

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

The Westport Board of Selectmen, Local Traffic Authority (LTA), and Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held a public meeting on Wednesday, March 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, Keith Wilberg, Al D'Amura, Bryan Thompson, presenters as noted in minutes, members of the public, and Eileen Francis, recording secretary.

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MINUTES

1. Amy Wistreich presented Item #1. Kevin Christie made one revision for Item #6 to change the vote from "30-0" TO "3-0". 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 March 11, 2026 are hereby APPROVED.

ACCEPT DONATIONS AT REQUEST OF ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2. Town Curator and member of the Arts Advisory Committee and WestPAC Kathie Bennewitz presented Item #2. Ms. Bennewitz provided additional information on the history of each piece or pieces of artwork. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Kevin Christie, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Policy For Gifts to the Town and at the request of the Arts Advisory Committee, the acceptance of the following:

- a) Anonymous donor: Gary Lee Price, Circle of Peace (bronze, c. 1970s), estimated value \$50,000 (appraisal to come) *AND FORWARDED TO THE RTM FOR ITS REVIEW AND APPROVAL*
- b) Westport Book Sales Venture (via Bererd Platt), six photographs of Pakistan (Fall 2001) from the Getty Images assignment; No value provided
- c) Westport Fire Department transfer: Patricia Everson, Gault Oil Tank and Coal Silos, (Acrylic, late 1950s-early 1960s), No value provided; originally gift of LH Gault and Sons to WFD
- d) Westport Fire Department transfer: Susan Rabinowitz (Malloy), Saugatuck docks, and Gault coal silos and oil tanks (Watercolor and gouache on paper, circa 1943 – 1957), No value provided.

Is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE POP UP DINING PERMIT FOR TARANTINOS (30 RAILROAD PLACE)

3. Tarantino's owner Frank Marchetti presented Item #3. Staff Corporal Al D'Amura stated that the PD works closely with the restaurant to ensure public safety. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Kevin Christie, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the Pop-Up Dining Permit Application for a Pop-Up Cafe to be located in the equivalent of two (2) parking spaces only, or at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, on the Town roadway known as Railroad Place adjacent to the property known as 30 Railroad Place (Tarantino Restaurant), contingent upon compliance with recommendations, safety conditions and final safety inspection from relevant Town departments and in accordance with the 2023 Pop-Up Dining Permit Policy, is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE DRIVEWAY VARIANCE REQUEST FOR 33 HICKORY LANE

4. 33 Hickory Lane Property Owner David Autrique presented Item #4. Town Engineer Keith Wilberg stated that the property topography prevented the contractor from compliance with the ordinance, and a waiver of the driveway construction standards is warranted in this situation as there are no other options for installation. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Kevin Christie, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the request for a waiver of Westport Town Code Article II. DRIVEWAYS. Sec. 50-340. Construction Standards. (d) Grade. as it relates to the driveway constructed at 33 Hickory Lane that exceeds the standard(s), subject to compliance with safety provisions from relevant Town Departments and the execution of a Hold Harmless Agreement acceptable to the Town Attorney's Office, is hereby APPROVED.

APPROVE WAIVER OF ENCROACHMENT POLICY FOR SEAWALL, DOCK, ETC. AT 14 SPRITEVIEW AVENUE

5. John Hilts, representing Property Owner Jeff Manchester, presented Item #5. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Don O'Day and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, that the request for a waiver of the Town Policy on Encroachments on Town Property as it relates to the installation of a seawall, ramp, floating dock, and pilings in the canal off the Saugatuck River adjacent to the property known as 14 Spriteview Avenue, contingent upon compliance with recommendations and requirements from relevant Town Departments and Commissions, and execution of an Encroachment Easement and Hold Harmless Agreement satisfactory to the Town Attorney's Office, is hereby APPROVED.

03-24-2026 WITHDRAWN

~~6. To take such action as the meeting may determine to approve the request for a waiver of the Town Policy on Encroachments on Town Property as it relates to the relocation of stone wall(s) within the Town Right of Way fronting 110 and 112 Roseville Road, contingent upon compliance with recommendations and requirements from relevant Town Departments and Commissions, and execution of an Encroachment Easement and Hold Harmless Agreement satisfactory to the Town Attorney's Office.~~

AS BOS – ACCEPT DONATION TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS; AS LTA – APPROVE INSTALLATION OF CROSSWALK, RRFB AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AT EAST MAIN STREET

7. Engineer David Ginter of Redniss and Mead, representing Redniss and Mead on behalf of the owners of 455 Post Road East, presented Item #7. Mr. Ginter provided additional information on the construction and the public safety issue at that location. A resident member of the Whitney Glen complex stated that residents at Whitney Glen are very supportive of the installation. All agreed that safety and

conditions warrant the installation. It was noted that due to the amount, the donation would require approval from the RTM. Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Kevin Christie, and passing by a vote of 3-0, it was:

RESOLVED, Acting as the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the Policy for Gifts to the Town, the acceptance of a donation in the amount of approximately \$27,175 from the owners of 455 Post Road East for the purpose of funding roadway improvements on East Main Street in the vicinity of Whitney Glen Drive; and, acting as the Local Traffic Authority, the installation of a new crosswalk, two (2) Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) signs, and related sidewalk improvements at that location are hereby APPROVED.

WITHDRAWN

~~8. ——— To take such action as the meeting may determine, upon the recommendation of the Director of Human Services and subject to final review by Town Attorney, to approve a contract between the Town of Westport and DNR Laboratories, LLC for the installation of an upgraded sound system for programming rooms at WCSA.~~

APPROVE AWARD OF CONTRACT RFP 26-162T (COMPO SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS) TO G. PIC & SONS

9. Town Engineer Keith Wilberg presented Item #9. He provided a proposed timeline for the construction project. 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 RFP #26-162T, State Project L158-0003, State Grant Program CORE-CT No. 13033-DOT57197-43584, for LOTCIP Compo Road South (Route 136) Sidewalk Improvements in the amount of \$1,556,640.00 to G. Pic & Sons Construction Co. is hereby APPROVED.

BOS ITEMS 10 – 12 ARE INCLUDED IN THE WPCA MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Amy Wistreich, seconded by Kevin Christie, and passing by a vote of 3-0, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

/Eileen Francis/

Eileen Francis, Recording Secretary