

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Agenda
May 18, 2023 7:30 pm
Meeting held via Zoom**

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14. Approval of minutes from the April 19, 2023 Joint Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance Meeting, April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting, and May 3, 2023 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting, as presented
15. Adjournment

3. Public Information Meeting – Land Mobile
Radio Special Town Meeting Presentation
and Public Comment

Land Mobile Radio Project documents may be viewed on the Town of Weston Website at:

<https://www.westonct.gov/government/municipal-departments/communications-center/land-mobile-radio-communications>

4. Interview of Matthew VanLandingham for possible appointment to the Veteran's Affairs to fill a vacancy

Matthew Vanlandingham, PMP/ME

Project Manager & Systems Engineer

Weston, CT 06883

Summary

Highly motivated Leader and Manager. 12 years of experience in defense aviation, with a passion for team building and innovation. Prior Naval Officer and Aviator. I am currently enrolled at the Yale School of Management, in the MBA for Executives program.

KEY SKILLS

Project Management Professional (PMP)

12 years H-60 experience, 1,600+ total flight hours, 400+ hours instructing student pilots

Active TS clearance

Strong earned value skills

Data analytics experience (Tableau, Python, MySQL, R)

Proven leadership in dynamic and fast pace environments

Excellent interpersonal and communication skills

Beginner Japanese language proficiency.

Honors & Awards

Promoted to Lieutenant Commander (O-4)

Sikorsky Rescue Award

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2)

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Experience

March 2022 – Present

Flight Safety Engineer Staff • Aviation and Product Safety • Lockheed Martin Sikorsky

- Safety Site Lead for multiple platforms, including the CH-53K initial production contract worth \$1.3B, addressing safety concerns by leading multiple cross functional investigation teams
- Lead Flight Safety Engineer for Sikorsky's Optionally Piloted Black Hawk helicopter demonstration in Yuma, AZ overseeing the safe execution of 2.4 hours of unmanned flight

December 2019 – August 2021

Operations Manager • Carrier Air Wing Commander's Staff • US Navy

- Led nine carrier squadrons, consisting of six different aircraft platforms & 2,700 personnel, ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific. Served permanently abroad in Japan when ashore
- Planned complex multinational exercises and engaged executive leadership. Identifying risks and mitigation strategies, resulting in zero aviation mishaps and strengthened allied partner relationships

February 2018 – December 2019

Flight Program Manager (NATOPS Evaluator) • MH-60S Instructor Pilot • US Navy

- Directed community flight procedures and aircraft technical knowledge standardization. Responsible for a 37.5% decrease in fatal naval aviation accidents, managing 11 squadrons representing Commander Naval Air Forces Atlantic

February 2017 – February 2018

Aircraft Simulator Operations Manager • MH-60S Instructor Pilot • US Navy

- Responsible for seven aircraft simulator devices and contract management worth \$125M

May 2011 – August 2021

Naval Officer • Helicopter Naval Aviator & Manager • US Navy

Education

Yale University (New Haven, CT)

MBA for Executives
Commencement May 2025

University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA)

Master of Engineering in Systems Engineering (2018)
Graduated with honors

University of Florida (Gainesville, FL)

BS in Materials Science and Engineering (2011)
Member of UF Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps

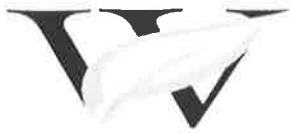
Matt Vanlandingham is a veteran U.S. Naval Officer and a Flight Safety Engineer Lead at Lockheed Martin Sikorsky. Matt served ten years in the US Navy as a Naval Aviator flying MH-60S helicopters. In his current role at Sikorsky, Matt manages multiple product and test rotary aircraft, resolving safety concerns by leading cross functional teams for each aircraft platform. Matt regularly supports the Sikorsky Innovations department, which most recently demonstrating the Optionally Piloted Black Hawk capabilities for the Defense Research Projects Agency's (DARPA) Aircrew Labor In-Cockpit Automation System (ALIAS) Program. Matt is a graduate of the University of Florida (B.S. Materials Science and Engineering) and the University of Virginia (M.E. Systems Engineering). He recently accepted an offer of admission to the Yale School of Management Executive MBA program, with classes beginning this July.

