



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

MINUTES of the MEETING

Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:00 PM

The Westhampton Selectboard scheduled a regular meeting to be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices, 1 South Road, and via video-conference.¹

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Scott Johndrow, Chair pro temp.

Present: Scott Johndrow, Phil Dowling; Absent: Maureen Dempsey;

Also Present:

In person: Bill Jablonski, Steve Holt, John Zimmerman, Doug Finn

By video conference: Mary Lou Burgess;

5:30 PM – Presentation of "Boston Post Cane" award

It was noted that Ms. Sally Lawton was presented with the "Boston Post Cane Award", given to Westhampton's most senior resident. The event was held at the Public Library, 1 North Road, with about 35 residents in attendance. Mr. Scott Johndrow represented the Selectboard, Ms. Julia Lennen speaking on behalf of the Westhampton COA, and Rep Lindsay Sabadosa making a presentation on behalf of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

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The Final Warrant Articles and potential motions were reviewed for review. No action taken.

Department And Committee Updates

Highway

Mr. Jablonski provided updates as to recent work from the Highway Department. Mr. Finn complimented Mr. Jablonski on his prompt response to resident concerns about the condition of Burt Road, and the installation of new guardrail on Loudville Road.

Health

No report.

MVP

Mr. Finn noted that the Final Draft Master Plan will be presented on May 9, 2023, 7 PM.

Public Safety Construction

Mr. Holt noted that the minor work remaining to be done will likely be completed in

¹ Pursuant to Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2021, the meeting was conducted as a "hybrid" (in-person / remote) meeting. Members of the public could access the meeting in person, or connect via "zoom" teleconferencing via internet – Meeting ID#: 870 4390 0582.

house. Mr. Dowling noted that negotiations with the contractor to resolve outstanding issues are ongoing

Old Business

No old business was presented.

New Business

Mr. Finn noted that he was looking for a speaker for Memorial Day. Mr. Holt noted that he and Julie would be helping to coordinate the events.

Administrative

Application for Class II License – Country Automotive (New owner)

Mr. Finn presented an application for a Class II License for Country Automotive. The business has changed hands, and the new owner has asked for a license to be issued in his name.

It was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Johndrow

To approve the license application as presented.

VOTED: 2, 0, 0. (7:15 PM)

Review and Approve EOY Fund Transfers

Two end-of-year Fund Transfer requests were presented:

<u>FROM:</u>	<u>TO:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Selectboard Expense	Town Office Expense	\$1,800
Fire EMS / Fire Ops	Public Safety Building	\$4,500

It was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Johndrow

To approve both transfers as presented, and to sign.

VOTED: 2, 0, 0. (7:17 PM)

Review Correspondence

A letter from Robby Armenti was received and reviewed.

VFIS – Volunteer Liability Policy – Renewal

The renewal of the policy was reviewed.

It was MOVED by Dowling, SECONDED by Johndrow

To approve renewal of the policy, and to authorize the chair to sign.

VOTED: 2, 0, 0. (7:19 PM)

Review and Sign: Payroll and A/P Warrants: W23-23, WP23-23

The AP and Payroll warrants were reviewed.

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

To approve the warrants as presented.

VOTED: 2, 0, 0. (7:19 PM)

Review and Sign: Minutes – April 24, 2023

Minutes were not ready for review.

Set date for next meetings –

Friday, May 12, 2023 - Town Meeting prep with Ben Warren and FinComm

Saturday, May 13, 2023, 9 AM - Town Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Adjourn

It was MOVED by Johndrow, SECONDED by Dempsey

To Adjourn.

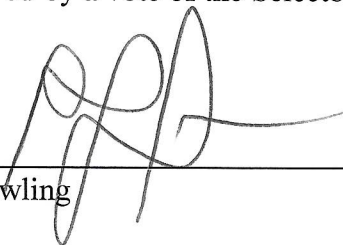
VOTED: 2, 0, 0.

The Board stood adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Finn

Approved by a vote of the Selectboard at a regular meeting, held on May 22, 2023.



Phil Dowling

Maureen Dempsey



Scott Johndrow