



The Selectboard
TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON
TOWN HALL
1 SOUTH ROAD
WESTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01027

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Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 7:00 PM

The Westhampton Selectboard scheduled a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

PRESENT: Phil Dowling, Maureen Dempsey.

ALSO PRESENT: Douglas Finn, Bill Jablonski,

PRESENT by ZOOM: Scott Johndrow, Robby Armenti, Mary Lou and Charles Provost (North Road), David Wasielewski

Department and Committee Updates

Highway (Bill Jablonski)

Mr. Jablonski noted that Scott had been on vacation the past week; he also noted recent work completed:

- drainage installed on Upper Reservoir road,
- moved chairs to the high school, then the elementary school;
- repair of a sink-hole on stage road by the Armenti house;
- treating dirt roads with dust control;
- body repairs on the police chiefs cruiser.
- a roof and windshield was mounted to the Fire Department Kubota to make it more usable in the rain;
- a water tank and stretcher was mounted onto the back of the Kubota.

Mr. Jablonski noted that the new solid-waste compacter was installed, and is ready to go; further, the "speed trailer" had been delivered, and training completed. Trailer needs to be registered and insured prior to deployment.

Mr. Jablonski noted that the material used on dirt roads consisted of magnesium chloride and molasses (for adherence).

EOY Fund Transfer Request

Mr. Jablonski presented a request for an 'end of year' fund transfer, to permit the purchase of a new payloader, replacing the 2019 unit that was failing. Mr. Jablonski reminded the board that the purchase price was about 20% of the cost of a new unit, and would come with a three year / 6,000 hour warranty.

It was MOVED by Dowling, ^{3,000}SECONDED by Johndrow

To approve the fund transfer request, amounting to \$36,782.71 to the Highway Machinery, as presented.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0 (7:07 PM)

Reimbursement Request for Mass DOT

Mr. Jablonski presented a reimbursement request to be submitted to Mass DOT for reimbursement for milling and paving on Loudville Road. The request is \$76,113.71 to the town through state aid.

After brief deliberation, it was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Johndrow

To approve and sign.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0. (7:10 PM)

Health (Robby Armenti)

Ms. Armenti noted that Mike Archibald (Public Health Nurse) may be starting a clinic (possibly at the library) to allow folks to have blood pressure tested, answer health-related questions, and other light health matters. Mr. Johndrow asked whether Mr. Archibald could attend the next Selectboard meeting to discuss the proposal. Ms. Armenti agreed to pass on the request.

There are quotes coming in for document scanning services;

An interview for a new health inspector will be held on Thursday.

Covid cases as reported are down somewhat.

Opioid Settlement Funds

Ms. Armenti asked whether funding from the settlement could be directed to the Foothills Health District for programming such as prevention programming in schools, etc.

A webinar will be held on Friday from 2 to 3 to present information about the funding.

Opt Out

Ms. Armenti noted that there was a glitch in the submission of paperwork related to the mosquito 'opt out' program. Mr. Finn noted that the paperwork had been resubmitted, and the state had acknowledged receipt.

Covid-19 tests

Mr. Finn noted that 300 tests had been received, but distribution was not yet decided.

Public Safety Building (Phil Dowling)

Mr. Dowling noted that the progress continues. A meeting tomorrow night with the architect is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 PM.

MVP (Teri Anderson)

Ms. Anderson noted that the DEI training had been completed, and that the cost for additional staff hours was about \$958.05.

There was some discussion related to specific funding requests.

It was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Dempsey

To appropriate \$958.05 from ARPA to pay for additional staff hours for DEI Training.

This act supersedes any previous appropriation for this purpose.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0.

There was some discussion related to the mechanics of the reimbursement request, and the grant reporting timeline and process.

Public Comment

Mr. David Wasielewski – a consultant for “local power” spoke briefly about waste-to-energy options available to Towns. Waste is being trucked and railed to South Carolina at

a significant cost. Costs on such services (solid-waste disposal) will continue to rise; a better solution is needed. Mr. Wasielewski asked if the town would be interested in discussing options, and asked for a contact in the Town to work with the group. Mr. Dowling replied that he would serve as liaison for the Town.