Matt served on the USNS Washington Chambers, USS Bonhomme Richard, and USS Ronald Reagan while stationed in Guam, Norfolk, VA, and Iwakuni, Japan.

My family and I moved to Weston in April of 2022. My wife, Rachel, works for PepsiCo. and we have two boys, Wesley (5 y/o) and Hayden (1.5 y/o). I was looking over the Town of Weston website and noticed there was a Veterans Committee. I thought it would be a great way to get involved in the community and share the many fond experience my family and I gain throughout my time in the US Navy.

I enjoy spending time with my family and attempting, without much success, to finish an issue of Foreign Affairs before the next one arrives. I also enjoy anything outdoors and especially in the mountains. I love hiking, mountain biking, and skiing.

5. Acceptance of resignation of Holly Charlesworth from the Conservation Commission



Darcy Barrera-Hawes, Executive Admin <executiveassistant@westonct.gov>

Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Holly Charl Resignation

1 message

Samantha Nestor <snestor@westonct.gov>

Mon, May 15, 2023 at 12:06 PM

To: Darcy Barrera-Hawes <executiveassistant@westonct.gov>, Donna Anastasia <Danastasia@westonct.gov>

Sent from my iPhone, so please forgive brevity and auto-correct gone awry.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sarah Schlechter <sarah@schlechter.net>
Date: May 15, 2023 at 12:05:33 PM EDT
To: Samantha Nestor <snestor@westonct.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Holly Charl Resignation

Hi Sam,

At the last Conservation Meeting on April 20, Holly read a statement at the end of the meeting indicating that she was resigning from the commission effective immediately.

Thank you,
Sarah Schlechter
Chair - Weston Conservation Commission

Sent from my iPhone

6. Interview of Michael Lubell for possible appointment to the Conservation Commission to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Holly Charlesworth

MICHAEL S. LUBELL

BUSINESS

Department of Physics, City College of CUNY
160 Convent Avenue, New York, NY 10031

HOME

EDUCATION

Columbia University: B.A., Physics, 1963
Yale University: M.S., Physics, 1965
Yale University: Ph.D., Physics, 1969

HONORS

National Science Foundation Fellow, 1964-66
Atomic Energy Commission Postdoctoral Fellow, 1970-71
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellow, 1979-83
Am Assoc for the Advancement of Science, Fellow, 1990-
American Physical Society, Fellow, 1992-
Who's Who In America, 2002-; *Who's Who in the World*, 2005-;
Who's Who in Sci and Eng, 1998-; *Who's Who in Ed*, 2002-

EMPLOYMENT

City College of CUNY Department of Physics: Mark W. Zemansky Professor, 2013-; Chairman, 1999-2005, 2006-2007; Professor, 1983-2013; Associate Professor, 1980-82; Yale University Department of Physics: Associate Professor, 1977-80; Assistant Professor, 1972-77; Instructor, 1971-72

Concurrent Positions: The Aspen Institute: Chair Science and Society Program, 2018-2019; The American Physical Society: Director of Public Affairs, 1994-2016; Universität Bielefeld: DAAD Scientist, 1993; Institute for Theoretical Physics, University of California-Santa Barbara: Visiting Professor, 1990; University of Texas-Austin: Visiting Professor, 1990; Brookhaven National Laboratory: Visiting Scientist, 1986-87

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

American Physical Society (Division of Atomic, Molecular & Optical Physics, Division of Nuclear Physics, Division of Particles and Fields, Forum on Physics and Society), 1966-, **Fellow**, 1992-; American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1980-, **Fellow**, 1990-; Sigma Xi, 1987-

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Physical Society:

Division of Electron and Atomic Physics: Program Committee, 1978; Divisional Meeting Local Organizing Committee, 1981; Panel on Public Affairs, 1983-84, Subcommittee on Studies, **Chairman**, 1984; Fifth Topical Conference on Atomic Processes in High Temperature Plasmas Organizing Committee, 1984-85; 1991 Congressional Day Program, **Co-Organizer**; Congressional Liaison Committee, **Chairman**, 1991-94; Physics Planning Committee, 1993-95; Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, 1994-97

