



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

MINUTES of the MEETING
Tuesday, February 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM

The Westhampton Selectboard scheduled a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2024, 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: Maureen Dempsey, Chair; Scott Johndrow, Susan Bronstein.

Others Present: Douglas Finn; others as noted.

License Renewals (if any)

A request for renewal of a Class II license from Ryan Schnopp, d/b/a Country Automotive, for a was considered. It was MOVED by Johndrow, SECONDED by Dempsey

To approve the license as requested.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0 (7:01 PM)

Department Reports

Highway

Mr. Jablonski offered a report on recent activity:

- Snow removal at end of January / early February
- Grading of dirt roads after extensive rains
- Waterway repairs after snow removal activities
- Shop cleanup
- Servicing Fire Apparatus
- Moving and placing material on dirt roads;
- Install of Curtains and Emergency Lighting in Town Hall

Mr. Jablonski reviewed the features of the wheeled excavator as proposed for purchase in FY2025, including its facility for loading material, clearing trenches, moving and placing pre-cast drainage structures and pipes; moving and clearing brush and logs; impact hammer for breaking up pavement; OTR mower for roadside brush cutting, and other tasks.

Chapter 90 Project Requests

Mr. Jablonski also noted preparation of Chapter 90 Project Requests for spring work, and requested endorsement, including Chip Sealing, Crack Sealing, and Hot Mix Paving. After review, the proposals were signed.

Business

Appointments of Election Officers

A request from Katrin Kaminsky, Town Clerk, for appointment of Pat Miller and Colleen Basile as election officers / tellers, was received.

It was MOVED by Johndrow, SECONDED by Bronstein

To appoint Pat Miller and Colleen Basile as election officers, for terms ending June 30, 2024.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0 (7:19 PM)

Review of Draft Town Meeting Warrant

The draft warrant was reviewed, with some questions and answers, and discussion about specific items.

Mr. Finn described the document as ‘draft’, and with ongoing revisions, but urged the Selectboard to review and to recommend such changes as may be necessary or desired.

In particular, warrant articles proposes

- Acceptance of the provisions of C 143 §3Z, which treat Part-Time Building Inspectors who wish to work as contractors in town.
- a pending proposal to allow ADUs on Conforming Lots, which MAY be forthcoming from the Planning Board.
- a modification to the general bylaw to allow for Non-Criminal Disposition – i.e., ticketing – for violations of the general and zoning bylaws.

No final action taken. The warrant review will be ongoing.

General Discussion: FY2025 Budget

There was discussion of the FY2025 budget. Mr. Finn noted that a warrant article requesting an appropriation of funds for the Sesquicentennial in 2028 was on the warrant; further, there were certain articles that moved funds from one account to another, but were not requesting expenditures.

There was extensive discussion on the estimated budgets for town departments, schools, and other matters; no votes taken, no decisions made.

Administrative

Administrative Update

Mr. Finn requested that the Selectboard declare certain unused equipment as surplus. After review, it was MOVED by Johndrow, SECONDED by Bronstein

To declare as surplus the following equipment

Two Dell monitors purchased new in 2017

Two Dell computers purchased in 2017 (refurbished in 2022)

A Konica Minolta C3110 Workgroup Printer

And to authorize disposal as such.

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

Review Correspondence

Various correspondence was received.

Mr. Finn presented a draft letter to state representatives, citing support for specific priorities noted by the Small Town Administrators and Managers group. After review, it was agreed to approve and sign the draft letter. (8:10 PM)

Review and Sign: Presidential Primary Election (March 5, 2024) Warrant

A draft warrant for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on March 5, 2024 was presented for review and signature. After review, it was MOVED by Bronstein, SECONDED by Johndrow

To approve and sign the Election Warrant for March 5, 2024, as presented.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0 (8:12 PM)

Review and Sign: Payroll and A/P Warrants: W24-17, WP24-17

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

To approve and sign Payroll Warrant WP24-17 and A/P Warrant #W24-17 as presented.

VOTED: 3, 0, 0 (8:14 PM)

Review and Sign: Minutes from Previous Meetings

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

To approve and sign the minutes of January 29, 2024, as presented.

VOTED: 2, 0, 1 (BRONSTEIN) (8:17 PM)

Set date for next meetings –

Upcoming meetings were noted as follows:

- Finance Committee: February 21 (Emergency Services)
- Selectboard: February 26, 2024
- Finance Committee: February 28 (Assessment, Financial Services)

Other Information

Mr. Steve Holt reviewed recent work relative to the Fire Department Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

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

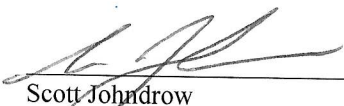
To adjourn.


VOTED: 3, 0, 0. (8:28 PM)

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas C. Finn

Approved by a vote of the Selectboard at a regular meeting, held on February 26, 2024.


Maureen Dempsey


Scott Johndrow


Susan Bronstein