



**SELECTBOARD**  
**TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**1 SOUTH ROAD**  
**WESTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01027**

Minutes of June 10, 2019

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Present from Selectboard were Phil Dowling, Maureen Dempsey, and Teri Anderson.

Others present were David Blakesley, Dave White, Art Pichette, John Shaw, Tom Martin, Steve Holt, Scott Tirrell.

Minutes were taken by Cheryl Provost.

Phil welcomed new member Teri Anderson. The board reorganized with Phil Dowling as Chair, Maureen Dempsey as Clerk, and Teri Anderson.

- The articles of the Special Town Meeting were reviewed. Maureen motioned to approve warrant, second by Teri. So moved.
- The Selectboard voted by roll call, 3 yeas, 0 opposed, to enter into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m., as the Chair declared that discussion in a public meeting may have detrimental effect on the town's litigating position with respect to enforcement action for property at 0 Main Road, Westhampton Auto/JAWS, review of executive session minutes of the Selectboard meeting of August 28, 2019 and consider release of executive session material. The board will return to open session after the close of executive session.
- Adjourned Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 8:55 p.m.

Present from Selectboard were Phil Dowling, Maureen Dempsey, and Teri Anderson.

Others present were David Blakesley, Tom Martin, Dave White, Steve Holt, Wayne Parks, Ginny Curtis, Shirl Morrigan, John Zimmerman, Chris Brooks, Marilyn Witherell, Barbara Pelissier, Chris Brooks, Scott Tirrell and Peter Stotz from the Country Journal.

Minutes of May 28 were approved with 1 abstain (Teri).

Warrants were signed for:      Payroll: \$87,650.43  
   Vendor: \$285,571.13  
   Special Town Meeting June 24, 2019

- Highway Department:  
Requests for transfer between appropriations in accordance with Chapter 44:33b of the Massachusetts General Laws were reviewed and approved on a motion by Phil and second by Teri by vote of 3-yea, 0-nay in the amount of \$994.97 from Highway Materials (15422.700) to Chapter 90 (235422.907).  
-county bids for Fiscal Year 2020 for highway materials were reviewed. David's

recommendations were low bids.

On a motion and by a roll vote of 3-0, accepted the following bids:

Cold Patch (picked up): Warner

Washed stone 3/4": Meehan

Washed stone 1-1/2": Meehan & Hathaway (tie)

Traprock (delivered) 3/8": Hathaway

Washed winter sand (delivered): Hathaway

CRG 7/8: Hathaway

Hot Mix Asphalt (picked up): Palmer Paving

Hot Mix Asphalt (in place): Palmer Paving

Liquid Asphalt: All States Asphalt

-Fuel bids came in for gas-\$2.26/gallon; diesel-\$2.52/gallon (down from FY19).

-spraying gravel roads with liquid calcium

-North Road paved (by Hathaway) to finish that road

-lally columns in basement were installed

-replaced pins & bushings on backhoe

-replaced brakes on old pickup (5<sup>th</sup> time)

-made suggestion to open discussion with Southampton for ambulance services. They're running 24/7 with paramedic level staff and they may be seeking more runs. Discussion ensued regarding current services provided by Pioneer.

- The results of the Annual Town Election were reviewed. A typo occurred on ballot question 2, safety complex debt exclusion, where it read Proposition town and one-half rather than Proposition two and one-half (emphasis). Phil had spoken to counsel and there are two options to address the vote; re-do the election, or request special legislation from the Governor. Phil added that he believes the typo did not cause confusion how to vote. The warrant was properly posted and the process was explained at the Annual Town Meeting. There has also been numerous informational meetings held by the Public Safety Complex Committee with updates to the Selectboard. Counsel provided a draft request and Act to be submitted through the legislation, the board reviewed it. Revisions were made to the draft to correct the name of the town and correct town meeting date. Phil supported the method to ratify the vote through an Act. Discussed cost of redoing election vs. seeking special legislation. The costs would be similar; counsel has been invested into already. Also discussed time to complete either option. The special legislation could take up to two months. A debt exclusion ballot question must be completed no later than September. The Town Clerk must be notified no less than thirty-five days prior to an election. An election could be held in late July/early August. The typo was identified Friday, May 10; hours prior to the election (May 11). Absentee ballot votes had been cast and the ballot moved forward as printed. Phil moved that the Selectboard request that the Governor file special legislation on behalf of the Town of Westhampton to ratify, validate and confirm votes taken at the June 1, 2019 Annual Town Election in the Town of Westhampton, and all actions taken pursuant thereto, to same extent as if the ministerial typographical errors appearing in the warrant

for the Annual Town Meeting and Election, and on the ballot at such election, had been corrected. Second by Maureen. Motion passed 3-yays, 0-nays.