American Institute of Physics:

Committee on Public Information, 1988-92; Committee on Media and Government Relations, 2003-2004

City University of New York:

PSC-CUNY Faculty Awards Program Physics Panel, **Chairman**, 1983-86, 1988-91; Vice Chancellor's Task Force on Science, Engineering, Technology and Mathematics, 1988-89; Physics Graduate Program Executive Committee, 1994, 1999-2005, 2006-; Chancellor's Task Force on Graduate Education, 2006

Department of Energy:

Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Physics in the Office of Basic Energy Sciences, 1989-90

International Conference on the Physics of Electronic and Atomic Collisions (ICPEAC):

Executive Committee, 1983-91; Local Organizing Committee XVI ICPEAC, **Co-Chairman**, 1984-89

Michael S. Lubell

Biography

Michael S. Lubell is the Mark W. Zemansky Professor of Physics at the City College of the City University of New York (CCNY). Dr. Lubell earned his B.A. (1963) from Columbia University, and his M.S. (1965) and Ph.D. (1969) from Yale University. He was a member of the Yale faculty from 1971 to 1980, where his academic activities included directing the Combined Sciences Program. He joined the Physics Department at CCNY in 1980, where he served as Department Chair from 1999 to 2006. He was also Director of Public Affairs of The American Physical Society (APS) from 1994 to 2016 and continues to serve on the Advisory Council of OurEnergyPolicy.org and as Senior Advisor to ScienceCounts. He has held fellowships from the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, the National Science Foundation, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and the Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst. He has also held concurrent positions at Brookhaven National Laboratory, the University of Texas-Austin, the Santa Barbara (Kavli) Institute of Theoretical Physics and Universität Bielefeld. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society (APS) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and his biography appears in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who in Science and Engineering* and *Who's Who in American Education*.

Dr. Lubell's publications comprise more than 300 articles and abstracts in scientific journals and books covering subjects in the fields of high-energy physics, nuclear physics, atomic, molecular and optical (AMO) physics, energy research and science policy. His use of polarized electrons to probe fundamental processes in atoms, nuclei and nucleons is internationally known. His interests now focus on studies of quantum chaos, energy efficiency, climate change, the STEM workforce, AI and other public policy issues. He has taught a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate physics courses at Yale and CCNY, as well as a very popular introductory astronomy course and equally popular seminars on science, science policy and politics.

He has delivered more than 150 invited lectures and has appeared often on radio and TV in North America and Europe. He is one of the experts most frequently quoted by the national and scientific media on science policy issues. He is also credited as being one of the pioneers of science advocacy in Washington and is regarded as one of its most effective practitioners. He has served on many scientific advisory committees inside and outside government. Dr. Lubell has also been a newspaper columnist and opinion contributor for more than 25 years, writing for the former Brooks Community Newspapers (now part of the Hearst Connecticut Media Group) *APS News*, *Roll Call*, *The Hill*, *The New York Times*, *Scientific American* and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. He has been active in local, state and national politics for more than four decades and has served as an advisor to members of Congress and state and national officials. His book, *Navigating the Maze: How Science and Technology Policies Shape America and the World*, appeared in print in 2019, receiving plaudits from policymakers, members of the science and technology community, educators and the lay public.

He has been active in politics for more than four decades, having played significant roles on many campaigns, among them in the 1960s and 1970s those for John Lindsay, Nelson Rockefeller, Jacob Javitz and Charles Goodell, and more recently for William O'Neill, Rosa DeLauro, Joseph I. Lieberman, Christopher Dodd, Dick Blumenthal and Bill Clinton. He served as chairman of the Westport Democratic Town Committee for six years and was a member of the Connecticut Democratic Finance Committee for two years.

