

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Agenda**

May 20, 2021 at 7.30pm

Meeting to be held remotely due to COVID 19

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1. Call to order
2. Update on discussions with the Lachat Town Farm neighbors concerning events & a proposed building
3. Resignation of Andrea Chase from the Board of Ethics
4. Resignation of Effie Thieme from the Board of Ethics
5. Interview of Sarah Grigerick for appointment to the Board of Ethics
6. Discussion/Decision concerning the recommendations from the Diversity Equity Inclusion Committee concerning the Walter Simpson incident and subsequent investigation
7. Interview of Melissa Conner for appointment to the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee
8. Interview of Harriet Heller for appointment to the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee
9. Discussion/ decision about opening municipal office buildings to the general public
10. Discussion/ decision concerning ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds/ Treasury Guidance
11. Discussion/ decision to approve a \$5,000 supplemental appropriate for a record storage project
12. Discussion/ decision to hire a Department of Public Works Maintainer
13. Discussion/decision to appoint Ben Winglass to the Sustainable Weston committee for the term to end December 31, 2022
14. Discussion/ decision to hold a July 4th Fireworks celebration
15. Discussion/ decision concerning Food Trucks on Town Property
16. Approval of the minutes from the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on May 6, 2021 and the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting on May 13, 2021
17. Executive session to discuss a pending real-estate transaction
18. Adjournment

DRAFT Motions for the 5/20/21 BOS Meeting

1. Call to order: **No motion.**
2. Update on discussions with the Lachat Town Farm neighbors concerning events & a proposed building: **No motion.**
3. Resignation of Andrea Chase from the Board of Ethics: **I move to accept the Resignation of Andrea Chase from the Board of Ethics**
4. Resignation of Effie Thieme from the Board of Ethics: **I move to accept the Resignation of Effie Thieme from the Board of Ethics**
5. Interview of Sarah Grigerick for appointment to the Board of Ethics: **No motion**
6. **I move the following: 1) That the Town Attorney draft an ordinance that would establish a Civilian Police Review Board in Weston; 2) that the Town hire an independent third party to immediately investigate the actions of the Weston Police Department (WPD) and Weston Police Commission (WPC) concerning Walter Simpson's November 21st, 2019 interaction with the WPD and the subsequent response by the WPD and WPC to the complaint about the incident and complaints made about the investigation of the incident; and 3) that the Board of Selectmen urge the Weston Police Commission to implement the Police Engagement Program, as offered by the Stratford, Connecticut Police Department.**
7. Interview of Melissa Conner for appointment to the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee: **No motion**
8. Interview of Harriet Heller for appointment to the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee: **No motion**
9. Discussion/ decision about fully opening up municipal office buildings to the public: **No motion**
10. Discussion/ decision concerning ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds/ Treasury Guidance: **No motion**
11. Discussion/ decision to approve a \$5,000 supplemental appropriation for a record storage project: **I move to authorize a supplemental appropriation of \$5,000 for a record storage project.**
12. Discussion/ decision to hire a Department of Public Works Maintainer: **I move to hire Noris Stone as Public Works Maintainer effective July 1, 2021, contingent upon the Town finding acceptable the results of a criminal background check and a pre-employment physical including a drug and alcohol test.**
13. Discussion/decision to appoint Ben Winglass to the Sustainable Weston committee for the term to end December 31, 2022: **I move to appoint Ben Winglass to the Sustainable Weston committee for the term to end December 31, 2022**
14. Discussion/ decision to hold a July 4th Fireworks celebration: **No motion.**
15. Discussion/ decision concerning Food Trucks on Town Property: **No motion.**
16. Approval of the minutes from the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on May 6, 2021 and the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting on May 13, 2021: **I move to approve the unapproved minutes from the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting held May 6, 2021 and the unapproved minutes from the May 13, 2021 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting, as presented.**
17. Executive session to discuss a pending real-estate transaction: **I move to enter into executive session to discuss a pending real estate transaction.**
18. Adjournment: **I move to adjourn.**

1. Call to order: **No motion.**
2. Update on discussions with the Lachat Town Farm neighbors concerning events & a proposed building: **No motion.**



Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

Summary of Lachat's Work with Neighbors

1 message

Elizabeth Zeppernick <ezeppernick@gmail.com>

Tue, May 18, 2021 at 3:22 PM

To: chris spaulding <cspaulding@me.com>

Cc: Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

Hello Mr. Spaulding,

In preparation for Thursday's meeting and in response to your request for a summary of our work thus far, I have attached the guidelines which were voted on after last week's public meeting. The neighbors' main concerns are outlined as headings with the solutions and concessions bulleted below each area of concern. The main meetings took place on the dates below with significant work, calls, and emails in between.

March 7 Stirling met with Neighbor Committee Meeting

March 25 Neighbor Committee Meeting

March 31 Special Commission Meeting **with Public Hearing**

April 6 Regular Meeting to discuss Public Hearing feedback

April 20th Neighbor Committee Meeting

May 4 Regular Meeting to discuss further feedback from neighbors and add to draft in preparation for May 13th public hearing

May 13 Special Commission Meeting **with Public Hearing**

I am not sure if you were in attendance last Thursday but we had a turnout of over 250 citizens. The video is posted publicly with the clear majority indicating that they believe we had not only met the concerns of the few but actually been too accomodating. If you weren't in attendance and have nearly four hours to spare then it is available for viewing!

Please let me know if you have any questions and I thank you for your work and support,
Elizabeth

 **Final Guidelines for Use of LTF Property 5_13_21 (1).pdf**
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Guidelines for Use of Lachat Town Farm Property

Date: 5/13/21

As a means of maintaining safety and limiting negative impact on the immediate neighbors while continuing to provide the townspeople with appropriate recreation and educational opportunities at Lachat Town Farm, the Commission has approved the following policies and guidelines as of May 13, 2021. The policies set forth are designed to address and mitigate the main concerns expressed by the neighborhood which relate to traffic, parking, noise, trash, and the number of events expected to take place on site. A procedure to allow for grievances is also provided so there is accountability for operations on the property.

General Use:

Allowable: Events which align with the farm's mission, conservation restrictions and lease agreement. Events held in the interest of local non-profits (i.e. Kiwanis, Backyard BeeKeepers Association, Wildlife in Crisis, etc.) which are formed with charitable, educational or public service purposes or events held which support the educational mission of Weston Public School while also aligning with the mission and conservation restrictions of the farm.

Prohibited: Motorized amusements, Drive in Movies (beyond the three school events scheduled in the 2021 calendar), Conventions, private rental events not open to the public

Traffic:

-There will be a cap of 200 cars on site inclusive of both the lower and upper parking lots.

-For events expecting more than 80 cars, when it is feasible given the structure of the specific program or event, we will implement a ticketing system for reserved parking in the lower lot for the first 80 cars who register and all others will be notified to park in Upper Field.

-For events expecting more than 80 cars, four adult paid or volunteer attendants will be located in the lower lot plus two in the upper lot for management of traffic flow.

-The dirt road between the lower and upper lots will be maintained so that visitors can walk between lots to avoid pedestrians walking along the main roadways.

-A new attractive and permanent sign will be erected at the corner of Godfrey West and New

Town Turnpike. This will help reduce confusion as to the location of the farm so that fewer cars are rerouted and turn around in the driveways of neighbors.

- Erect temporary signage at the base of Ladder Hill South for events expecting more than 80 cars.

- Erect permanent signage at the entrance of the Ladder Hill South entrance to our upper lot.

- Clear 'Enter' and 'Exit' signs will be painted at the access points of the lower lot to improve the flow of traffic.

- Lachat will ask the town to erect a "SLOW CHILDREN AT PLAY," "FARM CROSSING" or other traffic control measures for Godfrey Road

- Parkers will direct cars to pull into the farm parking lots before checking tickets to reduce the bottle-neck at the entrance and improve the flow of traffic on the main roads.

Parking:

- No Parking signs will be posted along Godfrey Road prior to the start of an event or program expecting more than 80 cars.

- No Parking signs will be taken down by 9am the morning following an evening event.

- One adult volunteer will be stationed by the entrance of Old Field Road and Walden Woods for the duration of an event when 80 or more cars are anticipated to prevent visitors from parking along and turning around on roads.

- The lower parking lot will not be paved.

- The lower parking lot will not include any overhead flood lighting.

Noise:

- During the month of April 2021, an Acoustical Engineer performed an Environmental Noise Study intended to measure the impact of amplified sound coming from several locations on the Lachat site. The sound test took a couple of hours and the date and time were communicated to neighbors within 750 feet of our property. As of May 13, 2021 the outcome and resulting guidelines from the sound study are yet to be available but when they are they will be discussed and added to this document.

- Sound crews and bands will be informed and held accountable as to the maximum permissible decibel levels based upon standards established as a consequence of the noise study.

- Allowable sound limits will be communicated to the visiting band during the contracting process but controlled by Lachat sound technicians during the events.

-During an amplified music event, decibel readings will be taken at least every 30 minutes to maintain control and minimize impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

-Amplified music and audio will end by 10pm for all events and programs with the Music in the Meadow series being the principal events to end as late as 10. Bands will be informed of the 10pm curfew and be provided with a reminder prior to 10pm before power to the stage is cut to ensure that it is a hard curfew.

Number of Events:

-At the beginning of each calendar year, the Large Events (defined as those expecting more than 100 people in attendance excluding paid or volunteer staff) will be publicly posted on our website and shared with the Board of Selectmen.

-Large Outdoor Evening Events as defined above will be limited in number to 11. Examples of Large Outdoor Evening Events include Music in the Meadow, Farmers Market, Hoe Down and Spring Fundraiser.

-Large Outdoor or Indoor Day Events will be limited in number to 11. Examples of Large Outdoor Day Events include Earth Day Celebration, Spring Egg Hunt, Opening Day, Autumn Celebration, Candy Cane Hunts and a Holiday Market. Example of a Large Indoor Day Event is the Noon Year's Eve Celebration.

-Large Indoors Evening Events will be limited in number to eight. Examples of Large Indoor Evening Events include Fireside Concerts, Holiday Sing-A-Long.

-There will be no limit of outdoor or indoor programming and classes smaller in size than 100 attendees.

Offutt Center:

-There will be no limit to indoor programming and classes in the proposed education center with less than 100 ticketed attendees.

-The proposed education center will require paved spaces to accommodate handicap parking.

Trash:

-By 9am after all events exceeding 100 attendees, No Parking signs and any resulting trash will be removed from Godfrey Road.

-The Farm Managers will walk the front of the property to assess for debris at least once per week.

Plan for Enforcement:

-There will be a protocol for reporting concerns should the neighborhood or a community member be concerned about the adherence to the guidelines outlined above. Concerns should be brought to the Commission either in the form of an email to the Commission Chair or in the forum of a monthly Commission meeting, the schedule for which is posted publicly. The neighborhood may also appoint a spokesperson to meet with the Commission to express concerns either at regular intervals to facilitate open communication or as needed should concerns arise.

Modification of Guidelines:

Lachat Town Farm Commission resolved that the "Guidelines for Use of Lachat Town Farm Property" dated May 13, 2021 are approved and shall apply to all future uses of the Lachat Property. The Commission further resolves that the "Guidelines for Use of the Lachat Town Farm Property" shall be attached to the minutes of the meeting; shall be posted on the town website, and shall not be changed in the future absent good cause after notice to all neighbors within 750 feet of the Lachat Property. The Commission resolved to communicate and notify the neighbors within 750 feet related to items most impactful to the immediate neighborhood and to make this recommendation to the Board of Selectman for mailings sent from their office as well.

May 11, 2021

Via Email (caitlin.calder@ct.gov)

Caitlin Calder, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
State of Connecticut

RE: Lachat Town Farm – Town of Weston’s Violation of Conservation Restrictions

Dear Assistant Attorney General Calder:

My firm represents David and Jennifer Gruen, Julia Sears, and David Ambrose, who are spokespersons for a large group of concerned immediate neighbors of the Lachat Town Farm in Weston, CT (the “Farm”), known as the Neighbors of Lachat Committee (the “Neighbors”). The Neighbors have expressed concerns about current and proposed uses of the Farm that violate the plain terms of the 1997 and 1999 Conservation Restrictions, as Amended (the “Conservation Restrictions”), under which the Town of Weston (the “Town”) and the Nature Conservancy, Inc. (the “Conservancy”) acquired the land from the late Leon F. Lachat. Specifically, the Town: (1) has been using the Farm for an increasing number of prohibited, large-scale public events with hundreds of cars traversing over, and parking on, the Farm’s open space; (2) has proposed to host private commercial events at the Farm; and (3) intends to construct a new 6000-square-foot event space designed to facilitate and intensify these large-scale public and private events, all contrary to the Conservation Restrictions on the land.

