

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
February 25, 2026
APPROVED MINUTES

The Westport Board of Selectmen, Traffic Authority, and Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held a public meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 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, Gary Conrad, Paul Friia, Bryan Thompson, Al D'Amura, Maxxwell Crowley, member of the public, and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

<https://play.champds.com/westportct/event/1101>

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 February 11, 2026 are hereby APPROVED.

REVISED 02-20-2026 to include Item #2

APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND HISMI FOR RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN REPLACEMENT

2. Finance Director Gary Conrad presented Item #2. Participating via conference call were representatives from Lockton and HISMI. Mr. Conrad provided background on the proposed healthcare strategy for retirees including comparison analysis with the current plan, potential cost savings, and ultimately the recommendation and implementation plan with current participants if approved. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Kevin Christie, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that upon the request of the Finance Director, to approve an Agreement between the Town and Health Insurance Services, Inc. (HISMI) regarding the proposed retiree health plan replacement, is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE USE OF TOWN PROPERTY AND CLOSURE OF CERTAIN ROADWAYS FOR 2026 WDA EVENTS

NOTE: Item 3.b) was tabled to March 11 to be heard alongside the request for the closure of Church Lane.

3. WDA President Maxxwell Crowley presented Item #3 a, c & d. Mr. Crowley explained the plans and set up/breakdown for each of the events, including an emphasis on security and public safety. He stated that the Fire Department is aware and ensures that fire safety procedures and access to the area is maintained for possible emergencies. Staff Corporal Al D'Amura stated that the Police Department provides assistance in notification of the closures and availability should any emergencies arise during the events. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Kevin Christie and passing by a vote of 3-0, is was:

RESOLVED, that acting as the Local Traffic Authority, the requests for the use of the town roadways and/or properties for the Westport Downtown Association events, all contingent upon compliance

with safety recommendations from Town departments and in accordance with Procedures for Use of Town-owned Property, Facilities and/or Public Roadways, as follows:

- a) **Fine Arts Festival** - closure of (i) Main Street from Post Road East to ~~Elm Street~~ (corrected to Avery Place); (ii) the portion of Elm Street from Main Street to 35 Elm Street; and (iii) the Sigrid Schultz Plaza, from Friday, May 22, 2026 at 6:00 AM (set up) to Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 10:00 PM (breakdown).
- b) ~~**Church Lane Summer Music Series** — use of town sidewalk adjacent to Church Lane on Fridays and Saturdays from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm from June 5, 2026 to September 26, 2026.~~
(TABLED to March 11)
- c) **Sidewalk Sale** – use of town sidewalks from Friday, June 26, 2026 at 8:00 am to Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 8:00 pm.
- d) **Westoberfest** – closure of (i) Sigrid Schultz Plaza and (ii) the portion of Elm Street from Main Street to Baldwin Parking Lot from Friday, October 2, 2026 at 3:00 pm to Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 9:00 pm.

Are hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE LEE CANEY APPOINTMENT AS ALTERNATE TO THE BAA

4. Assessor Paul Friia presented Item #4. 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 Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 9-199 (b) the appointment of Lee Caney as an alternate member to the Westport Board of Assessment Appeals for a term commencing immediately through March 31, 2027 and until a successor is appointed and qualified, is hereby APPROVED.

BOS ITEMS 5 & 6 ARE INCLUDED IN THE FEBRUARY 25, 2026 WPCA MINUTES

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Kevin Christie, and passing by a vote of 3-0, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

/Eileen Francis/

Eileen Francis, Recording Secretary