January 2023

Journalism – Columnist & Opinion Contributor

Brooks Newspapers (Now Hearst Media Company), 1995-1996; Westport Minuteman, 1996-1999; APS News, 1997-2016, New York Times, 1992- ; San Francisco Chronicle, 2017-; The Hill, 2016- Roll Call, 2012-2015; Scientific American, 2017-

National Research Council:

Committee on Recommendations for U.S. Army Research, 1977-80; **Steering Committee** on U.S. Army Research, 1981-84; Committee on Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Science, 1986-1991, **Vice Chairman**, 1987-88, **Chairman**, 1988-90, **Past Chairman**, 1990-91

OurEnergyPolicy.org:

Topic Director, 2010-2019; Advisory Council 2019 -

ScienceCounts

Project Committee, 2015-

Yale University:

Combined Sciences Program, **Director** of Undergraduate Studies, 1978

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics: Electron and Positron Scattering, Few-Body Systems, Laser Cooling, Polarized Electron Beams, Polarized Atomic Beams, and Synchrotron Light Interactions; **Nuclear Physics:** Electron Scattering, Parity Non-Conservation, and Electron-Positron Interactions; **Elementary Particle Physics:** Hadronic Spin Structure and Parity Non-Conservation; **Science and Public Policy:** Energy, Education, Economic Development and National Security.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses: Introductory Physics for Scientists and Engineers; Introductory Physics for Scholars; Introductory Physics Laboratory; Introduction to Modern Physics for Physics Majors; Modern Physics for Engineers; Engineering Mechanics; Quantum Mechanics; Optics; Introduction to Quantum Mechanics with Applications to Atomic, Nuclear, Particle, and Solid State Physics; Science and Public Policy; Energy and Public Policy; Introduction to the Physical Universe; Science, Science Policy and Politics – Macaulay Honors College Seminar 3; Introductory Astronomy – A Multimedia Experience.

Graduate Courses: Introduction to Nuclear and Particle Physics, Introduction to Atomic and Molecular Physics, Atomic Collision Theory, Optics and Photonics, Graduate Laboratory

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Westport Democratic Town Committee, 1984-1999, **Chairman**, 1986-92; Finance Committee, Curry for Governor, CT, 1994; Connecticut Democratic State Central Committee Finance Committee, 1993-94; Science and Technology Adviser to U.S. Senator Christopher J. Dodd, 1980-; 4th-5th C.D. CT Suburban **Coordinator** Clinton-Gore Campaign 1992; 4th C.D. CT **Coordinator**, Clinton for President Primary Campaign, 1992; Advisory Committee, DeLauro for Congress, 3rd C.D., CT, 1990; Issues Adviser and 4th C.D. **Coordinator**, Morrison for Governor, CT, 1990; Defense Policy Adviser, Lieberman for Senate, CT, 1988; Connecticut Delegation to the Democratic National Convention, 1984; Hamden **Coordinator**, Morrison for Congress, 3rd C.D., CT, 1982; Issues **Director**, Dodd for U.S. Senate, CT, 1980; Policy Adviser, Logue for Mayor, New Haven, CT, 1973; Issues Adviser, Javitz for Senate, NY, 1968; Crown Heights and Flatbush District **Coordinator**, Rockefeller for Governor, NY, 1966; Kings County Field Organization, Lindsay for Mayor, New York City, 1965; Westport Recreational Soccer League, **Coach**, 1988-90; FIFA [Fédération Internationale de Football Association] **Referee** (Grade 8 Certification), 1993-2005; Connecticut Youth Soccer League, **Manager**, 1994; Conservative Synagogue of Westport, Weston & Wilton, **Founding Member**, 1987-, Board Member and Fundraiser 1992-95

PERSONAL

Masters Track Athlete: 100 m, 200 m
Central Park Track Club: 2000 - 2005



Darcy Barrera-Hawes <dbarrerahawes@westonct.gov>

[EXTERNAL] Conservation Commission

1 message

Gayle Weinstein <gaylemweinstein@gmail.com>

Sun, May 14, 2023 at 9:00 AM

To: Samantha Nestor <snestor@westonct.gov>

Cc: "Beth[d]vice chair Gralnic" <bgralnic@optonline.net>, Darcy Barrera-Hawes <dbarrera@westonct.gov>, Michael Lubell

Hi Sam,

At our regularly scheduled DTC meeting that was held on Wednesday, May 10, the DTC unanimously endorsed Michael Lubell to fill the vacancy on the Conservation Commission.