- Tom Martin, Board of Health, reported:
  - the new Health Agent for the Foothills Health District is Mark Bushy and he started today.
  - requested to allow town counsel to review Board of Health Regulations, so approved
  - Robbie Armenti will attend an event in Hadley to recognize Westhampton as an “Aging In Place” participating community.
  - “glamping”, aka glamor camping is trending. It combines the natural outdoor experience of camping with comfortable, modern tents, cabins, and cottages. These services create challenges similar to the better known Air B&B in that there is little regulation, such as public health and licensing. Tom suggested the town should develop regulations for the establishments.
- Dog complaint:

Dave White, Chief of Police, provided a report that followed up on a vicious dog complaint. Barry Sherman had filed the complaint against Robert Dragon, who’s dog attacked his wife and their dog while she was walking by. Dave interviewed Robert Dragon, who is taking steps to mitigate the problem. The Westhampton Police Dept. completed the investigation in absence of an Animal Control Officer. Phil replied that he takes these vicious dog complaints seriously and he would like to hear from the owner to prove action is being taken to prevent this from happening again. Voted to schedule a public hearing for a vicious dog complaint for 6:30 p.m. on June 24. Both parties to be notified.
- Phil motioned to make appointments as read (list attached). Second by Teri. Motion passed 3-0.
- Public Safety Complex Review Committee updates:

Steve Holt reported the committee met tonight and approved the RFQ for the Owner’s Project Manager and the document is ready to be posted to the Central Registrar. The deadline for submittal is June 8 when the committee will meet to review them.
- Solar PILOT agreement:

The initial payment of \$5,000.00 was received from CVE and payment to Roy Bishop is processed.
- Health insurance negotiations:

Maureen reported that negotiations are scheduled for June 12 and requested recommendations for proceeding and whether to begin the process to change health insurance benefits under Mass. General Laws Chapter 32B, sections 21-23 or under Chapter 150E. Town Counsel is available to attend if needed. Phil supports continuing negotiations under Chapter 150E without counsel unless necessary. The potential savings does not warrant the cost of counsel’s presence. So moved.
- Ginny Curtis inquired of the status of the old cruiser. The cruiser will be sold as surplus once specific procurement practices are reviewed. G Curtis requested that the records state that an appearance of conflict exists to have Art Pichette attend the executive session portion of the

meeting. So noted.

- Motion was made by Phil to approve vendor and payroll warrants. Second by Teri. So moved.
- The budget and budget procedures were reviewed.
- Correspondence was reviewed:
  - thank you card from Dolores Thornhill
  - Wendy Blow's term on the Council On Aging ends June 30, 2019 and she will not accept another term
  - Dept. of Housing & Community Development-"Housing Choice Small Grant Program"
- Administrative Assistant updates, Cheryl Provost reported:  
The Zoning Bylaw Review Committee made a request to notify the Planning Board to select a member to join the committee to replace Bob Turner. The Selectboard scheduled to meet with the Planning Board June 24<sup>th</sup> to appoint a member to fill the vacancy and to designate a member to the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee.
- Next meeting: 7:00 p.m. June 24, 2019. Annual Town Meeting & Special Town Meeting, June 24, 2019.
- Documents submitted:
  - Police report of vicious dog complaint
  - draft request for special legislation & Special Legislation
- Documents signed:
  - Request For Special Legislation
- Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Philip Dowling, Chair