Old Business

No old business was raised.

New Business

FRTA / COA – Renewal of Regional Transportation on Demand contract

After review, it was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Dempsey

To approve the agreement as presented.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0. (7:50 PM)

VFIS – Renewal of Insurance for Volunteer Fire / Part-time Police

The policy parameters were reviewed. It was noted by Finn, Affirmed by Chief White, that the policy does not come close to covering the potential liability that the town COULD incur in worst case scenario; however, it was recommended by White and Antosz that the town renew the policy.

After further review, it was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Johndrow

To approve the quote and renew the contract.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0.

Annual Appointments (staff / boards / committees)

Mr. Finn presented a list of appointments for review.¹ Mr. Johndrow noted that two part-time officers have declined to be reappointed, and asked the Chief if there was a plan to fill these positions. The chief acknowledged that the department was moving forward with possible candidates.

After review and deliberation, it was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Dempsey

To approve the list of reappointments as presented.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0. (8:02 PM)

Fall Festival (Event Permit / Road Closures)

Ms. Morely Cleary presented some information regarding the proposed fall festival. Traditionally, the roads from the library, to the common, to the High School are closed for the event.

Mr. Dowling noted that the board generally receives a sketch of the roads to be closed, and would review at that time. After some discussion, the board offered its general approval and support for the event.

Req. approval to consult with counsel re Non-Criminal Disposition

Mr. Finn requested permission to consult with Town Counsel in order to determine the proper way to implement "non-criminal disposition" – issuance of monetary fines for infractions of the Zoning Bylaw and other local regulations. The Board agreed.

¹ The list of appointments as presented is attached as Exhibit #1 to these minutes).

Review / Approve Minutes

June 6, 2022

After review, it was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Dempsey
To approve the minutes as presented.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0 (8:05 PM).

Review of Payroll and A/P Warrants

After review, it was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Dempsey
To approve the warrants as presented and to sign.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0. 8:06 PM.

Other items not reasonably anticipated at time of posting

Mr. Finn noted a request that the board formally convey support for S.2277, which would provide additional funding for Regional Transit Authorities. After some discussion, the board agreed that, while Westhampton supports regional collaboration generally, and regional transit in specific, it did not have enough information to support the request.

Set date for next meeting: Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Mr Dowling noted that, due to the Independence Day holiday, the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

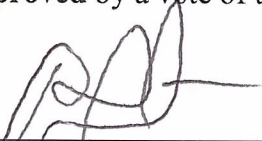
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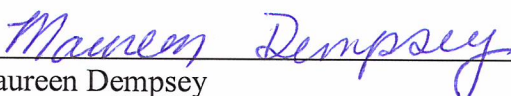
It was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Dempsey
To adjourn.

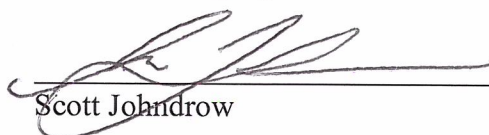
VOTED: 2, 0, 0. (8:11 PM)

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas C. Finn.

Approved by a vote of the Selectboard at a regular meeting, held on July 5, 2022.