Please let me know if you require additional information and when he will be on the agenda for approval.

Thanks,
Gayle Weinstein
Chair, Weston DTC

7. Accept resignation of Gretchen Wright from the Commission for the Arts



Darcy Barrera-Hawes, Executive Admin <executiveassistant@westonct.gov>

[EXTERNAL] 3_21_23 WCFA Minutes & Vacancy

1 message

Gretchen Wright <gwright.westonct@gmail.com>

Tue, Apr 25, 2023 at 9:50 AM

To: "Darcy Barrera-Hawes, Executive Assistant" <executiveassistant@westonct.gov>

Cc: Donna Anastasia <Danastasia@westonct.gov>, Shawn Amato <samato@westonct.gov>, "Paul A. Levin"

<psarr@westonct.gov>

Good morning,

Attached please find the approved Minutes from the WCFA March meeting.

Also, I will be leaving the commission as of this month, so the Commission will need a new member and a secretary. In the near term, Chair Paul Levin (included here on the email), will cover the secretary duties.

Please let us know if there's anything else we need to do regarding this update.

Thank you!

Gretchen

8. Accept resignation of Judy Stripp from the Board of Ethics



Darcy Barrera-Hawes, Executive Admin <executiveassistant@westonct.gov>

Re: [EXTERNAL] Board of Ethics

1 message

Fri, May 12, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Sent from my iPhone, so please forgive brevity and auto-correct gone awry.

> On May 12, 2023, at 4:55 PM, Judy Stripp <js.stripp@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Dear Donna,

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> At the May 9th meeting of the Weston Republican Town Committee I was elected Vice Chair.

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> As an officer of a political party I am no longer able to serve on the Board of Ethics pursuant to Section 64-5(b) of the Code of Ethics.

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> Therefore, effective today I hereby resign.

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> Judith D. Stripp

> 4 Scatacook Trail

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9. Discussion / Decision to nominate from the Panel of Moderators a member to serve as a moderator and a member to serve as alternate moderator the June 7, 2023
Special Town Meeting

Chapter C. Town Charter

Article 3. THE TOWN MEETING

Section 3.3. Procedure

- (a) All Town Meetings shall be called to order by the First Selectman. In the absence of the First Selectman, the Selectman designated under Section 5.2 as the acting First Selectman shall call the Meeting to order. If both the First Selectman and the acting First Selectman are absent, the First Selectman shall appoint the other member of the Board of Selectmen if available, or otherwise any other Qualified Voter, to call the Meeting to order.
- * (b) The Board of Selectmen shall nominate from the Panel of Moderators a member to serve as moderator and a member to serve as alternate moderator for such Town Meeting. All reasonable care shall be taken to avoid conflicts of interests in these selections. Public Notice shall be given of the name of the member so nominated as moderator and such name shall be included in the call of the Town Meeting, if possible. Prior to the Town Meeting, such member shall meet with the First Selectman or the Board of Selectmen to discuss procedures, conduct and possible problems that might arise during the course of the Town Meeting. At the Town Meeting, other persons may be nominated as moderator, and the Town Meeting shall elect its moderator.
- (c) The moderator shall appoint a parliamentarian for the meeting.
- (d) The Clerk of the Town Meeting shall be the Town Clerk or in the Town Clerk's absence, a person selected by the Town Meeting.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in the Charter, action at all Town Meetings shall be by a majority of Qualified Voters present and voting.