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Maureen Dempsey

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Teri Anderson

## List of Appointed Officials 2019

OFFICE/BOARD/COMMITTEE	LAST	FIRST	EFFECTIVE	TERM	EXPIRES
Accountant	Boudreau	Joseph	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
Administrative Assistant	Provost	Cheryl	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
Agricultural Commission	Hathaway	Thomas	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
Agricultural Commission	Holt	Stephen	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
Agricultural Commission	Moynihan	John	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
Almoners of Street & Wright Fund	Dowling	Philip	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
Board of Health	Martin	Thomas	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
Building Inspector Alternate	Flagg	Jonathan	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Building Inspector Alternate	Laurin	Ronald	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Building Inspector/Commissioner	Quinlan	Thomas	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Capital Planning	Antosz	David	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Capital Planning (SB)	Dowling	Phil	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Cemetery Commissioner	Tracy	Richard I	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
Cemetery Superintendent	Thornton	Edward	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Council On Aging	Webster	Jean	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
Council On Aging	Lennen	Julia	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
Election Officer	Barthelette	Deborah	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Election Officer	Cunningham	Harriette	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Election Officer	Delisle	Carol	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Election Officer	Dragon	Connie	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Election Officer	Jasionkowski	Louise	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Election Officer	Raymond	Shirley	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Election Officer	Subocz	Erika	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Election Officer	Webster	Jean	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Election Officer	Witherall	Marilyn	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Election Officer	Wood	Charlotte	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Electrical Inspector	Mailloux	James	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Electrical Inspector, Asst	Lyons	John	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Fence Viewer	Loud	Glenn	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Fire Chief Search Committee	Antosz	David	6/10/2019	duration	
Fire Chief Search Committee	Brooks	Christopher	6/10/2019	duration	
Fire Chief Search Committee	Tirrell	Scott	6/10/2019	duration	
Fire Chief Search Committee	Zimmerman	John	6/10/2019	duration	
Fire Chief Search Committee	Dowling	Phil	6/10/2019	duration	
Foothills Health Dist Rep	Martin	Thomas	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Franklin Regional Transit Rep	Anderson	Teri	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Hamp County Insurance Rep (Treasurer)	Cotton	Patricia	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Health Agent	Foothills Health District		7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Highway Superintendent, Trench permit	Blakesley	David	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Historical Commission	Dragon	Robert	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
HRMC Rep	Blakesley	David	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
HRMC Rep	Martin	Thomas	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Insurance Committee	Dowling	Phil	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
OPEB trust	Knox	Anne Marie	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
OPEB trust	Blakesley	David	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020



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OPEB trust (Accountant)	Boudreau	Joseph	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
OPEB trust (Admin Asst-x officio)	Provost	Cheryl	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
OPEB trust (SB)	Dowling	Philip	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
OPEB trust (Treasurer)	Cotton	Patricia	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Plumbing Inspector	Pichette	Brian	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Plumbing Inspector Asst	Karella	Anthony	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Police	Fisher	Floyd	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Police	Malo	Matthew	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Police Chief	White	David	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Public Safety Complex Comm	Wumbrand	Stephen	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Public Safety Complex Comm	Holt	Steve	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Public Safety Complex Comm	Dowling	Phil	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Public Safety Complex Comm	Pichette	Arthur	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Public Safety Complex Comm	White	David	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Public Safety Complex Comm	Sanders	Laurie	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Public Safety Complex Comm	Zimmerman	John	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Public Safety Complex Comm (FC)	Gagne	Steve	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Public Safety Complex Comm	Brooks	Christopher	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Registrar	Montague	Mary	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Registrar	Shaw	Catherine	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Registrar	Vachula	Mary	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Registrar (Town Clerk)	Bronstein	Susan	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Surveyor wood	Tracy	Richard I	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Surveyor wood	Tracy	Richard W	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Tax Collector	Knox	Anne Marie	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
Town Clerk	Bronstein	Susan	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Town Clerk Assistant	Provost	Cheryl	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Town Counsel	KPLaw		7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Town Property & Energy Assessment	Blakesley	David	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Town Property & Energy Assessment	Pichette	Arthur	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Veteran Agent (VSO)	Henning	Joseph	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
WES Committee (elected)	Bowser	Wesley	6/10/2019	1 of 3	next election
Zoning Board of Appeals	Ignatovich	Peter	7/1/2019	3	6/30/2022
Zoning Bylaw Review Committee	Gagne	Steve	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Zoning Bylaw Review Committee	Kelsey	John	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Zoning Bylaw Review Committee	O'Riordan	Brigid	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Zoning Bylaw Review Committee	Pichette	Arthur	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Zoning Bylaw Review Committee	Shaw	John	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Zoning Bylaw Review Committee	McCloud	Bill	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Quinlan	Thomas	7/1/2019	1	6/30/2020
SUB COMMITTEE:					
Fire Chief Search Committee	Antosz	David	6/10/2019	duration	
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