These prohibited uses destroy the natural, quiet, scenic appeal of the Farm by spoiling the open space, degrading the natural landscape, and disrupting the peace and tranquility of the place that is central to the Conservation Restrictions’ conservation purpose. In the spirit of cooperation between neighbors, the Neighbors have engaged in discussions with the Town in a good-faith attempt to reach a mutually acceptable outcome.¹ However, the Town appears intent on violating the Conservation Restrictions because of the popularity of certain events and proposed events, and has expressed hostility to many of the Neighbors’ legitimate concerns. As a result, my clients request that the Attorney General’s office intervene, as is its authority pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 47-42c and 47-42e(f), to enforce the Conservation Restrictions and protect the legacy of the grantor, Leon Lachat.

I. Background

The Lachat Farm consists of two adjoining parcels, one of 9.411 acres and one of 32.260 acres (collectively, the “Property”), both of which are protected by Conservation Restrictions granted in 1997 and 1999, respectively (Amended and Restated Conservation Restrictions

¹ The Neighbors previously provided the substance of the arguments in this letter to Attorney Dennis Tracey in a March 24, 2021 written submission, as part of a mediation process between the Town and the Neighbors.

beginning at Vol. 528 Pg. 281 and Vol. 528 Pg. 308 attached hereto collectively as **Exhibit 1**). The Conservation Restrictions were executed when Leon Lachat granted the Property to its current joint owners, the Town and the Conservancy.² The Conservation Restrictions were granted “*in perpetuity exclusively for the conservation purpose of the preservation of open space (including forest, agriculture, and grazing land) for the scenic enjoyment of the general public* and pursuant to a clearly delineated government conservation policy that will yield a significant public benefit” (Ex. 1, Vol. 528 at 285, 312 (emphasis added)).³ To honor the Property’s long-standing agricultural history and his mother’s name, Leon Lachat specified that the Property be identified, in perpetuity, as the “Julianna Lachat Nature Preserve” (*Id.* at 281, 308).

The Conservation Restrictions were amended and restated on April 2, 2012, after the Town’s and Conservancy’s proposal to change ownership of the Property was rejected by the Attorney General in a June 27, 2011 Letter, warning that “[t]he Town of Weston and the Nature Conservancy will breach their fiduciary duties if they permit use of any portion of the Lachat Property for purposes other than those permitted by the Conservation Restrictions or otherwise fail to comply with the directives of Leon Lachat that the Property be designated as The Julianna Lachat Nature Preserve.” (6/27/2011 Letter, attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.) This resulted in the Town and Conservancy agreeing to and proposing a minor amendment to the Conservation Restrictions in October 2011, abandoning the plan to construct a nature center or visitor’s center and allowing for use of the Property for non-commercial community gardens and agricultural purposes. In a November 7, 2011 letter, the Attorney General noted that use of the Property even for community gardens was not permitted by the current Restrictions, but that it was in keeping with Leon Lachat’s mission “to preserve the natural landscape,” in a manner consistent with “the adjacent Devil’s Den.” (11/7/11 Ltr. at 3, attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.) The Amendment was approved with the “understanding that the agricultural uses permitted on the Lachat Preserve *will not include commercial production or other activity that would restrict public access or of the property.*” (*Id.*)

The Conservation Restrictions require that “*the Property shall be preserved and maintained in its natural state* and shall be used (i) *only* in such manner as will conserve its natural beauty and resources; (ii) as a site upon which to conduct research by universities or by students of plant and animal communities...; (iii) for nature study by and for spiritual refreshment of responsible visitors;... (iv) [for] individual, non-mechanized traversing of the

² As will be discussed in Point IV, *infra*, the Conservation Restrictions are identical except that the 1999 Restrictions (which pertain to the smaller parcel) omit from their reservation of rights a paragraph dedicated to the construction of a nature or visitor’s center to serve as a gateway to Devil’s Den – a nature preserve owned by the Conservancy that is contiguous with the Farm.

³ By statutory definition, a conservation restriction’s purpose “is to retain land or water areas predominantly in their natural, scenic or open condition or in agricultural, farming, forest or open space use.” Conn. Gen. Stat. § 47-42a(a).

Property...; and (v) for non-commercial agricultural activities, including but not limited to a town farm or community gardens, on portions of the property depicted as Parcel A on Map 3418 of the Weston Land Records” (Ex. 1 Vol. 528 at 281, 287, 315 (emphasis added)).

The Conservation Restrictions expressly prohibit “picnicking” and “public recreation” on the Property (Ex. 1, Vol 528 at 288, 315). They expressly prohibit any commercial use of the Property that is inconsistent with the Restrictions’ conservation purpose or the mission of Leon Lachat, as well as “any use or activity that causes or is likely to cause significant soil degradation or erosion or significant pollution of any surface or subsurface waters” (Ex. 1, Vol. 528 at 288, 289, 215, 316). To the extent the Restrictions permit building, using, improving, maintaining, repairing or replacing parking areas and to carry out certain commercial activities on the Property, these rights are only permissible to the extent that they both “directly serve and enhance *the conservation purpose of [the] grant*” and the mission of Leon Lachat, conjunctively (Ex. 1, Vol 528 at 289, 317 (emphasis added)).

Lest there be any doubt, “[i]n the event of a conflict in the interpretation of” the permissible uses of the Property, the Conservation Restrictions provide that “the following considerations shall control”: “*It is the overall desire and intention of the parties . . . that the activities to be conducted on the property shall be similar in type, scope and intensity to the activities presently conducted on . . . the ‘Devil’s Den Preserve,’*” and the intent to “*preserve in perpetuity*” the Farm’s “*natural, scenic, undeveloped and open condition*” shall be of “*overriding concern and controlling effect,*” subject to limited exceptions in Paragraph 3 (Ex. 1, Vol. 528 at 288, 315 (emphasis added)).

II. The Conservation Restrictions Prohibit the Large-Scale Public Events Currently Being Held on the Farm

The Conservation Restrictions do not permit the use of the Farm as a performing arts venue. In the past few years, however, the Farm has begun to host increasingly larger and larger events of this type, including rock concerts, drive-in movies, and farmer’s markets with live music and service of food and alcohol. Music and announcements are amplified through commercial audio equipment and can be heard far from the Farm. Recently, the Town’s Lachat Town Farm Commission (the “Farm Commission”) expressed their intent to host upwards of 30 public events per year on the Farm grounds, all of which will be “large” events with over 100 attendees – the Farm Commission now considers an event “small” if it hosts less than 100 people, though that is still no small number. At least nine scheduled events (5 farmer’s markets and 4 rock concerts) have an anticipated attendance of 450 people and will require parking for approximately 200 cars. The prospect of hosting a number of higher-ticket-price, upscale fundraising events has also been discussed, which will certainly require commercial catering services, sound, and lighting equipment, and additional parking for commercial vehicles.

Notwithstanding that any “mechanized” traversing of the Property (*e.g.*, cars) is strictly prohibited by the Conservation Restrictions, the Farm Commission does and will continue to utilize the large open field on the smaller parcel – as a designated parking area that the Farm Commission has named the “top lot.” Similarly, the Farm Commission refers to the open field on the larger parcel as the “bottom lot.” A previously grassy area between the two fields has already been trampled into dirt by traffic and is now referred to by the Farm Commission as the “dirt road.” Thus, while the clear and overriding intent of Leon Lachat’s grant of the Property to the Town and the Conservancy was that the Property be preserved in its “natural, scenic, undeveloped and open condition” (Ex. 1, Vol. 528 at 288, 315), the Town apparently considers much of this precious open space to be merely parking lots for hundreds of cars for large-scale events. Using the Farm’s protected open fields as parking for parties despoils the land and soil as well as enjoyment of the natural landscape.

The Committee’s current and proposed uses of the Farm directly violate the Conservation Restrictions and purpose as set forth above, as well as the vision and intent of Leon Lachat. Setting aside the exponential increase in foot traffic on the land for prohibited “picnicking” and “public recreation” purposes, the unavoidable consequence of hosting events of increasing size is the introduction of massive, prohibited vehicular traffic upon the Property and throughout the surrounding neighborhood. These large events are *not* “similar in type, scope and intensity to the activities presently conducted on . . . the ‘Devil’s Den Preserve.’” (Ex. 1, Vol. 528 at 288, 315).

Such large events may be popular with visitors, and may be attractive to the Town as a potential revenue source; thus, there may be pressure on the Town to continue and to expand this prohibited use of the Farm. But the Conservation Restrictions exist to prevent simple majority rule from destroying the natural, scenic value of the Farm, and damaging its resources and wetlands. The Conservation Restrictions make clear that any commercial activity taking place on the Farm must serve both the conservation purpose and Leon Lachat’s mission, which are to preserve the land in perpetuity for scenic enjoyment and ecological studies. The Commission’s events serve neither of these purposes as they are entirely unrelated to ecological education or research and are physically destructive to the land. Accordingly, the Neighbors respectfully submit that any “event” not specifically related to the conservation purpose and Leon Lachat’s mission, *i.e.*, preserving the natural landscape, is strictly prohibited. Moreover, any “event” hosted for a proper purpose must only be “similar in type, scope and intensity to the activities presently conducted” at Devil’s Den adjacent to the Farm.

III. The Conservation Restrictions Prohibit Private Events

The Conservation Restrictions also expressly forbid closing the Farm to the public for private events. The Restrictions were granted “in perpetuity exclusively for the conservation purpose of the preservation of open space...for the scenic enjoyment of the general public.” (Ex. 1, Vol. 528 at 285, 312). Indeed, the Attorney General has previously recognized that “[t]he

Town of Weston and the Nature Conservancy [would] breach their fiduciary duties if they permit[ted] use of any portion of the Lachat Property for purposes other than those permitted by the Conservation Restrictions or otherwise fail[ed] to comply with the directives of Leon Lachat that the Property be designated as The Julianna Lachat Nature Preserve” (Ex. 2). To that end, the Town is not permitted to use the Farm for “commercial production or other activity that would restrict public access or enjoyment of the property” (Ex. 3).

Nevertheless, the Commission has proposed having large-scale private commercial events such as weddings, company picnics, and parties at the Farm. (See Proposal attached hereto as **Exhibit 4.**) More specifically, the Town’s proposal seeks to formalize commercial activities in which the Property would be rented out for private events (of an unspecified nature) drawing as many as 250 attendees to one event, and up to 100 attendees to four additional events. (See *id.*) The “contracting” provision contemplates events that would include extensive food and alcohol service and sound/video productions. There would be a Base Bid of \$10,000 for the large event, which might include an unknown number of security and other personnel, supplemental power, equipment and more. The Proposal also anticipates and allows for police security, police traffic control, fire protection and EMS services. Furthermore, extensive additional traffic likely would be incurred, as allowed, on the day before and the day after the event, including large trucks that may be required to deliver and remove equipment.

The Conservation Restrictions certainly do not permit use of the Farm for large-scale private events. As the Attorney General has previously recognized, any commercial use of the farm that closes it off to public enjoyment is strictly prohibited. Moreover, the Farm Commission has not made any attempt to relate the proposed private events to the study of the naturally occurring plant and animal resources on the farm, or any other conservation purpose, such that any exception to the prohibition of private, commercial events should be tolerated. In addition, as discussed above with respect to public events, the Conservation Restrictions expressly prohibit the massive influx of cars that would be generated by these proposed private events. The Town should be prohibited from moving forward with any proposal to host private commercial events at the Farm.

IV. The Conservation Restrictions Prohibit the Proposed 6000-Square-Foot New Event Space

The Conservation Restrictions provide that “[n]o buildings shall be erected on the Property except buildings used in maintenance and enhancement of the Property, buildings used to house supervisory or research personnel; buildings to house facilities for conservation, education, research and study, including visitor centers, nature centers and buildings to house facilities requisite to other activities permitted on the Property” (Ex. 1, Vol. 528 at 288, 315). In an April 29, 2021 letter to the Attorney General, Town First Selectman Christopher Spaulding requested comment on the permissibility of plans for the Daniel E. Offutt “Agri-Cultural Center”

that the Commission intends to build on the Property. For the reasons stated below, the Conservation Restrictions and Leon Lachat's mission for the Property prohibit the proposed building, due to its size, design, and purpose.