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12. Discussion regarding the petition received addressed to the Board of Selectmen regarding canceling the public hearing to remove volunteers from appointed office

13. Approval of Tax Refunds

2021-1-65	ALEXANDER JEFFREY & ROBIN	\$ 8,255.36	5/15/2023	REAL ESTATE
2021-3-50520	BENYAMINI KEREM	\$ 139.39	5/15/2023	
2021-3-55143	NISSAN INFINITI LT	\$ 211.51	5/15/2023	
2021-3-55130	NISSAN INFINITI LT	\$ 779.85	5/15/2023	
2021-3-55170	NISSAN INFINITI LT	\$ 564.15	5/15/2023	
	TOTAL	\$ 9,950.26	SUBMITTED FOR 5/15/2023 BOS MEETING	

MOTOR
VEHICLE

14. Approval of minutes from the April 19, 2023 Joint Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance Meeting, April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting, and May 3, 2023 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting, as presented

Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen Joint Special Meeting Minutes

**April 19, 2023 6:45pm
Meeting held via Zoom**

Board of Finance Chair Michael Imber called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Also in attendance from the Board of Finance were Vice Chair Rone Baldwin, Jeffrey Farr, Amy Gare, Jeffrey Goldstein, and Maxwell Rosenthal. Theresa Brasco was not in attendance. Board of Selectmen attendees were First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Selectman Martin Mohabeer, and Selectwoman Amy Jenner. Also in attendance were Communications Director Larry Roberts, Police Chief Ed Henion, Fire Chief John Pokorny, EMS Chief Michael Schlechter, and members of the public.

1. **Discussion regarding a presentation on the procurement of a new Land Mobile Radio system, including the use of the general fund balance to finance the purchase. Larry Roberts, Communications Center Director:** First Selectwoman Nestor introduced Weston Communications Director Larry Roberts and spoke about his experience and expertise in this field. Mr. Roberts provided a presentation on the Land Mobile Radio Communications (LMRC) System Replacement, his presentation included a summary which recommended purchasing the Connecticut Land Mobile Radio System for an initial system cost of \$4,500,00 contingent upon Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen approval and Special Town Meeting approval, with a project contingency of 4% or \$180,000 of previously allocated radio improvement funds, annual system cost of \$140,000, and the initial town responsibilities prior to installation would be \$124,000.

Mr. Roberts discussed the current land mobile radio system that was installed around 2000 and has an industry standard 15 year useful life. The current infrastructure is no longer supported by the manufacturer and the parts to maintain and/or repair the system are no longer available. He emphasized the lack of interoperability and the difficulty communicating with other agencies.

Mr. Roberts presented two possible solutions: (1) replace the current system with a similar system, and (2) replace the current system with the state system, Connecticut Land Mobile Radio Network (CLMRN). Possible solution #1, replacement of current system with a similar one is the least expensive option, the Town owns the system and is responsible for its own communications infrastructure, and the Town decides the level of maintenance, however, there is poor interoperability with mutual aid partners, it is not monitored by the CT Telecommunications Systems Unit, and coverage is not as good as CLMRN. Possible solution #2, replacement with CLMRN, will significantly improve mutual aid communications, provide enhanced coverage and the higher frequency allows for better building penetration, is APCO Project 25 compliant (interoperability), lifecycle support and monitored radio health 24/7, however, there is an added cost due to state requirement of lifecycle maintenance coverage, the town must join partnership with the state and must purchase approved equipment, and there is an initial higher cost. He also reviewed the estimated system cost of post warranty services for each possible solution and also town responsibilities of Frontier fiber optic line, work on boiler and hot water pipes in the firehouse, Godfrey tower shelter roof, Norfield shelter HVAC heat pump and facility improvements, and security cage at Station 2.

Mr. Roberts said the Town has applied for \$1,000,000 of a congressionally directed spending grant, which is only available for CLMRN. The Town has also applied for a \$509,286 grant from the Connecticut Bond Council, which is available for either option.

He discussed the approval process, and provided his recommendation to move forward with CLMRN due to the increased level of safety, wide coverage area in Weston, Wilton, Westport, Fairfield, and Norwalk,

interoperability between units in the field with other agencies, considerable upgrade to Department of Public Works and Animal Control Officer communication capabilities, allows for future system enhancement, the system is ACPO P25 compliant, and there is state supervision and maintenance of the system with 24/7 monitoring by CTS. He stated that assuming favorable votes and funding, the final acceptance of the project could occur in August 2024.

