

Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
January 28, 2026  
APPROVED MINUTES

The Westport Board of Selectmen, Traffic Authority, and Water Pollution Control Authority held a public meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 9:00 AM in Westport Town Hall Auditorium, 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport, Connecticut. In attendance were Kevin Christie, Amy Wistreich, Don O'Day, Eileen Lavigne, Elaine Daignault, Sibel Yorulmaz, Erik Barbieri, Nick Quatrano, Peter Ratkiewich, Bryan Thompson, members of the public, and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

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MINUTES

1. Amy Wistreich presented Item #1. Upon motion by Kevin Christie, seconded by Amy Wistreich, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's special meeting of January 9, 2026 and the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting of January 14, 2026 are hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF 10,000 GIFT TO WESTPORT FOOD FUND

2. Human Services Director Elaine Daignault presented Item #2. Ms. Daignault noted that this generous donor wished to remain anonymous. She explained that the funds are in an account that is utilized to address food insecurity in Westport. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Don O'Day, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Policy for Gifts to the Town, Sec. 2. B., and upon the request of the Human Services Director, the acceptance of a gift to the Westport Food Fund in the amount of \$10,000, is hereby APPROVED.

REVISION: ITEM 3 WITHDRAWN

~~3. To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the request of the Director of Information Technology, to approve the Award of Contract for RFP 26-157T (Pure Storage C50 Solution) to Total Communications in the amount of \$330,000.00 for purchase, installation, migration, subscription, maintenance and warranty of Pure Storage C50 arrays and services, subject to final appropriation approval from the Representative Town Meeting.~~

APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOWN AND BRIGHTVIEW FOR GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE (<https://play.champds.com/westportct/event/961/s/362>)

4. Parks & Recreation Director Erik Barbieri and Parks Superintendent Nick Quatrano presented Item #4. Mr. Barbieri explained the RFP process, noting that of the 2 responses, BrightView was the sole responsive proposal and, as the current maintenance provider, has performed well for the Town. He stated that Brightview's staff have been reliable, cooperative, and responsive to the Town's needs, including an increased use of organic practices as part of the evolving approach to professional golf course maintenance. Mr. Barbieri emphasized the need for expediency in approving the agreement so that

BrightView can make appropriate plans for the upcoming season. Mr. Barbieri and Mr. Quatrano addressed concerns regarding the use of certain chemicals and methods in treating the course, explaining the high standards and best practices employed by BrightView. BrightView agreed to include the Technical Support Document — Agronomic Program: Pesticide and Fertilizer Stewardship memo, dated January 27, 2026, as Addendum C to the Agreement, committing to run the golf course in accordance with the agronomic program. Several residents requested postponement of the action until the RTM had an opportunity to address the use of pesticides throughout Westport. The Board commented that they were satisfied that Brightview and the Parks & Recreation Department would continue to adhere to industry standards and would work with the Town should those standards change in the future. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Don O'Day and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the 3-Year Maintenance Agreement between the Town of Westport and BrightView Golf Maintenance, Inc., in accordance with the proposal to RFP #26-158T (Longshore Golf Course for Professional Golf Course Maintenance) dated December 5, 2025, subject to final Town Attorney review, is hereby APPROVED.

ACCEPT OFFER FROM CT DOT FOR EASEMENT ON TOWN PROPERTY AT 60 COMPO ROAD S AT POST ROAD EAST (PLAYHOUSE SQUARE) AND GRANT EASEMENT FOR INSTALL AND MAINTENANCE

5. Public Works Director Peter Ratkiewich presented Item #5. Mr. Ratkiewich explained the CT DOT's plans in Westport to address improvements to many crosswalks and intersections along the Post Road corridor, including the intersection at Post Road and Playhouse Square. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded Kevin Christie, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the acceptance of the \$2,160.00 offer from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the acquisition of a traffic easement located on Town Property at 60 Compo Road South at the intersection of US Route 1 (Post Road East) at Playhouse Square Shopping Center Drive and granting such easement to the State to install and maintain traffic signalization devices and appurtenances, is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TIGHE & BOND FOR EASTON RD SIDEWALK

6. Public Works Director Peter Ratkiewich presented Item #6. He explained that the project is for the final design, permitting and documents for the Easton Road sidewalk improvements, for which LOTCIP funds have been granted. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Kevin Christie, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the award of contract to Tighe & Bond Inc., in the amount of \$365,000 for design, permitting and preparation of construction documents for sidewalk improvements for Easton Road, in accordance with a proposal dated December 11, 2025, is hereby APPROVED,

APPROVE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SNYDER ENGINEERING FOR DESIGN, ETC. FOR WATER SERVICE FOR LONGSHORE CLUB PARK

7. Public Works Director Peter Ratkiewich presented Item #7. Mr. Ratkiewich explained the history of the area and the water services associated with it, that has been in existence since the 1930's –

requiring upgraded service and engineering standards for water main construction. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Kevin Christie, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the award of contract to Snyder Engineering LLC, in the amount of \$128,000 for design, permitting, and preparation of construction documents for replacement of the water service serving Longshore Club Park, in accordance with a proposal dated November 26, 2025, is hereby APPROVED.

*ITEM #8 IS INCLUDED IN THE 01-28-2029 WPCA MINUTES*

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Kevin Christie, seconded by Don O'Day, and passing by a vote of 3-0, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM

*/Eileen Francis/*

Eileen Francis, Recording Secretary