In his letter, First Selectman Spaulding cites to Paragraphs 3(A) and (G) of the 1997 Conservation Restrictions, which provide:

The right to use, improve, maintain, repair, or replace the existing buildings and parking lots located on the Property. . . or other structures or facilities ***as shall directly serve and enhance the conservation purposes of this Grant***, or which are otherwise specifically permitted pursuant to Section 1(B) above.

It is specifically understood and agreed between the parties hereto that a nature center or visitor's center, parking areas for visitors to such nature center or visitor's center or the Property, classrooms and other accessory uses may and shall be created by the parties hereto in the future. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the building or creation of such nature center or visitor's center, parking areas, classrooms, and accessory uses as the parties hereto deem necessary to enhance the enjoyment and education of visitors to the nature center or visitor's center of the Property. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the conversion or remodeling of existing buildings on the Property for such purposes. ***In regard to the uses and activities on the Property, the parties shall be guided by what compliments the study of the animal and plant communities on the Property***, including the sale of printed material or other material which enhances the study of the natural features of the Property.

(Emphasis added.) These cited provisions, however, in no way support the Town's proposal to build a 6000-square-foot event space, particularly for the performing arts purposes the space will inevitably serve.

In its November 7, 2011 letter, the Attorney General's office considered whether to amend the Conservation Restrictions to allow for "agricultural or community garden use of the acres leased by The Town," since such use did not "fall within the general conservation restrictions that run with the land pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement or the specific conservation restrictions" (Ex. 3). In approving the amendment, the Attorney General acknowledged that the original intent of Leon Lachat in granting the Property to the Town and Conservancy was that a Nature Center would be developed "for the study and/or enjoyment of the natural flora and fauna of the Devil's Den Preserve and/or the Julianna Lachat Preserve" (*Id.*). Through this Nature Center, the Property would serve as a "gateway" to Devil's Den (*Id.*). The Attorney General acknowledged, however, that Leon Lachat understood that his vision for the Nature Center might "not be realized," and gleaned an "intent that the family legacy be

preserved and memorialized *in a manner consistent with the goals and purposes of The Nature Conservancy to preserve the natural landscape*, even if the specific plan anticipated by the Purchase and Sale Agreement could not be realized” (*Id.*) (emphasis added). Because the Attorney General found that the proposed, alternative use of the land as a non-commercial, community garden was consistent with the historical legacy of the Property, it allowed the modification.

Accordingly, by an April 2, 2012 Amendment to the Cooperation Agreement between the Town and the Conservancy, the parties acknowledged that while they had previously entered into an agreement to “fund and renovate/construct facilities on the property to create a center for conservation education and research and serve as the main visitors’ center and entrance to the Preserve on a portion of the Lachat Property,” neither “party [remained] desirous of creating a conservation center or using the Lachat Property as a gateway to Devil’s Den Preserve” (Amended Cooperation Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**). Instead, with the Attorney General’s approval, the parties agreed to and did amend the Conservation Restrictions to instead allow for non-commercial “agricultural uses of the property.” This history demonstrates that the provisions cited by the First Selectman from the 1997 Conservation Restrictions anticipated the construction of a Nature Center in keeping with the intent and purpose of the Conservation Restrictions, which is to preserve the natural state of the land for scenic enjoyment and ecological study. The Town and Conservancy arguably abandoned the right to build any such, or similar, facility in favor of constructing community gardens where the facility would otherwise have stood. However, if the construction of a Nature Center were still permissible, it would have to be just that – a Nature Center or Visitor’s Center that “compl[em]ents the study of the animal and plant communities on the Property.” (Ex. 1, Vol. 528 at 317-318).

The Town’s proposed new “Agri-Cultural Center,” by contrast, is inconsistent with Leon Lachat’s mission and is prohibited by the Conservation Restrictions. The building is more than double the size of the existing building that it replaces, thus eliminating double the amount of open space from the Farm. The building centers around an enormous, *2300-square foot* main hall with an open floorplan that could accommodate hundreds of people. Less than a quarter of the proposed building has been designated as a “studio.” None of the elements in the plan attached to the First Selectman’s letter as Exhibit 5, at page 12, are labeled “classroom.” Nearly equal space as has been devoted to “studio” has been carved out for “*stage*,” “table,” “chair,” and “coat” storage. The Town’s presentation describes the building as “*designed for indoor events*” (emphasis added) and touts its “open construction” and “[o]pen design for recitals...,” “[m]usic,” and “[c]ultural events.” No mention is made of plant and animal research and education – the permissible purpose for such a structure under the Conservation Restrictions.

Notably, in his letter, the First Selectman omits any reference to the prohibited performing arts events currently occurring at the Farm. When considering the plans in the context of the large events discussed above, it becomes clear that the building is meant to be the

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crown jewel of the Farm’s future events calendars, as it will accommodate even larger groups of people for indoor and outdoor activities year-round.⁴

The Neighbors do not have anything against efforts to promote culture and the arts, in an appropriate setting. However, Leon Lachat’s mission was not to foster a home for the arts and cultural exploration. His mission, and the purpose of the Conservation Restrictions, was to promote educational activities centered on the ecological systems naturally occurring and preserved on the Farm. That mission and purpose is unrecognizable in the “Agri-Cultural” center proposed by the Town. To the contrary, the proposed building, the large-scale performing arts events that it is designed to accommodate, and the massive vehicular traffic that such events will generate, all contravene the Conservation Restrictions.

V. Conclusion

The Town is violating, and proposes to further violate, the Conservation Restrictions under which it acquired the Farm from the late Leon Lachat, and is disregarding Mr. Lachat’s legacy and intent. For the reasons set forth above, the Neighbors respectfully request that the Attorney General: (1) intervene to stop the Town’s current violations of the Conservation Restrictions; (2) prohibit the Town from expanding and intensifying these violations; and (3) oversee a dialogue between the Neighbors and the Town to reach an amicable resolution of this dispute consistent with the Conservation Restrictions, Mr. Lachat’s legacy, and the law.

I look forward to discussing the above concerns with you at your earliest convenience in a meeting or telephone conference. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or if there is additional information I can provide. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,
WOFSEY, ROSEN, KWESKIN &
KURIANSKY, LLP

By /s/ Leonard M. Braman
Leonard M. Braman

cc: Christopher D. Spaulding
Dennis Tracey, Esq.
Cynthia Fowx, The Nature Conservancy

⁴ In another example of the Town’s disregard for Leon Lachat’s mission, the proposed building is to be named after Daniel E. Offutt III, and not Leon Lachat’s mother Julianna Lachat. This contravenes the Naming Agreement between Leon Lachat, the Town, and the Conservancy (addressed by the Attorney General in 2011) which provided that, “[i]n the event that The Town and The Nature Conservancy hereafter establish on the Property . . . a Nature Center or other facility for the study and/or enjoyment of the natural flora and fauna of . . . The Julianna Lachat Preserve, such center or facility shall be known and called by the name ‘The Julianna Lachat Nature Center.’” (Ex. 3 (quoting the Naming Agreement) (emphasis added).)

3. Resignation of Andrea Chase from the Board of Ethics: **I move to accept the Resignation of Andrea Chase from the Board of Ethics**



Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

Fwd: Resignation

1 message

Sara Beer <executiveassistant@westonct.gov>
To: Christopher Spaulding <cspaulding@westonct.gov>
Cc: Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

Sun, May 16, 2021 at 11:46 AM

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From: **Andrea Chase** <achase.westonct@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, May 15, 2021 at 8:45 PM

Subject: Resignation

To: Sara Beer <executiveassistant@westonct.gov>

CC: Ruth Israely <ruthisraely.westonct@gmail.com>, akhosla.westonct@gmail.com <akhosla.westonct@gmail.com>, William Weiss <wweiss.westonct@gmail.com>

Dear Selectman Spaulding,

Upon first reading the provided Town Code of Ethics, I realized that as an officer of the Weston Democratic Town Committee, I am conflicted from serving on the Board of Ethics, thus please accept this as my resignation.

I appreciate the appointment by the Board of Selectmen, and I regret that I will be unable to serve.

Best regards,

Andrea Chase

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Sara Beer, Executive Administrative Assistant
Town of Weston
Selectmen's Office
203-222-2656

4. Resignation of Effie Thieme from the Board of Ethics: **I move to accept the Resignation of Effie Thieme from the Board of Ethics**



Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

Fwd: Resignation.

1 message

Sara Beer <executiveassistant@westonct.gov>

Sun, May 16, 2021 at 11:46 AM

To: Christopher Spaulding <cspaulding@westonct.gov>, Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

FYI

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From: **Effie Thieme** <ethieme.westonct@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, May 15, 2021 at 9:53 AM

Subject: Resignation.

To: Aarti Khosla <akhosla.westonct@gmail.com>, Ruth Israely <ruthisraely.westonct@gmail.com>, William Weiss <wweiss.westonct@gmail.com>, achase.westonct@gmail.com <achase.westonct@gmail.com>

CC: Sara Beer <executiveassistant@westonct.gov>

Good morning all,

A copy of my resignation letter to Chris is below. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about the work of Secretary, if I can be of any assistance.

I will keep this email active for a time as I sort through necessary FOIA issues, and if I can be of any help in the future.

Wishing everyone the best going forward,

Effie

Dear Selectman Spaulding,

After several months of thought, I want to let you know that I feel it is best if I resign from my position with the Board of Ethics at this time. As I work to re-enter the workforce, I feel I cannot effectively and appropriately balance the obligations of home and work with the work of the Board.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve with the Board for the past few years, and I thank you and the Selectmen who appointed me for the opportunity to serve.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
Effie Thieme
Cell: 203.564.0887

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Sara Beer, Executive Administrative Assistant
Town of Weston
Selectmen's Office
203-222-2656

5. Interview of Sarah Grigerick for appointment to the Board of Ethics: **No motion**

INSIGHTS PROFESSIONAL

- Extensive experience across B2C, B2B and B2B2C strategic insight development.
- Leads research, design, strategy, and implementation of enterprise-wide marketing initiatives.

ANTHEM INC. Weston, CT

Oct. 2017 – present

Director, Market Strategy & Insights

- Leads all insight activities for Anthem's \$3.6B National Accounts business. Uses research and insights to enhance ANA's market position and value proposition to achieve a 98.5% retention rate; 225% YOY membership enrollment improvement and 40% new business close ratio through: expanded and optimized client satisfaction tracking program; development of a comprehensive Win/Loss program; development and implementation of a new employer segmentation strategy; embedding a culture of insights within the organization.
- Responsible for insight activities for Anthem's Provider segment. Developed a new provider tracking program that provides a comprehensive view of Anthem's provider experience and competitive positioning; spurred new product development necessary to compete in the changing healthcare environment, including: HPN networks, UM efficiencies, digital first strategy.
- Collaborator in cross-functional teams that provide strategic thought leadership to our business and marketing partners as we navigate through COVID, a transforming healthcare landscape, and a shifting role for market insights.

AETNA INC. Weston, CT

2012 – Oct. 2017

Market Research Senior Manager

Led all insight activities for Aetna's \$31B Commercial and Group Businesses, including Individual/Exchange, National Accounts, Local & Regional Businesses, Public & Labor, Federal, Student Health, Life & Disability.

- Developed the new customer satisfaction program for National Accounts, helping the account team in 2016 to achieve positive total net membership for the first time since 2009, outselling all of our competitors and improving membership retention to 96%.
- Worked with Aetna's ACA business team to create our new consumer business model, based on segmentation, product optimization and consumer journey insight analysis, which resulted in the acquisition of 950K new members.
- Led Aetna's segmentation study, helping the enterprise define target consumer and employer market segments within each business area in collaboration with analytics to optimize profitability, which resulted in a new business portfolio management approach.
- Led the creative insight activities for Aetna's \$300M Brand re-launch, including all research related to messaging/communications, RTBs, social collaboration, and integration.
- Developed a brand health tracking program that provides a unified view of opportunities and risks across Aetna's Individual exchange business, making recommendations on where to play in order to maintain a sustainable pool of risk within our HIX plans.
- Reported to Executive Leadership, including Aetna's President, on major project initiatives.

