



Town of Weston, Connecticut

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Agenda April 10, 2024 at 7:30 pm Town Hall Commission Room

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Proclamation of April 2024 as Parkinson's Awareness Month
4. Proclamation honoring Nate Coleman, Jonah Rothlein, and Morah Tahbaz
5. Review of Board, Committee, and Commission Appointment Process
6. Discussion and/or Decision regarding appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions
 - 1) Bruce Plotkin, Lachat Town Farm Commission
 - 2) Alexander Rea, Marketing Committee
 - 3) Adam Weiner, Marketing Committee
 - 4) Jesse Shafer, Parks and Recreation Commission
 - 5) Susan Moch, Sustainable Weston
 - 6) Charles Russell, Sustainable Weston
 - 7) Robert Kapel, Sustainable Weston, Alternate
 - 8) Evan Berger, Sustainable Weston, Alternate
7. Approval of Minutes from the March 20, 2024 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
8. Adjournment

Item 3



Proclamation

Whereas, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States;

Whereas, Parkinson's disease is estimated to affect approximately one million people in the United States and the prevalence will rise to 1.2 million by 2030;

Whereas, 90,000 new people are diagnosed each year in the United States with Parkinson's disease;

Whereas, Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

Whereas, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least \$52 billion annually, including direct and indirect costs, including treatment, social security payments and lost income, to patients and family members;

Whereas, research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown;

Whereas, there is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson's disease, and there is no cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease;

Whereas, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and can include tremors; slowness of movement and rigidity; difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, and speaking; cognitive impairment and dementia; mood disorders; and a variety of other non-motor symptoms;

Whereas, volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families;

Whereas, increased research, education, and community support services such as those provided by the Parkinson's Foundation and other organizations are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today;

Now Therefore, I, Samantha Nestor, First Selectwoman of the Town of Weston, Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the month of April in twenty twenty-four as Parkinson's Awareness Month in the Town of Weston.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of Weston, this tenth day of April 2024.

Samantha Nestor
First Selectwoman, Town of Weston, Connecticut

Item 4



Proclamation

Whereas, Nate Colman and Jonah Rothlein are students at Weston High School; and

Whereas, Nate Colman and Jonah Rothlein participated in C-SPAN's 20th Annual StudentCam competition;

Whereas, the competition theme was "Looking Forward while Considering the Past,

Whereas, they produced the documentary "Innocents Held Hostage: Navigating Past and Future Conflicts with Iran"; which brings to light the innocent hostages being held in Iran

Whereas, this proclamation recognizes the tremendous reporting of Nate Coleman and Jonah Rothlein to tell the story of innocent hostages; and

Whereas, this proclamation also recognizes Mr. Morad Tahbaz for the important role he played in this award winning documentary; and

Whereas, this proclamation honors Mr. Tahbaz who displayed immense strength, courage and fortitude during the six years he was imprisoned in Iran before being released in September 2023,

Whereas, Nate Colman and Jonah Rothlein are the 2024 Grand Prize Winners in C-SPAN's 20th Annual Student Cam Competition

Now Therefore, I, Samantha Nestor, First Selectwoman of the Town of Weston, Connecticut, do hereby formally recognize the importance of documentary film-making by honoring Nate Colman and Jonah Rothlein, and Morad Tahbaz for such bravery and courage, and for sharing his story.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Town of Weston, this tenth day of April 2024.

Samantha Nestor
First Selectwoman, Town of Weston, Connecticut

Item 7



Town of Weston, Connecticut

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes March 20, 2024 at 7:30 pm Town Hall Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectwoman Nestor called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Tony Pesco, Selectman Kerem Dinlenc, Town Administrator Karl Kilduff, Susan Moch, Robert Kapel, Cindy Wagner, Alexander Rea, Adam Weiner, David Frail, and Darcy Barrera-Hawes.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Cindy Wagner led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Executive Session pursuant to CGS § 1-200(6)(a) to interview candidates for appointed board, commission, or committee positions**
 - 1) Susan Moch, Sustainable Weston
 - 2) Robert Kapel, Sustainable Weston
 - 3) Cindy Wagner, Commission for the Arts
 - 4) Alexander Rea, Marketing Committee
 - 5) Adam Weiner, Marketing Committee
 - 6) David Frail, Library Board

Selectman Pesco made a motion to enter into executive session to interview candidates for appointed board, commission, and committee appointments, pursuant to CGS 1-200-6-A, and to invite Susan Moch, Robert Kapel, Cindy Wagner, Alexander Rea, Adam Weiner, and David Frail. Selectman Dinlenc seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Session commenced at 7:32 and ended at 9:15 pm.

4. **Update on modular replacement plan and bridge work:** At the request of First Selectwoman Nestor, Town Administrator Karl Kilduff gave an update on the modular replacement plan. First Selectwoman Nestor provided an update on three bridges being worked on this summer, River Road bridge begins in April, Davis Hill Rd bridge work resumes in April, Michael's Way bridge begins in April. Also Lyons Plain Road rehabilitation will start this spring and continue through summer with intermittent road closures.
5. **Resolution for Volkswagen Electric Vehicle Charger Grant:** Selectman Dinlenc made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the First Selectwoman to execute on behalf of the Town of Weston a personal services agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to complete work as presented in the amount of \$12,742.60. Selectman Pesco seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Discussion and/or Decision to set a public hearing date pursuant to Connecticut General Statute §7-163e on the proposed lease of town owned land to Greenskies Clean Energy for the proposed construction of solar arrays at the Town Transfer Station:** Selectman Pesco made a motion to set a public hearing date of May 2, 2024 at 7:30 pm for a public hearing pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 7-163E, on the proposed lease of town owned property located at 237 Godfrey Road to Greenskies Clean Energy for the proposed construction of solar arrays at the Town Transfer Station. Selectman Dinlenc seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Discussion and/or Decision to set a date for a Special Town Meeting pursuant to Article III of the Town Charter on the proposed lease of town owned land to Greenskies Clean Energy for the proposed construction of solar arrays at the Town Transfer Station:** Selectman Dinlenc made a motion to set a

Special Town Meeting date of May 16, 2024 at 7:30 pm for a Special Town Meeting pursuant to Article 111 of the Town Charter on the proposed lease of Town Owned property located at 237 Godfrey Road to Greenskies Clean Energy for the proposed construction of solar arrays at the Town Transfer Station. Selectman Pesco seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of Tax Refunds: Selectman Pesco made a motion to approve tax refunds totaling \$32,849.85 as presented. Selectman Dinlenc seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Approval of Minutes – February 26, 2024 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting, March 7, 2024 Board of Selectmen Meeting: Selectman Dinlenc made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting and the March 7, 2024 Board of Selectmen Meeting as presented. Selectman Pesco seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously
10. Adjournment: Selectman Pesco made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Dinlenc seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm.

Minutes submitted by Darcy Barrera-Hawes, Executive Assistant