

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
February 11, 2026
APPROVED MINUTES

The Westport Board of Selectmen, Traffic Authority, and Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held a public meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 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, Doug LoMonte, Christine Alison, Sibel Yorulmaz, Alberto Vargas, Erik Barbieri, Michael Giunta, Carmen Roda, Peter Ratkiewich, Matthew Niski, Keith Wilberg, Bryan Thompson, presenters as noted in the minutes, members of the public, and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

<https://play.champds.com/westportct/event/1100>

NOTE: Amy Wisterich requested to amend the agenda to add Item #3. c. Seeing no objections, Kevin Christie revised the agenda with the unanimous consent of the Board.

MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's and Water Pollution Control Authority's meetings of January 28, 2026 are hereby APPROVED.

REFUNDS OF OVERPAYMENTS

2. Tax Collector Christine Alison presented Item #2. Ms. Alison noted that the refunds represented 1 Sewer Use, and 31 Motor Vehicle overpayments for a total of \$6,665.84. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Don O'Day, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Tax Collector and in accordance with C.G.S. Sec. 12-129, the refunds of overpayments of taxes, as presented, are hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS TO THE TOWN FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE WESTPORT CENTER FOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND TO THE WESTPORT FOOD FUND
AS REVISED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

3. Friends of the WCSA Treasurer Diane Bosch and Human Services Finance Manager Sibel Yorulmaz, presented Item #3. The Board thanked all donors for their generous gifts. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Kevin Christie, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Director of Human Services and in accordance with the Policy for Gifts to the Town, the acceptance of two gifts to the Town from the Friends of the Westport Center for Senior Activities (FWCSA), *and an anonymous gift to the Westport Food Fund* as follows:

- a) Donation of 100 stacking club chairs for presentations, lectures, and classes, valued at \$62,565.

- b) Donation of up to \$40,000 for the installation of an upgraded sound system for all programming rooms. The difference would be paid from the Human Services/WCSA Donation account.
- c) *Donation of a gift to the Westport Food Fund in the amount of \$7,500.*

Are hereby APPROVED

APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WESTPORT AND TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR RFP 26-159T (PURE STORAGE C50 SOLUTION)

4. Director of Information Technology Alberto Vargas presented Item #4. Mr. Vargas provided an overview of the services offered by the vendor and emphasized that the system is essential to ensuring the security and proper storage of Town records. He noted that other municipalities, as well as the Board of Education, use the system with confidence and have experienced positive results. He further reported that the funding bodies and the RTM approved the appropriation. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Don O'Day, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that upon the request of the Director of Information Technology, the Award of Contract for RFP 26-159T (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, is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE REVISIONS TO P&R REGULATIONS AND FEES FOR 2026 SEASON

5. Parks & Recreation Director Erik Barbieri, Recreation Superintendent Carmen Roda, and Operations Superintendent Michael Giunta presented Item #5. The presenters provided background on each of the requests, explaining that the residents and participants who use the facilities and programs remain highly engaged and that the programs are consistently well utilized throughout the season. They also outlined the budgetary rationale supporting the proposed fee increases. The Parks & Recreation Commission unanimously approved all the requests. Upon motion by Amy Wisteraich, seconded by Don O'Day, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Town Code Sec. C4-6, and upon the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission, the revisions to the Parks & Recreation Regulations and Proposed Fees for the 2026 Parks & Recreation Season, as further described in the memoranda and policy from Director of Parks and Recreation, dated January 22, 2026, and posted with the Town Clerk on January 28, 2026, as follows:

Policy Changes:

- a) Change of Drystall first launch date from May 1 to April 1.
- b) To allow the sale of alcoholic beverages, with the exception of THC products, at the Longshore Golf Course by approved vendors only.
- c) To continue to offer, and add 1 additional, firepit rentals on South Beach at Compo Beach.
- d) To require parking emblems at Canal Beach from May 1 to September 30.

Fees:

Description	Current	Proposed
Golf Cart Rental – 9 Hole	\$14	\$15
Golf Cart Rental – 18 Hole	\$20	\$22
Camp Compo Resident	\$265	\$325
Camp Compo Non-Resident	\$285	\$350

RECing Crew Resident	\$315	\$400
RECing Crew Non-Resident	\$335	\$425

Are hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND foreUP FOR TEE TIME SOFTWARE

6. Parks & Recreation Director Erik Barbieri presented Item #6. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Don O'Day, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Director, the License Agreement between the Town of Westport and Golf Compete, Inc. d/b/a foreUP for tee times software at Longshore Golf Course is hereby APPROVED.

WITHDRAWN

~~7. To take such action as the meeting may determine to review and approve the request for an Electric Distribution Easement in favor of the Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") in connection with certain electric utility equipment to be installed by Eversource on Town owned property known as 260 Compo Road South immediately adjacent to the Inn at Longshore.~~

APPROVE ALTERNATES FOR BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

8. Assessor Paul Friia presented Item #8. Mr. Friia explained the purpose and need for the alternates due to the high volume of appeals associated with the 2025 Revaluation to be heard from March 1 through March 30, 2026. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Kevin Christie, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 9-199 (b) and upon the recommendation of the Assessor, to appoint 2 (two) alternate members to the Westport Board of Assessment Appeals as follows:

- a) Thomas Bloch for a term commencing immediately through April 30, 2026 and until a successor is appointed and qualified.
- b) Robert Bass for a term commencing immediately through March 31, 2027 and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

Are hereby APPROVED

APPROVE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO G PIC CONSTRUCTION FOR BID 26-164T

9. Assistant Town Engineer Matthew Niski presented Item #9. 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 for Bid #26-164T (Imperial Avenue Lot to Levitt Pavilion / Library Lot Access) to G. Pic and Sons Construction Company in the amount of \$184,349.00 is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND AMERICAN HARLEQUIN CORP FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF LEVITT PAVILION STAGE

10. Director of Public Works Peter Ratkiewich presented Item #10. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Kevin Christie, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Agreement between the Town of Westport and American Harlequin Corporation for the replacement of the stage at the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO FGB CONSTRUCTION FOR BID 26-163T FOR REPLACEMENT OF CROSS HIGHWAY BRIDGE

11. Town Engineer Keith Wilberg presented Item #11. Mr. Wilberg described that this is "part 2" of the bridge replacement project. He emphasized the need for efficiency and diligence in planning the work during the summer months to avoid causing detours and traffic when schools open for the semester. 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 for Bid # 26-163T (Replacement of the Cross Highway Bridge Over Dead Man's Brook) in the amount of \$1,572,096.00 to FGB Construction, Inc. is hereby APPROVED.

BOS ITEMS 12 – 17 ARE INCLUDED IN THE WPCA MINUTES OF 02-11-2026

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Kevin Christie, seconded by Amy Wistreich, and passing by a vote of 3-0, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM

/Eileen Francis/
Eileen Francis, Recording Secretary