AETNA INC. Hartford, CT

2009 – 2012

Market Research Manager

Managed Aetna's \$1.3 million loyalty and satisfaction tracking program, a collection of 22 surveys that measure and trend critical market performance among Aetna's key external constituents: members; sponsors, providers, and brokers.

- Used research insights to aid the businesses in developing their yearly operating and three-year strategic plans, which helped Aetna increase member satisfaction and improve retention in a recessionary environment (membership at 18M and revenue at \$23B remained steady despite steep losses at competitors).

Led all insight activities for the development of Aetna's value-based network strategy (ACOs).

- Developed value proposition, identified target customers, mapped customer journey, and refined broker/sponsor communications, which increased penetration from 0 to 6.2M medical members who receive care from physicians practicing value-based medicine.

AETNA INC. Hartford, CT

2005 – 2009

Market Researcher, Business Intelligence

Developed the organization's three-year planning document linking macro, health system and sector trends with their implications for our primary constituents and the company's overall business model.

In response to a changing marketplace, developed a research based, differentiated value proposition and customer segmentation strategy for \$20B National Accounts business.

- Developed the research base for a low-cost model that better positions Aetna to compete in the increasingly price-sensitive Select Account and Small Group segments.
- Created a series of proprietary white papers and executive level presentations on consumer engagement best practices.
- Provided consultative guidance to senior business leaders in leveraging consumer research and insights into differentiated sales tools and programs, helping to solidify Aetna as the market leader in consumerism.
- Developed the methodology used by the businesses to calculate their fair share opportunity and deliver on second-generation market sizing for business growth areas, including the Individual and Retiree markets

FUTURES, INC. Hartford, CT

2004-2005

Behavioral Interventionist

Primary responsibilities included the assessment, design and implementation of one-on-one interventions for children experiencing academic difficulties; consultation with special service coordinators and administrators in the HPS system.

TSD COMMUNICATIONS Washington, DC

2001-2004

Research Analyst

Primary responsibilities included the design of strategic communications plans for clients such as Athens 2004, The Hartford and Microsoft Europe.

CRAVATH, SWAINE & MOORE New York, NY

1998-2001

Litigation Legal Assistant

Primary responsibilities included supporting lawyers in all phases of the litigation practice, from pre-complaint investigation through trial and appeal.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- M.A. University of Connecticut, 2006, Major: Educational Psychology
Dissertation Topic: Comparing the effects of a peer-maintained versus an adult-maintained Check-in, Check-out (CICO) intervention.
- B.A. Washington & Lee University, 1998, Major: English
University College, Oxford, 1997, Major: British Literature
- ABD, Ph.D. Candidate University of Connecticut, 2007, Major: Educational Psychology
Coursework complete

PUBLICATIONS

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perceptions of overweight peers. *Canadian Journal of School Psychology, 22*(1), 68-80.

6. Discussion/Decision concerning the recommendations from the Diversity Equity Inclusion Committee concerning the Walter Simpson incident and subsequent investigation: **I move the following: 1) That the Town Attorney draft an ordinance that would establish a Civilian Police Review Board in Weston; 2) that the Town hire an independent third party to immediately investigate the actions of the Weston Police Department (WPD) and Weston Police Commission (WPC) concerning Walter Simpson's November 21st, 2019 interaction with the WPD and the subsequent response by the WPD and WPC to the complaint about the incident and complaints made about the investigation of the incident; and 3) that the Board of Selectmen urge the Weston Police Commission to implement the Police Engagement Program, as offered by the Stratford, Connecticut Police Department.**



Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

Re: Weston DEI Advisory Committee Recommendations

1 message

Gillann Blunski <westondiversity@gmail.com>

Sun, May 16, 2021 at 4:40 PM

To: Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

Hello Jonathan,

Yes. I will attend the meeting. On May 20th correct.

On Sun, May 16, 2021 at 4:38 PM Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Gillann.

Are you able to attend the BOS meeting this week? It starts at 7:30 pm and will be held via Zoom. Your email would be presented in advance to the BOS so they have time as individuals to read it and think about it. It would be nice if you could read out the requests at the meeting and answer any questions that BOS members may have.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Luiz

On Sun, May 16, 2021 at 3:03 PM Gillann Blunski <westondiversity@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Jonathan,

Last week the DEI Advisory Committee met as a follow-up to the concerns regarding the Walter Simpson incident and subsequent investigation.

The results of the meeting included recommendations and actions that the BOS could support or initiate. Below is a brief list of those items that have been approved by the entire advisory committee with the understanding that language might need to be adjusted or changed going forward.

I will send the meeting minutes for your reference when I receive them.

The recommendations include the following:

1. Support a study (DEI is willing to do) on Civilian Review Boards, Police Commissions, how they work together or independently. In addition, we will review how Weston Police Commission's current policies and procedures compare with Regional guidelines.
2. Hire an independent third party to immediately investigate the actions of the Weston Police department and Weston Police commission concerning Walter Simpson's November 21st, 2019 interaction with WPD and the subsequent response by the WPD and Police Commission to the complaint about the incident and complaints made about the investigation of the incident.
3. Implement the Police Engagement Program (PEP).
<https://www.stratfordpal.com/page/show/5711135-police-engagement-program-r>
4. Educate the public and boards/committees/commissions with Anti-bias training similar in concept to the current FOIA webinars. Training should be conducted on a continuous basis.
5. Pass Town Ordinance that under specified circumstances would create penalties for falsely reporting certain incidents or misusing the emergency 911 system.
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2007/SUM/2007SUM00106-R03HB-07270-SUM.htm>

As a committee we also agreed that this language would be changed and altered so that it might be used as motions for the BOS. You can see that in the video and minutes.

In the meantime, I am at your disposal to attend the meeting and answer questions that might arise. I will also be sending a deck that includes back up materials on Tuesday May 18th, so that the BOS might have some additional resources at their disposal.

Regards,
Gillann Blunsch
Regards,
Gillann Blunsch

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Sincerely,
Jonathan Luiz
Weston Town Administrator

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Regards,
Gillann Blunsch

POLICE ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM(R)

Police Engagement Program (R)

(P.E.P.)

An intimate discussion of some of today's "High Profile" Police involved cases and the effect they have had on the community.

During our presentation we discuss:

- De-escalation practices for officers and civilians.**
- Building trust between Law Enforcement and the community we serve.**
- Recognizing Implicit Bias, and Systemic Racism and how it effects policing and the success of police/community relations.**
- Importance of Empathetic and Compassionate Law Enforcement.**
- What we are doing as Law Enforcement to strengthen our relationship with the community.**
- Recommended best practices for Civilian and Law Enforcement encounters.**



Stratford PAL Police Engagement Program

Stratford PAL Police Engagement Program goes national!

Police Engagement Program's(R) "P.E.P. Talk"

Never has it been more important and more compelling for local law enforcement to positively engage with the community and to foster healthy partnerships. Anyone who watches the news with some regularity has witnessed the need for a united community firsthand.

The Stratford Police Department has created and implemented a Police Engagement Program(R) (P.E.P.) to best demonstrate stellar practices between the community and police while providing a platform to discuss racism, racial profiling and high profile brutality cases.

We know that consistent police engagement within our community builds trust, confidence and productive relationships. Through the Stratford Police Department's Police Engagement Program(R) (P.E.P.) we have been conducting a series of P.E.P. talks discussing safe, healthy police engagement practices.

We do this through open conversation and scenario role-play. Our mission is to ensure the safety of our community. We have been implementing our program in our schools since January of 2018 and have recently facilitated P.E.P. programs for church groups, civic and community organizations and have extended the scope of our program to include neighboring Towns and organizations within this state and beyond.

Senator Blumenthal recognizes the purpose and value of the (P.E.P.) Police Engagement Program (R) as a tool to educate police and civilians on de-escalation techniques to diffuse potentially volatile situations – especially those involving young people, while creating a standardized protocol for safe, healthy police engagement.





**Take a look at some of our Community Conversations!
They range from our High School seniors to Colleges and Universities
to Community groups throughout the State!**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Energy and Technology Committee

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Judiciary Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EMERGENCY 9-1-1 SURCHARGE, THE MISUSE OF THE E 9-1-1 SYSTEM AND THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY COORDINATING COUNCIL

SUMMARY: This act establishes a crime of misusing the emergency 911 (E 911) system and makes violations a class B misdemeanor (see Table on Penalties). A person is guilty of this crime if he or she (1) dials E 911 or causes it to be dialed in order to make a false alarm or complaint or (2) purposely reports false information that could result in the dispatch of emergency services.

By law, telephone companies must forward the telephone number and street address from which a 911 call is made to a safety answering point. The companies and their agents are immune from liability to the person making the call over the E 911 system for the release of this information. The act extends these provisions to companies providing voice over internet protocol (VOIP) service (e. g. , Vonage) and their agents but allows a VOIP provider to meet the forwarding requirement by complying with relevant federal law. It also requires VOIP providers and active prepaid wireless telephone service providers providing E 911 services to comply with federal law, and also to comply with state law, if the provisions in state law are not addressed in, or inconsistent with, federal law and regulations.

By law, the Department of Public Utility Control must determine the amount of the monthly fee assessed against each telephone and commercial mobile radio services subscriber to fund the development and administration of the E 911 program. (Commercial mobile radio services include personal communications services (PCS), among others.) The act extends this requirement to cover the VOIP and prepaid wireless service providers. It requires the VOIP and prepaid wireless telephone service providers to assess their subscribers the fee.

The act increases the number of emergency management officials on the State-wide Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinating Council from one to two.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007, except for the provisions making misuse of E 911 a crime and the monthly fee assessments, which are effective October 1, 2007; upon passage for the council membership change.

DEFINITIONS

Active Prepaid Wireless Telephone Service

Under the act, “active prepaid wireless telephone service” is a prepaid wireless telephone service that has an account balance that is at least equal to the E 911 charge imposed by the act. A “prepaid wireless telephone service” is one activated in advance by payment for a set amount of service or for a number of minutes that terminates (1) when the customer uses them, based on a dollar amount paid in advance, or (2) within a certain time after the initial purchase or activation, unless the customer makes additional payments.

VOIP

Under the act, VOIP is a service that allows real-time two-way voice communication, generally allowing subscribers to make and receive calls using the public switched telephone network. The service requires a broadband connection and Internet-compatible customer premises and equipment.

FEES

The act requires VOIP service providers to assess a monthly fee against each subscriber to fund the E 911 program in the same way as telephone companies. It requires that the fees be collected in any way consistent with the VOIP provider's existing operating or technological abilities and submitted to the state treasurer.

The act requires that each active prepaid wireless service provider pay a fee to the state treasurer for deposit in the Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund based on one of two schemes outlined in the act.

One requires that a prepaid wireless service provider pay a fee on each prepaid wireless telephone associated with Connecticut, for each wireless service customer that has a positive balance of minutes as of the last day of each month. The fee can be collected from subscribers in any way consistent with the provider's existing operating or technological abilities, such as customer address, location associated with the telephone number originally assigned to the telephone, or other reasonable allocation method based upon comparable relevant data. The fee or an equivalent number of minutes may be deducted from the prepaid subscriber's account if direct billing is not practicable. However, such deductions do not reduce the price of the service for the purposes of the sales tax.

As an alternative to the above, the act requires that, each month, an active prepaid wireless service provider remit an amount determined by dividing by 40 the total of earned prepaid wireless telephone services revenue received during the month from prepaid wireless telephone service accounts with an assigned telephone number associated with Connecticut and multiplying the result by the amount of the fee.

Both types of providers must remit their fees by the 15th of each month for deposit in the Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL

Under prior law, this council included one local or regional civil preparedness director appointed by the House speaker. The act adds another member and requires that the Connecticut Emergency Management Association designate this member by July 1, 2007. It replaces the term "civil preparedness director" with "emergency management director" to conform to other statutes. Members serve three years from the time of appointment or until a successor is appointed.

The council advises the departments of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and Public Safety on emergency management and homeland security preparedness, policies, and responses, among other things.

BACKGROUND

Related Law

By law, falsely reporting an incident is a crime. The crime ranges from a class A misdemeanor to a class C felony, depending on the actions taken and their results.

OLR Tracking: KM: GC: PF: RO



Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

Police Commissions

1 message

Eileen Lavigne Flug <eflug@berchemmoses.com>

Tue, May 18, 2021 at 5:39 PM

To: Jonathan Luiz <JLuiz@westonct.gov>

Cc: Ira Bloom <ibloom@berchemmoses.com>

Jonathan:

As requested, I researched whether police commissions can issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or compel the production of records. CGS section 7-279 empowers the First Selectman, the clerk of the board of police commissioners, or any justice of the peace to issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses before a board of police commissioners (see below). However, I found no authority for boards of police commissioners to compel the production of records.

