

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

WESTERLY TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MONDAY

AUGUST 2, 2021

5:30 P.M.

Sharon E. Ahern, President, Suzanne K. Giorno, Vice Pres.
Councilors Caswell Cooke, Jr., Christopher A. Duhamel, Philip M. Overton, Karen A. Cioffi,
Brian H. McCuin
J. Mark Rooney, Town Manager; Law Firm of William J. Conley, Jr., Town Solicitor
Donna L. Giordano, MMC, Town Clerk; Patrick J. Falcone, Town Sergeant

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Written public comment can be submitted prior to the meeting by emailing mleblanc@westerlyri.gov.

All comments must be received no later than 12:00 noon on the day of the meeting in order to be entered into the record of the meeting.

(Pursuant to Town of Westerly Executive Order No. 21-001, dated July 8, 2021)

1. CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION – Councilor Overton

SALUTE TO THE FLAG – Council President Ahern

2. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council may vote to go into executive session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under Rhode Island General Laws §42-46-4 and:

a) §42-46-5(a)(5) Land Disposition – Tower Street School

3. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Transfer Station Operations/Solid Waste Fees – Mike Serra, Transfer Station Manager
1. RI Resource Recovery Contract & Town of Hopkinton Agreement
 2. Potential Changes to Operations at the Transfer Station

- b. Town Manager's Proposed Distribution Of Stimulus Funding To Rhode Island Cities And Towns

4. CITIZENS COMMENTS

If accessing the meeting via phone, press *9, to be recognized or if using the Zoom app, press the "raise hand" button to be recognized.

Sign-Up Sheets will be available at the Council Meeting for any citizens wishing to be heard. Citizens who do not sign up to speak will have an opportunity to be heard following the individuals listed on the sign-up sheet.

When addressing the Council, please state your name and address; please conduct yourself in an orderly and respectful fashion. Citizens will have up to ten (10) minutes and one opportunity to speak. The comments of citizens accessing this portion of our meeting are neither adopted nor endorsed by this body, but heard as requested. *If the matter is scheduled for a public hearing, the comments shall be deferred to that agenda item.*

COUNCILORS' RESPONSE

5. Proposed Ordinance – “An Ordinance Authorizing The Repurposing Of The School Fire Suppression Committed Funds (\$270,000.00) – Discussion and Possible Action (Public Hearing scheduled for 8/16/21)
6. Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Program Year 2020 Application – Discussion and Possible Action
7. Proposed Ordinance – “An Ordinance In Amendment Of Chapter 238 Of The Westerly Code Of Ordinances Entitled ‘Vehicles And Traffic’” (Amend §238-29. “Towing of illegally parked vehicles” by increasing \$75 fine to \$150; amend §238-66(A). “Parking prohibited or restricted in designated areas” by prohibiting parking on a portion of Canal Street, east side; §238-66(D)(2). “Parking prohibited or restricted in designated areas” and §238-73. “Overtime parking fines; late fee” by requiring three-hour parking permit on Larkin Road starting on May 1 and available in the Tax Collector’s Office; and amend §238-75. “Parking of trailers prohibited; tow zone” by increasing \$75 fine to \$150) – Discussion and Possible Action
(Executive Order Number 7 currently in place until 10/15/21)
8. Resolution Approving The Paving Of The Town Hall Lower Parking Lot By J.H. Lynch & Sons (\$136,189.49) – Discussion and Possible Action

9. ADJOURNMENT

42-46-6(b) "...Nothing contained herein shall prevent a public body, other than a school committee, from adding additional items to the agenda by majority vote of the members. Such additional items shall be for informational purposes only and may not be voted on except where necessary to address an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect the public or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee or to another body or official.

INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST CALL 348-2502 IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING DATE.

The Town Council agenda and supporting documents can be accessed on the Town of Westerly website at www.westerlyri.gov

POSITIONS AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING BOARDS:

(Applications can be obtained on the Town of Westerly's website www.westerlyri.gov and submitted to the Office of Town Clerk)

LICENSING BOARD (AUXILIARY MEMBER)
BOARD OF RECREATION (FULL MEMBER)
VETERANS 'ROLLS OF HONOR' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
HOUSING AUTHORITY (FULL MEMBER)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (ONE FULL MEMBER)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (AUXILIARY MEMBER)
JUVENILE HEARING BOARD (THREE VACANCIES)
PLANNING BOARD (AUXILIARY MEMBER)
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (ALTERNATE MEMBER)
BOARD OF FINANCE (ONE FULL MEMBER)
ZONING BOARD (FIRST ALTERNATE)
CONCERTS ON THE BEACH COMMITTEE (TWO FULL MEMBERS)
WESTERLY MUNICIPAL LAND TRUST (FULL MEMBER)