



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

MINUTES of the MEETING  
Tuesday, July 17, 2023, at 7:00 PM

The Westhampton Selectboard scheduled a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices, 1 South Road.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

*Present: Dempsey, Johndrow, Bronstein.*

*Also present: Sue O'Rourke, Morely Cleary, Douglas Finn, Police Chief David White, Police Sergeant Jeff Fish; also attended by members of the Westhampton Finance Committee in joint session<sup>1</sup>.*

**Morely Cleary – Westhampton Fall Festival**

Ms. Morely Cleary made a presentation about the upcoming fall festival to be held on Sunday, October 15, to be held at the same scale and with the same allowances as in previous years. Ms. Cleary noted that this year may see a new event – a firefighter “water brigade”.

Ms. Cleary requested approval for the event. After brief review and deliberation, it was MOVED by Johndrow SECONDED by Bronstein

*To approve the 2023 Fall Festival, scheduled for Sunday, October 15, 2023, event as presented.*

VOTED: 3, 0, 0. (7:03 PM)

**New Business**

*Estimates for Library Roof Repairs*

Ms. Anne Marie O'Reilly, Trustee of the Library Board of Trustees, spoke briefly about issues with the library roof, specifically relating to evidence of water leaks, which have been an ongoing issue at the library. After discussion with the Board, it was determined that the Trustees would seek additional estimates for repair work from other vendors, including estimates for costs related to removal and recommissioning the solar.

*Community Garden Update*

Ms. Sue O'Rourke provided the board with an update on the community garden project, which has by all measures been proceeding very nicely. Mr. Johndrow suggested that the group reach out to the new HRS principal with information about the project.

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<sup>1</sup> See minutes of the Finance Committee, dated 7/17/2023, for attendance records.

## **Joint Meeting – Finance Committee**

The board met with the Finance Committee to consider two outstanding end-of-year transfer requests.

The Finance Committee called its meeting to order at 7:23 PM.

Mr. Finn provided a brief explanation for the requests.

After some discussion, it was MOVED by Johndrow, SECONDED by Bronstein

*To approve the transfer of \$10,444.16 from Unemployment to Group Health insurance*

VOTED: 3, 0, 0 (7:27 PM)

After some discussion, it was MOVED by Bronstein, SECONDED by Johndrow

*To approve the transfer of \$2,722.00 from Transfer Station Expense to Highway Salaries.*

VOTED: 3, 0, 0 (7:27 PM)

## **Department Reports (if any)**

Ms. Jennifer Milikowsky noted that the Zoning Bylaw revision, as proposed by the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee, will be the subject of a public hearing on August 8, 2023, and encouraged the board to review the proposed changes, and attend the hearing.

Chief David White was present to provide information regarding changes to how investigations are conducted in post- "Police Reform" Massachusetts.

## **Old Business**

Ms. Dempsey briefly described her findings relative to a recent conversation with a resident about a tax delinquency issue. Ms. Dempsey noted that it would make sense to implement a local bylaw to formally allow for payment plans for repayment of delinquent taxes.

## **New Business**

Mr. Johndrow asked about the possibility of getting consultants on board on any major construction projects in order to help ensure the town's interests.

## **Administrative**

Mr. Finn noted receipt of a proposal from AEG relative to proposed mini-split systems for the Westhampton Elementary School, but needed to get more information before requesting action on the matter.

Mr. Finn also noted that he would be out of the office for the remainder of the week on vacation, but available by phone.

## **Review Correspondence**

General correspondence was reviewed; no action taken.

## **Review and Sign: Payroll and A/P Warrants: W23-28, W24-02, WP24-02**

MOVED by Johndrow SECONDED by Bronstein

*To approve all warrants as presented.*

VOTED: 3, 0, 0. (8:21 PM)

**Review and Sign: Minutes from Previous Meetings**

The minutes of July 3 were presented for review.

It was MOVED by Bronstein, SECONDED by Johndrow

*To approve as presented.*

VOTED: 3, 0, 0. (8:22 PM)

**Set date for next meetings**

Meetings were tentatively scheduled for July 31, August 14, and August 28.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, it was MOVED by Johndrow, SECONDED by Bronstein

*To adjourn.*

VOTED: 3, 0, 0. 8:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Douglas C. Finn

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**Approved** by a vote of the Selectboard at a regular meeting, held on July 31, 2023.

  
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Maureen Dempsey

  
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Scott Johndrow

  
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Susan Bronstein