Police Chief Ed Henion spoke about the importance of interoperability for the safety of Police Officers and residents. He provided an example of a police incident in Town where they had officers from neighboring towns and state police respond, however, were not able to communicate with them via radio. He said he wholeheartedly endorses the project.

Fire Chief John Pokorny said the Fire Department has the oldest system and has experienced failures of equipment. He discussed the importance of interoperability and mutual aid. Chief Pokorny discussed a recent large fire incident where neighboring towns responded and had difficulty finding a common channel for emergency communications.

EMS Chief Mike Schlechter discussed the importance of interoperability. He stated that portable radios do not work inside hospitals and first responders are not able to communicate while in the hospital, and there are also dark spots in town

Mr. Roberts responded to questions from the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen and discussion took place. The possibility of a public hearing regarding this process was discussed by members of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. The Board of Selectmen, at a future meeting, will discuss holding a public hearing regarding this project.

Mr. Imber spoke about the next steps, he proposed that the Board of Finance hold a special meeting on May 1 to vote on creating a capital account for the land mobile radio project, pending the outcome of the Board of Selectmen meeting this evening.

2. **Adjourn:** Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with those present at time of adjournment.

Minutes Submitted by: Darcy Barrera-Hawes, Executive Administrative Assistant, Board of Selectmen

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2023 7:30 pm
Meeting held via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order:** Selectwoman Samantha Nestor called the meeting to order at 8:49 pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Martin Mohabeer, Selectwoman Amy Jenner, Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Sally Korsh, Conservation Commission Chair Sarah Schlechter, Richelle Hodza, Lee Palmer, Parks and Recreation Director Dave Ungar, Erin Flink from Weston Youth Softball Association, Communications Director Larry Roberts, Police Chief Ed Henion, and members of the public.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Board of Selectmen led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Discussion/Decision to hire Richelle Hodza as Land Use Director:** Sally Korsh, Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Sarah Schlechter, Chair of the Conservation Commission introduced Richelle Hodza. Ms. Hodza responded to questions from the Board of Selectmen. First Selectwoman Nestor made a motion to hire Richelle Hodza as Land Use Director effective May 1, 2023 subject to the successful completion of a criminal background check. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Discussion/ Decision to appoint Lee Palmer as Interim Town Administrator/Consultant:** First Selectwoman Nestor introduced Lee Palmer. Mr. Palmer responded to questions from the Board of Selectmen. Discussion took place. Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to appoint Lee Palmer as Interim Town Administrator/Consultant effective May 1, 2023 subject to the successful completion of a criminal background check. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Discussion/Decision to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$5,000 for the Interim Town Administrator Consultant:** Discussion took place. Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$5,000 for the Interim Town Administrator/Consultant. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Acceptance of contribution from Weston Youth Softball Association and approval to construct dugouts and an outfield fence at Morehouse Park Field #3:** Parks and Recreation Director Dave Ungar and Erin Flink from Weston Youth Softball Association spoke about the Weston Youth Softball Association and the fields at Morehouse Park. Mr. Ungar said that last fall Weston Youth Softball Association presented him and the Parks and Recreation Commission with a plan to improve the softball fields at Morehouse Farm Park, which the Parks and Recreation Department and the Commission endorse. Mr. Ungar and Ms. Flink answered questions from the Board of Selectmen. Discussion took place regarding funding for additional projects. The Board of Selectmen requested Ms. Flink and Weston Youth Softball Association come back to the next or a future Board of Selectmen meeting with information about additional projects. First Selectwoman Nestor made a motion to accept a contribution from Weston Youth Softball Association and approve the construction of dugouts and an outfield fence at Morehouse Park Field #3. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Acceptance of resignation of Department of Public Works Director John Conte:** The Board of Selectmen thanked John Conte for his years of service. Selectman Mohabeer moved to accept the resignation of Department of Public Works Director John Conte effective June 23, 2023. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Acceptance of resignation of Cyprian Toczec from Library Board:** Selectwoman Jenner moved to accept the resignation of Cyprian Toczec from Library Board. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
9. **Acceptance of resignation of William Weiss from Board of Ethics:** Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to accept the resignation of William Weiss from Board of Ethics. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
10. **Discussion/Decision to create a Capital Account entitled “Public Safety Telecommunications (Land Mobile Radio Project)” and to fund said account with a special appropriation of \$4,500,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance:** Discussion took place regarding the process of establishing the capital account, establishing a Special Town Meeting, and funding of said account. Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to create a Capital Account entitled “Public Safety Telecommunications (Land Mobile Radio Project)” and to fund said account with a special appropriation of \$4,500,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
11. **Discussion/Decision to establish a Special Town Meeting on June 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Weston High School Cafeteria for the purpose of answering the following question: “Shall the Town create a Capital Account entitled “Public Safety Telecommunications (Land Mobile Radio Project)” and to fund said account with an appropriation of \$4,500,000 Unassigned Fund Balance? Yes/No” contingent upon Board of Finance approval of creation of a Capital Account entitled “Public Safety Telecommunications (Land Mobile Radio Project)” and to fund said account with a special appropriation of \$4,500,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance:** First Selectwoman Nestor made a motion to establish a Special Town Meeting on June 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Weston High School Cafeteria for the purpose of answering the following question: “Shall the Town create a Capital Account entitled “Public Safety Telecommunications (Land Mobile Radio Project)” and to fund said account with an appropriation of \$4,500,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance? Yes/No” contingent upon Board of Finance approval of creation of a Capital Account entitled “Public Safety Telecommunications (Land Mobile Radio Project)” and to fund said account with a special appropriation of \$4,500,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Discussion took place regarding holding a public hearing before the Special Town Meeting, First Selectwoman Nestor will schedule a public hearing via Zo. Motion passed unanimously.
12. **First Selectwoman’s Update: Freedom of Information Act Training (FOIA) on June 6, 2023:** First Selectwoman Nestor said she has schedule a FOIA training session to be held remotely on June 6, 2023 for elected and appointed Board members, and will possibly be open to the public. She also stated that a FOIA webpage is in development for the Town website.
13. **Discussion/Decision regarding whether to schedule a public hearing pursuant to Section 8.5 and 7.7 of the Town Charter for purposes of potential removal of current members of the Board of Ethics 4:** Selectwoman Jenner spoke about why she feels comfortable voting on this motion and the following motion. Discussion took place. Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to schedule a public hearing pursuant to Section 8.5 and 7.7 of the Town Charter for purposes of potential removal of current members of the Board of Ethics. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