The new Police Accountability Act, however, allows municipal legislative bodies to give civilian police review boards both powers. (see below).

Please let me know if you would like to discuss this further.

CGS Sec. 7-279. Subpoena to appear before municipal police commissioners. The chief executive officer of any municipality, the clerk of the board of police commissioners in any municipality or any justice of the peace may sign and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses before the board of police commissioners in such municipality at any lawful meeting of such board. Any such subpoena may be served in the same manner as by law provided for witnesses in civil causes, except that no fees shall be tendered to any witness at the time of such service. Any person upon whom such process has been legally served shall appear before such board in obedience to such process and testify as to any matters lawfully pending before such board. If any person upon whom such a subpoena has been served refuses to attend before such board, the clerk of such board, by direction of the board, may issue a *capias*, directed to some proper officer, to arrest such witness and bring him before the board to testify; and, in case such person refuses to testify, the board shall have the power to adjudge such person to be in contempt and may issue a *mittimus*, signed by its clerk, and commit such person to a community correctional center for not more than thirty days.

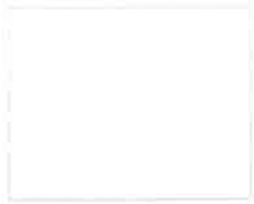
Public Act 20-01 Sec. 17. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) The legislative body of a town may, by ordinance, establish a civilian police review board. The ordinance shall, at a minimum, prescribe: (1) The scope of authority of the civilian police review board; (2) the number of members of the civilian police review board; (3) the process for the selection of board members, whether elected or appointed; (4) the term of office for board members; and (5) the procedure for filling any vacancy in the membership of the civilian police review board.

(b) Any civilian police review board established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section may be vested with the authority to: (1) Issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses before such board; and (2) require the production for examination of any books and papers that such board deems relevant to any matter under investigation or in question.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to affect the operation of, or impose any limitation upon, a civilian police review board established prior to the effective date of this section.

(d) Upon receipt of a written request from the Office of the Inspector General, established pursuant to section 33 of this act, a civilian police review board shall stay and take no further action in connection with any proceeding that is the subject of an investigation or criminal prosecution that is being conducted pursuant to said section or section 51-277a of the general statutes. Any stay of proceedings imposed pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed six months from the date on which the civilian police review board receives such written request from the Office of the Inspector General, and such stay of proceedings may be terminated sooner if the Office of the Inspector General provides written notification to the civilian police review board that a stay of proceedings is no longer required.

Eileen



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7. Interview of Melissa Conner for appointment to the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee: **No motion**

MELISSA DUREN CONNER

maduren@gmail.com ★ 203.512.0998

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jennifer Bett Communications

Partner, Managing Director

New York, NY
July 2014 - Present

One of the few BIPOC leaders in the PR space, Melissa Duren Conner joined Jennifer Bett Communications in 2014 as the agency's Partner and Managing Director. Since then, she has been instrumental in growing JBC into the premiere media relations agency for fast-growing, venture-backed startups in industries spanning fashion and beauty, health and wellness, food and beverage, consumer technology, social impact, home and more.

From the start, Melissa and JBC Founder Jennifer Bett Meyer have championed digitally-native, direct-to-consumer brands, female founders and a nontraditional approach to building household names out of today's most dynamic startups. Their vision to focus on deeper, more meaningful narratives, often set around founders, has propelled brands to the forefront of their competitive set.

Under Conner's leadership, the agency has produced successful campaigns for some of today's most buzzed-about brands including Bulletproof, Farmgirl Flowers, Grove Collaborative, Marie Kondo, Parachute and Recess.

Starting as a two-woman team, JBC is now a bi-coastal 30-person company and has made good on its initial vision to support women-run businesses, which comprise two-thirds of JBC's roster. Representing women-run brands that are collectively valued at nearly \$1 billion, they've also helped them raise more than \$500M in venture capital.

Communications Consultant

May 2013 - July 2014

- Provided full-service PR services for fashion, accessories, lifestyle and tech clients, and consulted with new-to-market brands, providing insight into all aspects of launch strategy and positioning

Joe Fresh

U.S. Public Relations Director

September 2012 - May 2013

- Spearheaded PR services throughout the U.S. launch of Joe Fresh, Canada's leading fashion retail chain

Theory

Senior PR Manager

October 2011 - September 2012

- Oversaw the press strategy of the core brand, in addition to the then-recently-launched Theyskens' Theory

Starworks Group

Senior Manager of Public Relations

July 2010 - October 2011

- Led INTERMIX's 10th anniversary, in addition to PR operations for Monique Lhuillier, Zimmermann and more

HL Group

Senior Manager

June 2008 - July 2010

- Guided PR services for TOMS, David Yurman and Sotheby's Diamonds

EDUCATION

Fordham University

B.S. in Business Administration, Marketing Concentration

Bronx, New York

Class of 2008

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Featured as a member of the Public Relations Society of America's 2017 15 Under 35 Awards, and named an honoree of Crain's 2021 Notable in Marketing and PR Awards
- Published op-eds in [Katie Couric Media](#) and [Motherly](#), and profiled in [Forbes](#) and [Entrepreneur](#)
- Serves as a frequent guest speaker at conferences, including Digiday, Shopify and Female Founder Collective

8. Interview of Harriet Heller for appointment to the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee: **No motion**

Harriette Heller
126 Valley Forge Road
Weston CT 06883
203-858-1781

Retired human services professional and National Coalition Building Institute trainer, who has co-lead hundreds of diversity training sessions for governmental organizations, schools, universities, and public and private institutions. Now looking for opportunities to drive change in Weston, especially in the areas of understanding, respect, civility, and kindness in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion space.

Work Highlights:

- *Executive Director Mayors Voluntary Action Center*
 - Served as liaison between city government and all voluntary (not for profit) agencies in NYC. Developed training programs for board development, not for profit management, fundraising skills, and advocacy groups.
 - Created a clothing bank program to collect manufacturers' overruns and counterfeit designer clothing and redistributed them to over 500 agencies. This clothing bank handled over \$1 million in clothing donations annually and also functioned as a job site for approximately 40 prisoners on a day release program
 - Met with representatives from European and Asian countries to assist them in developing volunteer programs in places without a cultural background in volunteerism
- *Administrator New York City Child Welfare Agency*
 - Created volunteer department to service residents in 50 congregate care facilities operated by NYC. Services included tutoring, athletic events, group therapy, team building, job readiness, mentorship, and social skills training.
 - Successfully wrote grants to secure funds for special projects
- *Supervisor New York City Department of Parole*
 - Supervised caseload of clients who had been to prison and were serving the remainder of their sentence in the community
- *Supervisor New York City Department of Probation*
 - Supervised caseload of 20 clients sentenced to probation (in lieu of prison)

Volunteer Highlights:

- Weston Library Board
- Weston Board of Ethics
- Weston Committee on Aging

Education:

- Master's in Communications, New York University
- Bachelor of Arts, Connecticut College

9. Discussion/ decision about fully opening up municipal office buildings to the public: **No motion**

Weston Public Library Phased Service Plan

Current Services

- Library Hours
 - Monday-Saturday 10AM-4PM
 - Children's Room by appointment. Reservations made online.
- 7 day quarantine on returned items.
- Services provided
 - Contactless curbside pickup
 - Adult browsing
 - Limited seating (mostly for accessing resources not available outside the building)
 - Computers with 6' social distancing
 - Virtual programming

May 24 Phase

- Operating hours:
 - Monday – Wednesday 9am-6pm
 - Thursday & Friday 9am-5pm
 - Saturdays 10am-4pm
 - Children's Room by appointment. Reservations made online.
- Most staff to work all scheduled hours in Library.
- 72 hour quarantine on returned items.
- Public restroom access.
- Fees reinstated for printing/photocopying and all printing/photocopying will be self-service.
- Additional services provided
 - Additional seating for work/study in the library with social distancing restrictions in place in most cases.
 - Virtual programming with the addition of some outdoor programming, as approved by WWHD.

June 21 Phase

- Operating hours:
 - Monday & Tuesday 9am-6pm
 - Wednesday 9am-8pm
 - Thursday & Friday 9am-5pm
 - Saturday 10am -4pm
 - Children's Room by appointment. Reservations made online.
- Increased building capacity and return of most seating.
- All staff to work all scheduled hours in Library. End of remote working arrangements.
- 48 hour quarantine on returned items.
- Late fees reinstated on overdue materials.
- Additional services provided
 - Starbucks machine operating (pending WWHD approval).

TOWN OF WESTPORT
WESTPORT CENTER FOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES
Liability Waiver and Release for Participation in Programs and Services
During the COVID 19 Pandemic

Prior to participating in programs and services offered by the Town of Westport's Center for Senior Activities ("Senior Center") during the Coronavirus (COVID19) Pandemic, I acknowledge the following:

- I agree to comply with the Senior Center's required use of face coverings, social distancing, proper hygiene and hand sanitation. I understand that even with protective measures in place, COVID-19 exposures can occur. I understand that many people who test COVID-19 positive never show symptoms or display very minor symptoms. I understand that COVID-19 symptoms can range from none, to mild, to serious illness and can be life threatening.
- I understand that if I am an older adult with underlying conditions, I should fully consider these risks prior to participating in any programs and services offered by the Senior Center. People who are 65 years and older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions or are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are recommended to stay at home. Individuals and families should consult their healthcare provider to determine whether they have medical conditions that place them at risk.
- I will immediately cease all participation in any programs and services offered by the Senior Center if I have been exposed to COVID-19 or think I have, am displaying any symptoms related to COVID-19, or have tested positive for COVID-19. I understand that any person who tests positive for COVID-19 is automatically referred by the testing site to the Connecticut Department of Public Health and their local department of health for contact tracing and monitoring.
- I understand that my participation in any programs and services offered by the Senior Center is voluntary and at my own risk.

I hereby acknowledge that I have carefully read this waiver and release and fully understand that it is a release of liability. I hereby release the Senior Center, the Town of Westport, and their employees, agents, officers, directors and representatives from any and all liability whatsoever resulting from my participation in any programs and services offered by the Senior Center, including any illness or death that may occur as a result of my participation. I further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Senior Center, the Town of Westport, and their employees, agents, officers, directors and representatives, and I hereby waive any and all claims arising out of or related to my participation in such programs and services. I acknowledge that this is a legal document and to the extent I believe it is necessary, I have had the opportunity to review this document with legal counsel of my choice and accept the conditions of this waiver and release freely and without reservation.

Print name

Signature

Date: _____

10. Discussion/ decision concerning ARPA
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery
Funds/ Treasury Guidance: **No motion**

City/Town	Direct Allocation to Town	Estimated Funding to Town from County Allocation	Total General Government Funding	Education Funding
Weston town	\$1,012,210	\$1,988,312	\$3,000,522	\$525,000



ARPA - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds / Treasury Guidance

1 message

Heft, Martin <Martin.Heft@ct.gov>

Mon, May 10, 2021 at 4:56 PM

Please see the press release and information released today by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The press release contains links to documents and more information. Local governments will receive funds in two tranches, with 50% provided beginning in May, 2021 and the balance delivered approximately 12 months later. No other information is yet available on funding amounts of the pass-through distribution from OPM. Updates will be sent and posted on our [website](#) as soon as available.

Treasury Launches Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Deliver \$350 Billion

- [Interim Final Rule](#)
- [Fact Sheet](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [Quick Reference Guide](#)
- [Press Release](#)

Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) announced the launch of the [Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#) program authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act. This initiative provides \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

Treasury also released the [Interim Final Rule \(IFR\)](#) for the program that describes eligible uses for funding. These include responding to acute pandemic-response needs, filling revenue shortfalls, and supporting the communities and populations hardest-hit by the COVID-19 crisis. With the launch of the program, eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments can request funding from the Treasury to address these needs.

This email describes how your jurisdiction may obtain funding through this program.

If your jurisdiction is an eligible state, territorial, metropolitan city, county, or Tribal government, it can receive funding directly from Treasury. Your jurisdiction must submit a new request to receive this funding, even if it has previously used this portal to request funding from other programs.