Phil Dowling

Maureen Dempsey

Scott Johndrow

06/21/2022 - Appointments List

Person	Position	Board
	Officer with	Westhampton Police Department
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Todd Alexander	Emergency Management Director	
<i>Todd Alexander</i>	Local Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer	
Teri Anderson	Representative to	Franklin Regional Transit Authority
<i>Teri Anderson</i>	Member of	MVP - Action Grant Core Group
David Antosz	Fire Chief & Forest Warden	
Robby Armenti	Member of	MVP - Action Grant Core Group
Janelle Austin, KP Law P.C.	Town Counsel	
Deborah Barthelette	Election Officer	
Colleen Basile	Board Member of	Council on Aging
Joseph Boudreau	Town Accountant	
Susan Bronstein	Member of	MVP - Action Grant Core Group
<i>Susan Bronstein</i>	Election Officer	
Chris Brooks	Member of	Public Safety Building Committee
Arthur Clapp	Member of	MVP - Action Grant Core Group
Carter Cleary	Member of	MVP - Open Space & Recreation Committee
Morley Cleary	Member of	MVP - Action Grant Core Group
Donald (Pat) Coffey	Member of	Zoning By-Law Review Committee
Patricia W. Cotton	Member of	Board of Registrars
<i>Patricia W. Cotton</i>	Tax Collector	
Jennifer Day	Representative to	Hampshire County Insurance Trust
<i>Jennifer Day</i>	Treasurer	
Teresa Donovan	Inspector of Animals	Inspector of Animals
Philip Dowling	Trustee of	Board of Almoners of Street & Wright Fund
<i>Philip Dowling</i>	Member of	Insurance Committee
<i>Philip Dowling</i>	Member of	MVP - Action Grant Core Group
<i>Philip Dowling</i>	Member of	Public Safety Building Committee
Robert Dragon	Member of	Historical Commission
Bri Eichstadt	Member of	Board of Health
Douglas Finn	Administrative Assistant	
Jeff Fish	Police Sergeant	
Foothills Health District	Health Agent	
Deborah Ford	Election Officer	
Steve Gagne	Member of	Zoning By-Law Review Committee

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Person	Position	Board
Mark Gould	Emergency Medical Services Coordinator	
Thomas Hathaway	Member of	Agricultural Commission
Joseph Henning	Veterans' Agent	
Steve Holt	Member of	Agricultural Commission
Steve Holt	Member of	Public Safety Building Committee
Steve Holt	Field Driver & Pound Keeper	
Peter Ignatovich	Member of	Zoning Board of Appeals
Louise Jasionkowski	Election Officer	
Tom Jenkins	Member of	MVP - Open Space & Recreation Committee
Katrin Kaminsky	Member of	Board of Registrars
Katrin Kaminsky	Town Clerk	
Anthony Karella	Plumbing & Gas Inspector (Assistant)	
Amy Landau	Council on Aging Coordinator	
Robert LaPalme	Member of	MVP - Open Space & Recreation Committee
Julia Lennen	Member of	MVP - Action Grant Core Group
Jessica Lermen	Commissioner of	Conservation Commission
Glenn Loud	Fence Viewer	
John Lyons	Wiring Inspector (Assistant)	
James Mailloux	Wiring Inspector	
Walter Marek	Local Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer	
Melissa Melville	Election Officer	
Jennifer Milikowsky	Member of	MVP - Open Space & Recreation Committee
Fred Morrison	Member of	MVP - Action Grant Core Group
Fred Morrison	Member of	MVP - Open Space & Recreation Committee
Barbara Moynihan	Election Officer	
John Moynihan	Member of	Agricultural Commission
Brigid O'Riordan	Member of	Zoning By-Law Review Committee
Kate Parsons	Member of	MVP - Open Space & Recreation Committee
Arthur Pichette	Member of	Public Safety Building Committee
Arthur Pichette	Member of	Zoning By-Law Review Committee
Brian Pichette	Plumbing & Gas Inspector	
Shirley Raymond	Election Officer	
Pandora Redwin	Member of	MVP - Open Space & Recreation Committee
Lora Saltis	Election Officer	
Laurie Sanders	Member of	MVP - Action Grant Core Group

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Person	Position	Board
Laurie Sanders	Member of	MVP - Open Space & Recreation Committee
Laurie Sanders	Member of	Zoning Board of Appeals
Catherine Shaw	Member of	Board of Registrars
John Shaw	Member of	Zoning By-Law Review Committee
Leah Stanton	Member of	Historical Commission
Erika Subocz	Election Officer	
Dolores Thornhill	Election Officer	
Richard I. Tracy	Commissioner of	Cemetery Commission
Richard W. Tracy	Member of	MVP - Action Grant Core Group
Richard I. Tracy	Surveyors of Wood,Lumber & Bark	
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Mary Vachula	Member of	Board of Registrars
Jean Webster	Election Officer	
David White	Member of	Public Safety Building Committee
David White	Police Chief	
Marilyn Witherell	Election Officer	
Charlotte Wood	Election Officer	
Stephen Wumbrand	Member of	Public Safety Building Committee
John Zimmerman	Member of	MVP - Action Grant Core Group
John Zimmerman	Member of	Public Safety Building Committee