14. **Discussion/Decision to approve a date of May 18, 2023 for public hearing pursuant to Section 8.5 and 7.7 of the Town Charter for purposes of potential removal of current members of the Board of Ethics:** Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to approve a date of May 18, 2023 for a public hearing pursuant to Section 8.5 and 7.7 of the Town Charter for purposes of potential removal of current members of the Board of Ethics. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
15. **Approval of Tax Refunds:** Selectwoman Jenner moved to approve tax refunds totaling \$3,456.08, as presented. Selectman Mohabeer seconded the motion. Discussion took place. Motion passed unanimously.
16. **Adjournment:** Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to adjourn. Selectwoman Jenner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:17pm

Minutes submitted by: Darcy Barrera-Hawes, Executive Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved on:

Unapproved

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2023 12:00 pm
Meeting held via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Martin Mohabeer and Selectwoman Amy Jenner.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Board of Selectmen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Executive Session regarding pending litigation regarding the dog park and Board of Ethics, CGS § 1-200:** Selectwoman Jenner made a motion to enter into executive session regarding pending litigation regarding the dog park and Board of Ethics, CGS § 1-200. First Selectwoman seconded the motion. Invited to attend were Town Attorneys Ira Bloom and Nick Bamonte and Interim Town Administrator Lee Palmer. Motion passed unanimously. Executive session commenced at 12:03 pm and ended at 1:15 pm.
4. **Adjournment:** Selectman Mohabeer made a motion to adjourn. First Selectowoman Nestor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Darcy Barrera-Hawes, Executive Administrative Assistant