



The Selectboard
TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON
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WESTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01027

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Monday, July 18, 2022, at 7:00 PM

The Westhampton Selectboard scheduled a regular meeting on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

PRESENT: Maureen Dempsey, Scott Johndrow.

ALSO PRESENT: Douglas Finn, Bill Jablonski

PRESENT BY REMOTE CONFERENCING: Phil Dowling, Charles and Mary Lou Provost, Susan Bronstein, Trent Levakis

Department and Committee Updates

a. John Shaw – Zoning Bylaw Review Committee

Mr. Finn noted that Mr. Shaw was unable to attend, and would reschedule at a future date.

b. Highway (Bill Jablonski)

i. CONTRACT – AJ Virgilio – Northwest Road Bridge Repairs

Mr. Jablonski presented a contract for repairs to the Northwest Road Bridge for review and endorsement; Mr. Jablonski also presented a request for reimbursement to be submitted to Mass DOT

Mr. Jablonski also reported recent work:

- Flag removal from streets
- Clean out the 'swap shop' at the transfer station.
- July 7-8: Chainsaw safety class through Baystate Roads Program; a storm management class will be forthcoming.
- Catch basin on Stage Road was replaced; first time work for two of four crew members;
- New Generator has been received, and set.
- Rain / Lightening storm; trees down on Main Road, Mine Road, and Southampton Road (chipping / debris cleanup).

b. Health (Robby Armenti)

Ms. Armenti was not present. Mr. Finn asked about distribution of Covid test kits in house; after some deliberations, the board agreed that some should go to the fire and Highway Departments first and foremost, with the rest distributed to town residents through the library or town office.

c. Public Safety Building (Phil Dowling)

Phil noted a proposal by the architect to waive all future fees, and that the proposal had

been forward to the Town's counsel for review. Work on site is otherwise proceeding. Mr. Johndrow asked if there was an estimate for completion of work. Mr. Dowling: The latest schedule shows late October, and was not aware of anything that would change that.

d. MVP (Teri Anderson)

Ms. Anderson was not present.

3. Old Business

No old business was presented.

4. New Business

Mr. Johndrow noted some concern about a decision that was made at a previous meeting, and the manner by which the decision was reached; Mr. Johndrow asked if, in the future, if a member notes that they don't have the information needed to make a decision, that the board consider delaying the decision making process.

5. Legislation / Correspondence

a. Update on MGL 30A and / Remote or Hybrid meetings

Mr. Finn noted that the remote meeting extension was signed into law by Lt. Gov. Polito on July 16, extending the remote- or hybrid-meeting option to towns and cities through March 31, 2023.

b. Request for ARPA funds – Meghan Schwelm, Westhampton Library

Mr. Finn noted a request from Meghan Schwelm, Director of the Westhampton Public Library, for an appropriation of ARPA funds for the purchase of two filters for their air purifiers. Total requested amounts: \$203.88.

It was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Johndrow

To approve the appropriation as requested.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0. (7:16 PM)

c. Community Reps: Healthy Hampshire, Franklin Regional Transit Authority

Mr. Finn noted that Ms. Anderson had declined reappointment as Rep to the Franklin Regional Transit Authority board. Mr. Finn also noted that Healthy Hampshire was looking for a representative from Westhampton to participate.

Ms. Dempsey asked if a member of the Board of Health or Council on Aging might serve as a rep to Healthy Hampshire. Mr. Finn noted that he could reach out.

Mr. Finn was asked to promote both opportunities through the website.

Other Correspondence:

Mr. Finn noted letters from Comcast (June 22, 2022, noting a change in channel lineup) had been received. No action required.

Review / Approve Minutes

The minutes of July 5, 2022 were reviewed.

A correction to page 2 was noted: "...IS there a financial benefit to the town in transferring the ROFR to Kestral..."

After review, it was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Johndrow
To approve the minutes of July 5, 2022, as presented (and amended).

VOTED: 3, 0, 0 (7:18 PM).

Review of Payroll and A/P Warrants

After review, it was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Dempsey
To approve warrants W23-02 and WP23-02 as presented, and sign.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0. (7:21) PM.

Other items not reasonably anticipated at time of posting

Mr. Dowling noted that the latest payment requisition from Mountford had been received, and is approved.

Set date for next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1, 2022, 7 PM. Both Mr. Johndrow and Mr. Dowling would be attending remotely.

Adjourn

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

NO OBJECTION. (7:23 PM)

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas C. Finn.

Approved by a vote of the Selectboard at a regular meeting, held on August 1, 2022.



Phil Dowling



Maureen Dempsey

Scott Johndrow