If your jurisdiction is a non-entitlement unit of local government (NEU), it should expect to receive this funding through its applicable state government. State governments that request their own funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will be considered by Treasury to have requested funding for their NEUs as well. Treasury expects to provide further guidance on distributions to NEUs. Following a state's receipt of funding for its NEUs from Treasury, it is required to distribute funds to its NEUs within 30 days unless an extension is granted by the Secretary of the Treasury. If your jurisdiction is a NEU, please contact your state government following issuance of further guidance from Treasury for additional information about how to receive this funding.

Please note: Jurisdictions classified as NEUs cannot by law receive this funding directly from Treasury and should not request these funds through the Treasury Submission Portal.

For more information

To learn more about the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, including the IFR that governs the use of this funding, please visit Treasury's [Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds website](#).

To receive updates on Treasury's COVID-19 Economic Relief programs, please sign up [here](#).

**Office of Recovery Programs
U.S. Department of the Treasury**

Martin L. Heft

Undersecretary

Intergovernmental Policy and Planning Division

Office of Policy and Management

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<https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/IGPP-MAIN/IGPP-Home-Page>



FOR UPDATED COVID19 INFORMATION: WWW.CT.GOV/CORONAVIRUS

2 attachments

 **Interim Final Rule.pdf**
1556K

 **SLFRP-Fact-Sheet-FINAL1-508A.pdf**
240K

specific Treasury guidance and allow for open discussion amongst municipal leaders on possible uses.

CCM PRESENTER

Irma Esparza Diggs

Senior Executive and Director, Federal Advocacy

[National League of Cities](#)

Mike Muszynski

State and Federal Relations Manager

[Connecticut Conference of Municipalities](#)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- First Selectmen, Mayors, Town/City Managers
- Finance Personnel
- Boards/Commissions/Committees

HOW TO REGISTER

Friday, May 21st: Understanding the Impact on Metropolitan/Entitlement Cities

[Click here](#) to be directed to CCM's website, where CCM members can now register.

Friday, May 28th: Understanding the Impact on Non-Entitlement Towns

[Click here](#) to be directed to CCM's website, where CCM members can now register

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT CCM'S NEW WEBSITE:

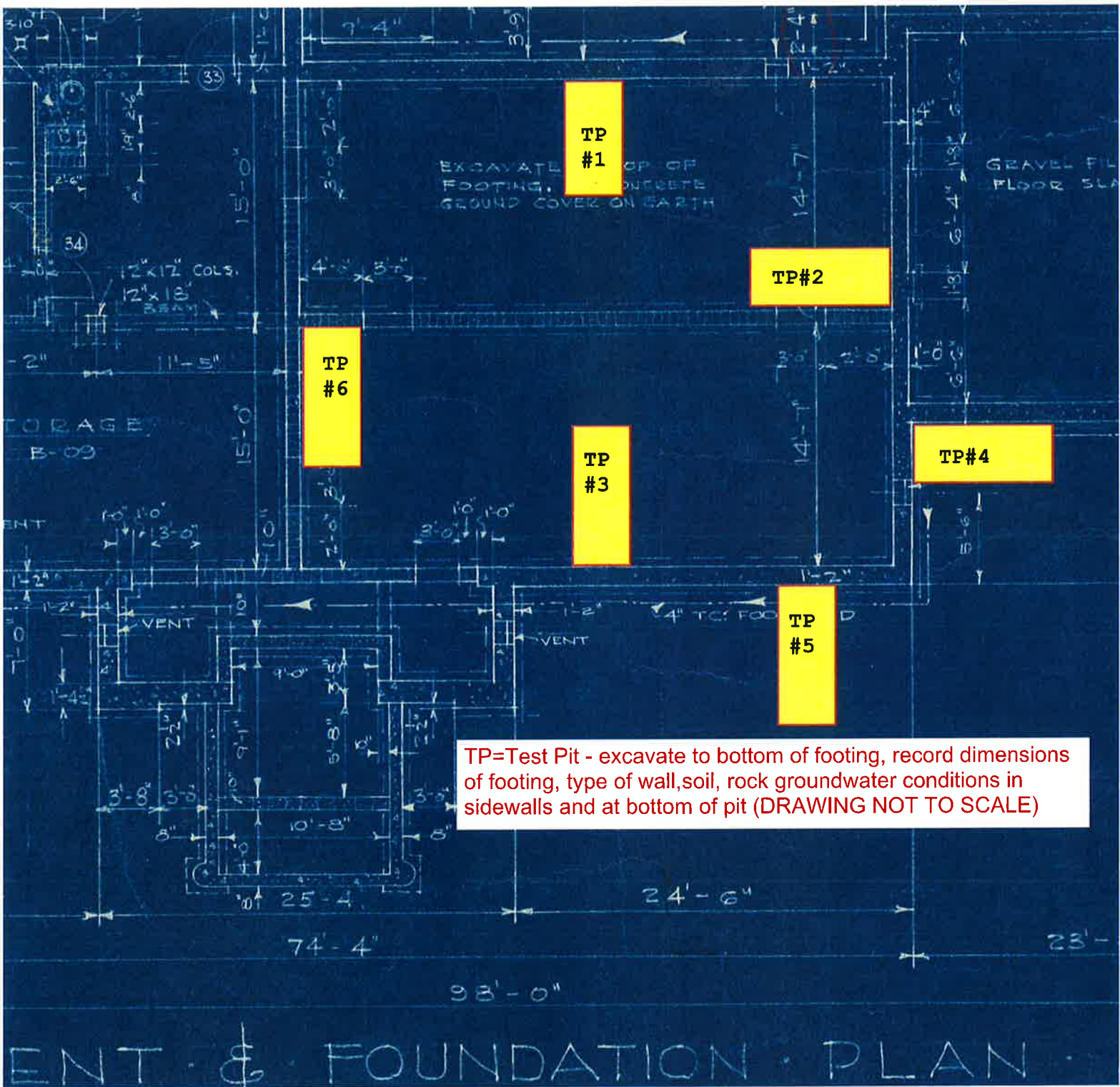
CCM is excited to have recently launched a new website! All members now have new login information, which is required to register for events and trainings.

If you have not yet received a notification about your new login information, please contact MemberServices@ccm-ct.org.

QUESTIONS?

Email: ccmtraining@ccm-ct.org

11. Discussion/ decision to approve a \$5,000 supplemental appropriation for a record storage project: **I move to authorize a supplemental appropriation of \$5,000 for a record storage project.**



TP=Test Pit - excavate to bottom of footing, record dimensions of footing, type of wall, soil, rock groundwater conditions in sidewalls and at bottom of pit (DRAWING NOT TO SCALE)



Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

test holes cost

1 message

dmytro@abbottbuilders.net <dmytro@abbottbuilders.net>

Wed, May 5, 2021 at 8:35 PM

To: Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

Hello Jonathan

Below is cost breakdown for doing 3 test holes:

Set up air ventilation \$900.00

Cut concrete \$1,850.00

Excavate test holes \$3,450.00

Backfill test holes \$1,200.00

Total cost \$7,400.00

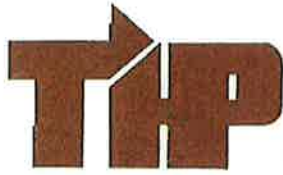
Please call with any questions, comments.

Dmytro Dovgan

Abbott Builders, LLC

Managing member

203-253-4619



TOMLINSON HAWLEY PATTERSON

2225 RESERVOIR AVENUE
TRUMBULL, CT 06611
PHONE (203) 372-3583
FAX (203) 371-7549

April 23, 2021

Mr. Jonathan Luiz
Town of Weston
46 Norfield Road
Weston, CT 06883

RE: Additional Storage Lower Level

Dear Jonathan:

Per our discussion and your request regarding the above-mentioned project, as well as your sketch supplied by your consultant for test pits, we are pleased to quote a price of \$7,350 to supply labor, tools, material and equipment to complete the following scope of work.

THP will excavate TP 1, TP 2, and TP3. Public Works will perform the work required at TP 4. In my opinion, TP 5 is not required. TP 6 has been completed.

Scope of Work.

Temporary protection

Dust control to include covering the smoke detectors with plastic

Exhaust fan vented through the existing louver on the east wall

Saw cut mud slab

Remove concrete

Concrete to be left on existing mud slab to be removed by others.

Excavate to the bottom of the existing footing to confirm elevation and size of footing

Earth removed will remain on the existing mud slab.

We have not included any backfill.

At each Test Pit, we will supply you with a sheet showing elevations, thickness of footing, and any other information discovered.

Thank you for the opportunity of quoting. I hope this information will be helpful for your design team for you to proceed with this project.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Richard F. Jagoe'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'R' and 'J'.
Richard F. Jagoe, Manager

**THP is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer
Certified with the State of CT
Veteran Owned Company**

12. Discussion/ decision to hire a Department of Public Works Maintainer: **I move to hire Noris Stone as Public Works Maintainer effective July 1, 2021, contingent upon the Town finding acceptable the results of a criminal background check and a pre-employment physical including a drug and alcohol test.**

60 Padanaram RD #43, Danbury CT 06811- (203) 501-4018-norrisstoneiii@gmail.com

Jan 29 2021

Mr.Luiz
Weston Town Hall
56 Norfield Rd
Weston, CT 06883

Dear Mr.Luiz

I am interested in the position of Public Works Highway Maintainer advertised on the Weston CT.Gov website. I am currently employed at D&M Construction. I believe that the skills and experiences I have gained at this position makes me an ideal candidate for the job of Public Works Highway Maintainer.

As a driver/operator, I have developed strong skills as a seasoned laborer which makes me a strong candidate for this position. I have my Class A license as well.

I am confident that my experience in the laborer field qualify me for consideration for this position. I can also provide you with 3 professional references. I have also enclosed my resume. I look forward to meeting with you and discussing my qualifications in more detail.

Sincerely



Norris J Stone III

NORIS J STONE III

60 Padanaram Rd #43 Danbury CT 06811
norisstoneiii@gmail.com (203) 501-4018

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Dependable, hard working seasoned laborer with proven record of success of 25 years operating a wide range of construction equipment including lifting over 80 pounds material/tools.

*Expertise working with a range of construction materials and equipment , familiarity with transit/setting grades.

*Knowledgeable in snow plowing of roadways and parking lots , paving, and maintenance along with minor repairs of equipment.

*Proficient in water sytems and water well drilling.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

D&M Construction-Danbury CT

Driver/Operator 2000-Current

- >Contributing member of a small crew responsible for operation of large equipment such as excavator and front end loader.
- >Utilize broad skills in equipment operation to load and mobilize equipment along with maintenance and repairs of equipment and trucks.
- >Consistently assumed additional reponsiblites such as paving and install catch basins and drainage with having general knowledge of transit/setting grades.

Professional Water Systems-Ridgefield CT

Water Systems Technician 2011-2018

- >Key Player on a 15 member crew responsible for installing water filtration systems for both domestic and commercial.
- >Gained valuable experience in installaion of copper/pex pipe and fittings.

Loren Findorak Water Well Drilling-Wilton CT

Well Driller 1998-2011

- >Participated In mobilizing and setting up drilling equipement from site to site while installing new domestic water systems including water pump, storage tank, and filtration system.
- >Participated In drilling water wells for both residential and commerical customers.
- >Had a direct involvment in trouble shooting water systems and diagnosing.



APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

The Town of Weston is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer
 The Town of Weston ("Town") considers applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, religion, age, creed, sex, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, citizenship status, the presence of non-job-related medical conditions or disabilities, veteran status, or any other legally protected class.

Instructions: Please complete this application form in its entirety, including specific dates where requested. Failure to provide all required information may result in your application being disapproved. A resume may be attached but is not a substitute for completing the application form in its entirety. Please print or type your responses.

Date of Application: 1/29/21 Position: Public Works Highway Maintainer

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name <u>Stone</u>		First Name <u>Noris</u>		Middle Name or Initial <u>I</u>	
Address Number <u>136</u>	Street <u>Pembroke Rd. unit 88</u>	City <u>Danbury Ct.</u>	State	Zip Code <u>06811</u>	
Home Phone #:			Cell Phone #: <u>203-501-4018</u>		
Email Address: <u>noristoneiii@gmail.com</u>					
Best time of day to contact you: <u>Anytime</u>					

AVAILABILITY

Check all that apply:

Schedule: Full-Time Part-Time - please circle: Mornings Afternoons Evenings
 Seasonal - Indicate dates available: from ___/___/___ to ___/___/___
 Other (explain) _____

Workdays: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

3. Employer (Name/City/State): DTM Construction Services

Employer Phone #: 203-790-8103

Position/Job Title: Laborer

Start Date: 2000 End Date: Present

Full-Time Part-Time Per diem Number of hours worked per week: 45 hrs.

