion

Mr. Riggio recommended that the Transfer Station Attendant (“Gatekeeper”) be promoted to a Landfill Operator/Public Works employee (full-time, non-Union, 40 hours per week).

Mr. Riggio and First Selectman Hall interviewed and recommended a candidate to fill the Transfer Station Attendant (“Gatekeeper”) position (23 hours per week, M, W, S, non-Union).

Mr. Campbell made a motion to promote Bob Marquis to the Landfill Operator/Public Works position, effective 2/16/23, 40 -hours per week @ \$27.85 per hour. Mr. Bialicki seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bialicki made a motion to appoint Kevin DeLoreto to the Transfer Station Attendant, effective 3/6/23, 23 hours per week (M, W, S) @ \$21.74 per hour. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

First Reading - Janice Panella R - Inland Wetland Commission (alt).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 1/26/23 (Special and Regular meeting), 1/31/23, 2/1/23

Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/26/23 Special and Regular Meeting, the 1/31/23 BOS meeting and the 2/1/23 BOS meeting as presented. Mr. Bialicki seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT

Mr. Hall reported:

- The Mulvey Roof is 95% complete.
- The Library Roof is complete.
- Public Works will facilitate a portion of the smoke sensors replacement project in the Police Department.
- An RFP is being developed for the roof-top AC units at the Mulvey Center. Funding for the project is in Capital. There is the potential for an 8 to 9 month lead-time on the equipment.
- The jetty is nearing completion. It is anticipated that the project will be finished in time for the Polar Plunge scheduled on 2/26.
- The benches are being installed at the Dog Park.
- The iron fence for the Small Pox Cemetery is being fabricated by the Public Works Department and will be installed upon completion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Campbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Mr. Bialicki seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest,

Suzanne Helchowski
Executive Assistant

John Hall, III
First Selectman