

State of the Town Address



First Selectman Jim Marpe

February 10, 2019

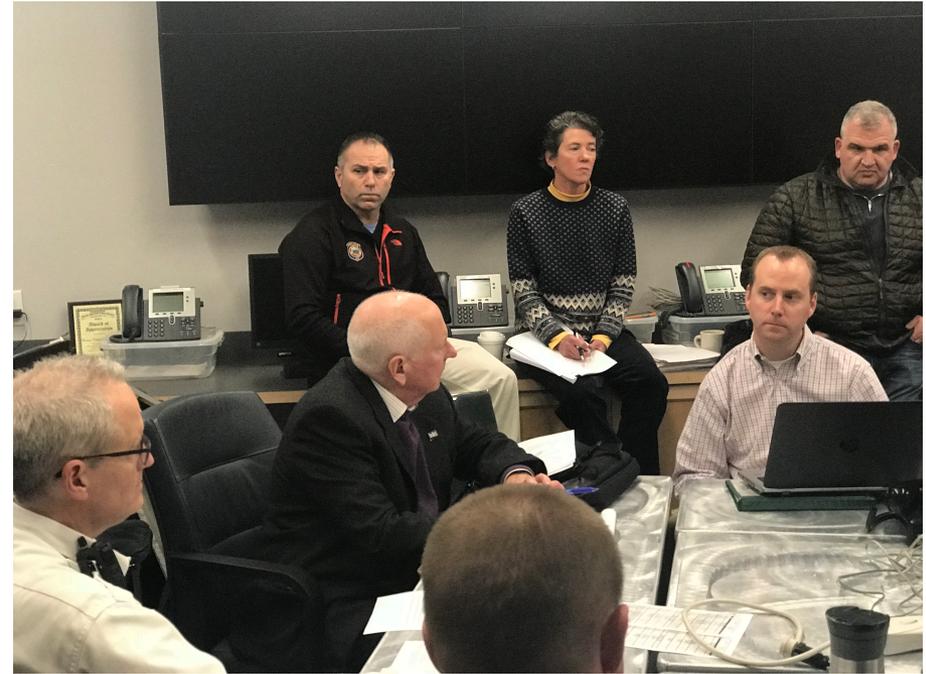


Thank you to our
two Rotary Clubs

Westport Sunrise
Rotary



Thank you to our Town employees



The Brand of Westport

- World-class public education
- Quality of life
- Economic Vitality
- Fiscal Responsibility

Quality of Life - Recreation

- Compo Beach accessibility
- Bunker improvement at Longshore Club Park



- Marina channel dredged

Quality of Life – Senior Center



- More programming Space
- Improved parking
- On time and on budget
- Envy of other communities

Quality of Life - Sustainability

- Tim's Kitchen at Wakeman Town Farm
- Certified Sustainable CT
- Re-branding Green Task Force
- Earthplace



Quality of Life – Public Safety

- Nixle emergency communications system
- Text 06880 to 888777
- Multi-community public safety dispatch center
- Focus on prevention

Quality of Life – Parking & Paving

- Elm Street
- Parker Harding Compactors
- Saugatuck and Green's Farms Railroad parking
- Medical office parking
- 10 miles paved
- 7 grants awarded to our Public Works Department

Quality of Life – Culture

- Library transformation
- Otocast walking tour app
- TEAM Westport
- Human Services online donations
- Maker Faire
- First Light

Quality of Life – Parks Enhancements

- Riverside Park
- Wadsworth Arboretum
- Longshore Club Park
- Turf field replacement

Quality of Life - Traffic

- Main to Train Study
- Post Road / Bulkley Avenue
- Roseville Road and Fresh Market area
- Post Road paving
- Cribari Bridge Project Advisory Committee



- “No thru trucks” declaration for Rte. 136
- Saugatuck TOD
- North Maple Avenue sidewalks

Economic Vitality – Business

- “How to Open a Restaurant” guide



- Over 30 new businesses opened this year
- Small business outreach

Economic Vitality – Services

- Land use permitting software implementation
- Library as a resource
- Downtown Plan Implementation Committee
- Fairfield Five



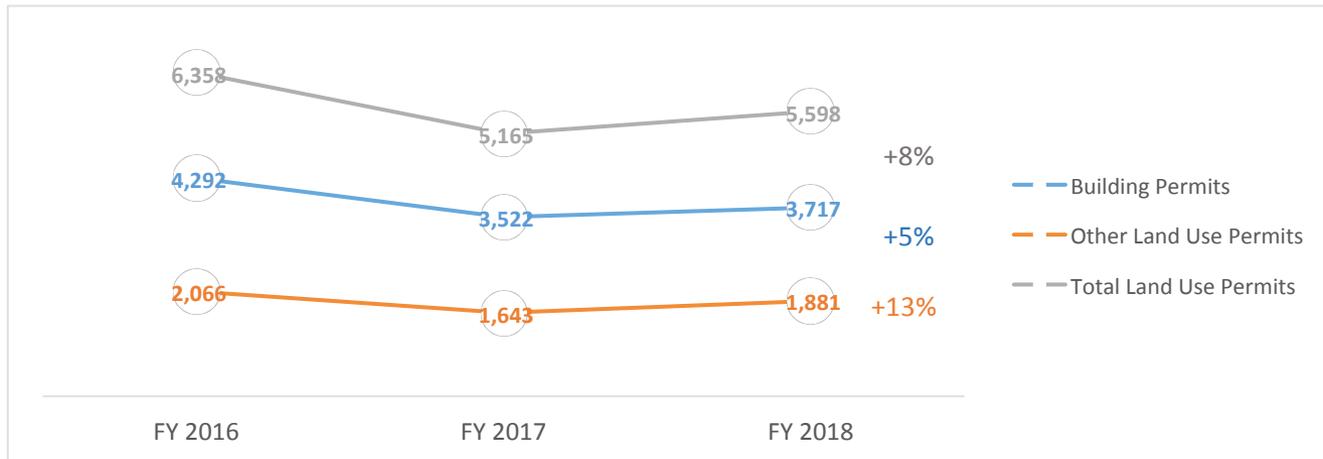
Economic Vitality - Accolades

- Top 3 business-friendly towns
- Top 20 small municipalities
- Top 20 locations to start a small business



Fiscal Stability

- Grand list growth
- Land Use Permits up 8%



- Debt & Reserve financial analysis
- Pension Contracts

What keeps me awake at night?



What keeps me awake at night

- Challenges with Coleytown Middle School
- Large multi-family housing developments
- Federal and State fiscal challenges

Westport State of the Town

Strong and well positioned
to deal with the challenges of the future