Name & Job Title of Immediate Supervisor: Kris Taylor/owner

If still employed, may the Town contact your present employer? Yes No

Please list all major duties and responsibilities performed by you in this job: Operating & using a variety of hand tools and power equipment. Tampers, demo saw, jack hammer, chainsaws, chippers. Able to lift and mix concrete by hand or mixer. Hand shovels, rakes and hand tampers. General knowledge of transit to set grades.

Reason for leaving:

No benefits and retirement

4. Employer (Name/City/State):

Employer Phone #:

Position/Job Title:

Start Date: End Date:

Full-Time Part-Time Per diem Number of hours worked per week: _____

Name & Job Title of Immediate Supervisor:

If still employed, may the Town contact your present employer? Yes No

Please list all major duties and responsibilities performed by you in this job:

Reason for Leaving:

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Instructions: List all employment positions held by you over the last fifteen years. Begin with your current/most recent position. List all positions separately, even if with the same employer. For each position listed, provide all information requested. If you need additional space to complete your response then attach additional sheets.

1. Employer (Name/City/State): DTM Construction Services Danbury Ct.

Employer Phone #: 203-790-8103

Position/Job Title: Class A CDL Driver

Start Date: 2000 End Date: Present

Full-Time Part-Time Per diem Number of hours worked per week: 45 Hrs.

Name & Job Title of Immediate Supervisor: Kris Taylor / owner

If still employed, may the Town contact your present employer? Yes No

Please list all major duties and responsibilities performed by you in this job:

Hauling material to and from job sites using triaxle dump truck.
move equipment from site to site, loading and unloading
Plowing snow on roadways and parking lots

Reason for Leaving:

Do not have benefits, looking for job with them

2. Employer (Name/City/State): DTM Construction Services Danbury Ct.

Employer Phone #: 203-790-8103

Position/Job Title: Operator

Start Date: 2000 End Date: Present

Full-Time Part-Time Per diem Number of hours worked per week: 45 Hrs.

Name & Job Title of Immediate Supervisor: Kris Taylor / owner

If still employed, may the Town contact your present employer? Yes No

Please list all major duties and responsibilities performed by you in this job:

Operating excavators
large and small performing site work for new construction
water lines, sewer/septic systems, replaced storm drain basins
and storm drain taps, and paving preparation.
Front end loader to load material into trucks and move supplies
on sites.

Reason for Leaving:

No benefits or retirement

5. Employer (Name/City/State): Professional Water Systems

Employer Phone #: 203-431-6897

Position/Job Title: Water Technician

Start Date: 2011 End Date: 2018

Full-Time Part-Time Per diem Number of hours worked per week: 45 Hrs.

Name & Job Title of Immediate Supervisor: Andrew Hubbard / owner

If still employed, may the Town contact your present employer? Yes No

Please list all major duties and responsibilities performed by you in this job: Serviced and installed water filtration systems. Troubleshoot systems and repaired and replaced as needed.
Dealt one on one with customers
Delivered salt + potassium to residential and commercial locations for water softeners.

Reason for Leaving:

Wanted to drive and use CDL / more money hourly

6. Employer (Name/City/State):

Employer Phone #:

Position/Job Title:

Start Date: End Date:

Full-Time Part-Time Per diem Number of hours worked per week: _____

Name & Job Title of Immediate Supervisor:

If still employed, may the Town contact your present employer? Yes No

Please list all major duties and responsibilities performed by you in this job:

Reason for Leaving:

SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Instructions: Check skills/equipment that you are able to operate. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

- PC/Mac Typewriter Word Processing (e.g., Microsoft Word)
 Spreadsheet (e.g., Microsoft Excel) Other: _____

List any machinery or equipment that you are able to operate:

Front end loader
Backhoe
Excavators Large + Small
Bulldozers
Rollers
Skid Steers

List additional information about your skills that may be helpful to the Town in considering your application:

Works well with others and independently
Willingness to learn and learns quickly
Safely performs work

REQUIRED LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, OR OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Do you currently have a valid Motor Vehicle Driver's License? Yes No State: CT

Do you currently have a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL)? Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, check all that apply:

Class A Class B Class C CDL License #: 136567961

Do you have any valid licenses or certificates which authorize you to practice a profession or trade?
(e.g., law, nursing, psychology, plumbing, etc.)
 Yes No

List all professional licenses/certifications currently held:
 (Use additional sheets if you require additional space to complete your response.)

Type of License/Certification: _____ License/Cert. #: _____
 Issued By: _____ Date Issued: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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 Issued By: _____ Date Issued: _____ Expiration Date: _____

REFERENCES

Identify three professional references the Town may contact in connection with your employment application.

Name: Andrew Hurlbert Title: Owner/General Manager
 Business/Co. Name: Professional Water Systems Telephone: 203-431-6897
 Address: 963 Ethan Allen Highway Ridgfield ct.
Street City State
 Relationship to you (e.g., co-worker, supervisor, etc.): Supervisor
 How many years? 8 yrs.
 Are they still employed with the company/business? Yes No

Name: Kris Taylor Title: Owner
 Business/Co. Name: JTM Construction Services Telephone: 203-460-1811
 Address: 120 Stanley Rough Rd. Danbury ct.
Street City State
 Relationship to you (e.g., co-worker, supervisor, etc.): Supervisor
 How many years? 20 yrs.
 Are they still employed with the company/business? Yes No

Name: <u>Todd Fiorella</u>	Title: <u>Co Worker</u>
Business/Co. Name: <u>DJM Construction Services</u>	Telephone: <u>203-948-6241</u>
Address: <u>44 Blue Trail</u> Street	<u>Thamston</u> City
	<u>CT.</u> State
Relationship to you (e.g., co-worker, supervisor, etc.): <u>Co Worker / Supervisor</u>	
How many years? <u>16 yrs</u>	
Are they still employed with the company/business? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

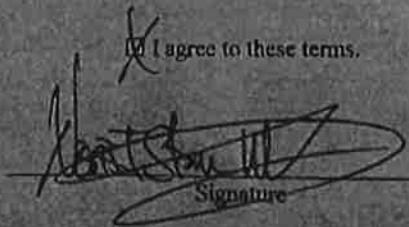
TERMS AND AGREEMENTS

By signing my name on the signature line below, I am certifying:

- That the statements made by me on this application form and attachments, if any, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, are made in good faith, and are subject to verification as a condition of employment. I understand that intentional falsification of my application materials may result in disqualification of my candidacy or termination of employment;
- That I understand and acknowledge that if offered employment with the Town of Weston, my employment may be subject to and conditioned on my taking and passing a pre-employment physical examination, pre-employment drug screening test and/or a pre-employment background check (e.g., criminal history, education verification, driving history, credit history) (requirements may vary depending on the position);
- That, if I am under the age of 18, I understand and acknowledge that if offered employment with the Town of Weston, my employment is subject to and conditioned on my providing such work permits, or other proof of eligibility to work that is or may be required by law;
- That I understand and acknowledge that, in compliance with federal law, all persons hired for employment with the Town of Weston will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete required employment eligibility verification forms upon hire.

I agree to these terms.

I do not agree to these terms.


Signature

1/29/21
Date

NORIS J. STONE III

60 Padanaram RD #43
Danbury CT 06811
(203) 501-4018
norisstoneiii@gmail.com

REFERENCES

Andrew Hurlbutt
Owner/General Manager Professional Water Systems
963 Ethan Allen Highway Ridgefield CT 06877
(203) 431-6897

Kris Taylor
Owner D&M Construction Service
120 Stadley Rough RD Danbury CT 06811
(203) 410-1811

Todd Florella
Supervisor D&M Construction
44 Blue Trail Thomaston CT 06782
(203) 948-6241

13. Discussion/decision to appoint Ben Winglass to the Sustainable Weston committee for the term to end December 31, 2022: **I move to appoint Ben Winglass to the Sustainable Weston committee for the term to end December 31, 2022**

Benjamin Milner Winglass
Television Editor
48 Old Mill Rd
Weston, CT 06883
benmilner7@gmail.com
347-500-7801

Dear Board of Selectmen,

I am writing this letter as a supplement to my credit list (resume) which I am submitting in the hopes of being selected for one of the town committees. I am most interested in the Sustainability committee and the Youth Services Committee. I am also interested in the Economic Vitality committee but my past experience and skills I feel would be most impactful on the former committees.

My wife, son and I recently moved to Weston back in August, we had been looking to move from the city long before Covid however the new work-from-home reality that came with the pandemic allowed us to expand our search areas which is how we discovered this beautiful little town.

A big part of the reason why we wanted to move out of the city was to move to a place where we could be part of a community. A place where our child/ren can make friends that they'll have for the rest of their life. One of the things that really attracted us to Weston was what we had heard and read about the togetherness of the town. Therefore, I would like to become a helpful and impactful member of this town as it is where we have chosen to plant our roots and raise our family.

I am 35 years old and originally from Massachusetts. I grew up on a 100 acre farm complete with horses and chickens that was also a residential recording studio where the likes of Aerosmith, The Stones and other A-list rock-n-roll bands would live while they recorded. It was a different childhood to say the least but one that gave me an appreciation for the many walks of life and a deep affection for the natural world.

I did one-year at UC Boulder and then took a year off to find a college and major that was a better fit for me. During that year I started doing artist management for bands and hip hop artists which ultimately landed me a job at Flavor Unit Entertainment (Queen Latifah's entertainment company) in Jersey City. It was at Flavor Unit that I was exposed to the world of television and film. After working on a few of their media projects, I left the company to pursue a career making television. I jumped around between different departments trying different things but I ended up falling in love with editing. 8 years and a few hundred hours of TV made later and I still love what I do.

I am hard working and I always bring excitement and patience to whatever I do.

Thank you for your consideration



Ben Milner - EDITOR - 347.500.7801 - benmilner7@gmail.com

DOOMSDAY

TRAVEL - Season 1 - Editor (2020)

THE OSBOURNE'S WANT TO BELIEVE

TRAVEL - Season 1 - Editor (2020)

THE MARTHA MANUAL

HGTV - Season 1 - Editor (2020)

REGULAR HEROES

AMAZON STUDIOS - Season 1 - Editor (2020)

SWEET JESUS

CMT/VIACOM - Pilot - Supervising Editor (2019)

AMERICA'S TOP DOG

A+E TV - Season 1 - Supervising Editor (2019)

A+E TV - Season 2 - Supervising Editor (2020 - Current)

GIRLS CRUISE

VH1/VIACOM - Season 1 - Supervising Editor (2019)

DATE NIGHT LIVE

A+E TV - Season 1 - Editor (2017)

BLACK INK CREW NY

VH1/VIACOM - Season 4 - Editor (2016)

VH1/VIACOM - Season 5 - Editor (2017)

VH1/VIACOM - Season 6 - Editor (2018)

VH1/VIACOM - Season 7 - Editor (2019)

BLACK INK CREW CHICAGO

VH1/VIACOM - Season 1 - Editor (2015)

VH1/VIACOM - Season 2 - Editor (2016)

VH1/VIACOM - Season 3 - Editor (2017)

VH1/VIACOM - Season 4 - Editor (2018)

BLACK INK CREW COMPTON

VH1/VIACOM - Season 2 - Editor (2019)

INK MASTER

PARAMOUNT/VIACOM - Season 3 - Editor (2013)

PARAMOUNT/VIACOM - Season 4 - Editor (2014)

PARAMOUNT/VIACOM - Season 5 - Senior Editor (2014)

PARAMOUNT/VIACOM - Season 6 - Senior Editor (2015)

PARAMOUNT/VIACOM - Season 7 - Senior Editor (2016)

INK MASTER REDEMPTION

PARAMOUNT/VIACOM - Season 2 - Editor (2016)

PARAMOUNT/VIACOM - Season 3 - Editor (2016)

INK ANGELS

PARAMOUNT/VIACOM - Season 1 - Editor (2017)

DUAL SURVIVAL

DISCOVERY - Season 4 - Editor (2014)

DISCOVERY - Season 5 - Editor (2015)

DISCOVERY - Season 7 - Editor (2016)

AMERICAN RESTORATION

HISTORY - Season 4 - Editor (2013)

PAWN STARS

HISTORY - Season 8 - Editor (2013)

HILLBILLIES FOR HIRE

CMT/VIACOM - Season 1 - Editor (2012)

ONION SPORTS NETWORK

COMEDY CENTRAL - Associate Producer/Editor (2011)

ADDITIONAL WORK

LeftField Pictures Development - Editor

Jamo Gang - Music Video - Editor

CGMM (non-profit) - Sizzle Editor

Stephen David Entertainment - Sizzle Editor

Truly Original Development - Sizzle Editor

BackRoads Ent Development - Sizzle Editor

ISH Entertainment Development - Sizzle Editor

Refinery29 NewFrontS - Editor

Weinstein Comp. Development - Sizzle Editor

14. Discussion/ decision to hold a July 4th
Fireworks celebration: **No motion.**

15. Discussion/ decision concerning Food Trucks
on Town Property: **No motion.**



Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

Re: Truck pics

1 message

dana thegranolarbarct.com <dana@thegranolarbarct.com>

Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 1:16 PM

To: Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

We run on generator unless we can plug in. We don't need water supply as truck has its own water tank.

Thank you!!

On Mar 23, 2021, at 10:58 AM, Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov> wrote:

Thanks! Does the truck require any electricity or septic or water sources?

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 7:45 PM dana thegranolarbarct.com <dana@thegranolarbarct.com> wrote:

Hi Jonathan!

Attached are some photos of our food truck. Also attaching our store menu. Again we can't offer everything on the truck but can curate some items that would fill the void. Please have a look at our instagram @thegranolarbar to see pictures of our delicious food/drinks/treats.

Please feel free to reach out anytime with any additional questions you may have!

Best,
Dana
917-861-3647

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dana Noorily <dananoorily@gmail.com>
Subject: Truck pics
Date: March 22, 2021 at 7:40:56 PM EDT
To: dana@thegranolarbarct.com

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Sincerely,
Jonathan Luiz
Weston Town Administrator

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granolygirls
The Granola Bar





Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

Fwd: Tasty Yolk

1 message

Christopher Spaulding <cspaulding@me.com>

Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 1:18 PM

To: Jonathan Luiz <jluiz@westonct.gov>

Thought?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Frank Nussbaum <frankjnuss@gmail.com>

Date: March 26, 2021 at 12:25:33 PM EDT

To: Christopher Spaulding <cspaulding@me.com>

Subject: Tasty Yolk

Hey Chris - it's your neighbor Frank,. I hope and trust you've been well.

So, you're assuredly fielding a ton of calls/messages about how to address the market situation which I'm sure is, um, unpleasant. I'm not contacting you to offer my two cents on how to directly address that issue but I did want to float one thing by you (which I'm sure has been suggested by others).

I spoke with Mike Bertanza, the proprietor of Tasty Yolk—the absolutely delicious breakfast sandwich truck (and storefront) that operates in various locations in Fairfield County—and he expressed a real interest in potentially locating one of their trucks in Weston. The question is, can we locate a food truck on public (or even private) property in Weston. I am unaware of what challenges there may be to doing something like this—including with the proprietor/manager of the Town Center—but it strikes me as a very achievable and beneficial *temporary* solution for Weston citizens while the market situation sorts itself out. It would be especially popular with parents (working and non-working), local workers, and HS kids, especially if it were located centrally (perhaps the Onion Barn or at Bisceglie or the Grange?) Tasty Yolk typically operates from 7am-12pm btw so this is to address the breakfast/lunch crowd. And I think it would also sharply reduce the angst being expressed about the market.

Mike asked if the local gov't was interested in this idea and I told him I'd check and get back to him (just like I checked with him first to find out whether there'd be any interested on his side). I'm also, of course, happy to put you in touch directly (btw I have no skin in this game other than to help the town).

When you have a sec, please get back to me with your thoughts. Perhaps naively, I'm hoping this would be a relatively easy thing to arrange, especially with a willing vendor, even on a temporary basis.

Thanks,
Frank
917-838-4779



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

JAMES S. MARPE
First Selectman

ICE CREAM VENDORS & PEDDLERS (REQUIREMENTS, GUIDELINES, PROCEDURES)

Revised April 13, 2016

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO ICE CREAM VENDORS AND PEDDLERS (AS DEFINED BELOW) ONLY.

FOOD TRUCKS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ANY TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY UNLESS THE OPERATION IS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVED EVENT AND WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE EVENT ORGANIZER.

The following shall apply to Ice Cream Vendors:

Ice Cream Vendors must have their trucks inspected by the Westport/Weston Health District (WWHD) located at 180 Bayberry Lane, Westport. For information, including fee requirements and an appointment, please call the Health District directly at 203-227-9571. Guidelines for itinerant food vendors from the WWHD include but are not limited to the following:

- a) Itinerant food vending businesses shall comply with the requirements of the Westport Weston Health Code and Section 19-13B48 of the State Public Health Code.
- b) All foods must be pre-wrapped or pre-packaged by a commercial processor or at an approved food facility. The applicant will furnish a copy of the food facility's permit to the Director of Health.
- c) No processing, preparation, or portion change shall be allowed in the vending vehicle or during the process of dispensing food items.

Complete the Vendor Permit Application and include:

1. Application fee of \$35.00. Payable to the Town of Westport.
2. A copy of the valid food permit obtained from the Westport Weston Health District. If permit is approved, the permit will be valid coextensive with the health permit.
3. A copy of a valid driver's license. Police Department will do cursory background check.

The following shall apply to Peddlers:

"Peddlers" are defined as "any person, whether principal or agent, who goes from town to town or from place to place in the same town selling or bartering or carrying for sale or barter or exposing therefor any goods, wares or merchandise, either on foot or from any animal or vehicle." (Town Code, Sec 18-44)

Complete the Vendor Permit Application and include:

1. Application fee of \$35.00. Payable to the Town of Westport.
2. A copy of a valid driver's license. Police Department will do cursory background check.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

- may not stop to operate on the main traveled portion of any public roadway, interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or remain stationary for an extended period of time. After the customer has hailed a vendor and the transaction is complete, the vendor must move on.
- may not operate at the Levitt Pavilion or the parking areas surrounding the Levitt without the consent of the Pavilion operators.
- may not operate on Board of Education property without Board of Education approval.
- may not operate within Compo Beach or along Soundview Drive.
- may not operate within Longshore Club Park or immediately adjacent on South Compo Road.
- may not operate adjacent to Little League Fields at Coleytown or Town Farms while Little League concessions are in operation.
- may not operate at or near any approved function/event (i.e. Slice of Saugatuck, Yankee Doodle Fair, Levitt Pavilion) or compete directly with any established retail operations unless invited and permitted by said function's organizing body
- may not operate on private property without the owner's written permission
- must provide a copy of the Connecticut Registration for each truck operated
- must provide evidence of permit if requested
- must maintain good order and remove any litter

PERMIT PROCEDURE

Completed applications with all required documents and fees may be mailed to First Selectman's Office, Town of Westport, 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport, CT 06880 or dropped off at the Office of the Selectman, Room 310.

Please allow 5-7 days for processing. If application is approved, the original permit will be mailed or may be obtained at the Selectman's Office. If permit is NOT approved, fee will be refunded in full.

The offices of the First Selectman and the Town Attorney reserve the right to submit applications for unusual or unfamiliar vendor operations to the Board of Selectmen for review.



WESTPORT
VENDOR PERMIT APPLICATION

The First Selectman's Office Issues Licenses to Peddlers, Itinerant Vendors, Temporary/Transient Businesses under Requirements of Chapter 18, Westport Town Code.

Check for payment of fee(s) must accompany application. If License/permit is NOT approved, fee will be refunded in full. Please allow 5-7 days for processing.

NAME OF PROPRIETOR
SOLICITOR
NAME OF BUSINESS
BUSINESS ADDRESS
PHONE/CELL
E-MAIL ADDRESS
DATE (S) OF OPERATION
VEHICLES & I.D. NUMBERS, IF ANY
SPECIFIC PLACE (S) OF OPERATION

(NOTE: Selectman's Office AND Police Department must be informed of specific areas of Town where canvassing will occur each time permit holders canvass)

I/We have read the attached policy, rules and regulations relating to Vending Permits and agree to abide by these policies, rules and regulations:

Signature of Applicant

Date

BELOW FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Approvals	Date		Completed ✓
Chief of Police		Application Fee	
Fire Chief		Driver's License	
Director of Public Works		Westport/Weston Health District Permit	
Director of Westport/Weston Health District		Permit Issued	

16. Approval of the minutes from the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting on May 6, 2021 and the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting on May 13, 2021: **I move to approve the unapproved minutes from the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting held May 6, 2021 and the unapproved minutes from the May 13, 2021 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting, as presented.**

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2021 at 5.00 pm
Meeting held remotely due to COVID 19**

1. **Call to order:** The First Selectman Chris Spaulding called the meeting to order at 5pm. Also in attendance were Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Finance Director Rick Darling, Michael Reiner, Ben Wineglass, Lachat Town Farm Commission Chair Elizabeth Zeppernick, Rob Sanders from Sanders Architects and Town residents participating.

2. **Discussion/Decision to refer a proposed building project at Lachat Town Farm to the Conservation Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission (CGS section 8-24):** First Selectman Spaulding briefly explained the project saying that once all the input is heard from the Conservation and Planning and Zoning Commissions the public will have a chance for input. Ms. Carol Baldwin introduced Rob Sanders from Sanders Architects. Mr. Saunders discussed the drawings of the proposed new building and went over the details like, the orientation, demonstration kitchen, deck, art studio etc. First Selectman Spaulding thanked Mr. Saunders for the presentation. Selectman Grozinger had questions on whether the kitchen will be commercial or residential in nature. Mr. Saunders responded saying that they hope this will be close to a residential kitchen, but that this has not been settled as it needs to go through initial approvals. Mr. Grozinger asked specifically about the range and a grease trap, Mr. Saunders mentioned a 60 inch range and hood and sinks for sanitation purposed to meet the health codes. He explained a grease trap a septic tank that will be located under the parking area. Selectman Grozinger asked about the number of cars and building capacity. Mr. Saunders said there would be space for 6 cars and that the building will accommodate seating for 160. Selectwoman Nestor moved to submit a proposed building project at Lachat Town Farm for an application to the Conservation Commission for a wetlands permit required by the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Regulations, and to refer the proposed building project to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24. Selectman Grozinger seconded this. Selectman Grozinger expressed concerns with the progression of the project and explained that he wanted the First Selectman's letter to the Connecticut Attorney General's office to have been shared with the neighbors. First Selectman Spaulding responded saying that there have been multiple public meetings where public discussion on the proposed building took place. Mr. Luiz explained that a small group of neighbors that have been meeting with himself, Elizabeth Zeppernick, Carol Baldwin and Dennis Tracey recently refused to discuss the proposed building. First Selectman Spaulding said that the process should move forward and not be held up further. Selectwoman Nestor agreed. The motion carried 2 to 1 with Selectman Grozinger not in favor.

3. **Appointment of Andrea Chase to the Board of Ethics for a term to end December 31, 2021:** Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Andrea Chase to the Board of Ethics for a term to end December 31, 2021. Selectwoman Nestor seconded this. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Appointment of Elaine Friedrichsen to the Beautification Committee for a four year term to end June 30, 2025:** Selectwoman Nestor moved to appoint Elaine Friedrichsen to the Beautification Committee for a four year term to end June 30, 2025. Selectman Grozinger seconded this. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Resignation of Andrew Cummings from the Veterans Affairs Committee:** Selectman Grozinger moved to accept the resignation of Andrew Cummings from the Veterans Affairs Committee. Selectwoman Nestor seconded this. The motion carried unanimously.
6. **Resignation of Christie Stewart from DEI Advisory Committee:** Selectwoman Nestor moved to accept the resignation of Christie Stewart from Diversity Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee. Selectman Grozinger seconded this. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Interview of Ben Wineglass for a position on the Sustainable Weston Committee:** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Ben Wineglass for a position on the Sustainable Weston Committee.
8. **Interview of Michael Reiner for a position on the DEI Advisory Committee:** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Michael Reiner for a position on the DEI Advisory Committee.
9. **Discussion/ decision to authorize the First Selectman to sign an OPEB Trust Document:** Selectman Grozinger moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign an OPEB Trust Document. Selectwoman Nestor seconded this. The motion carried unanimously.
10. **Approval of tax refunds:** Selectwoman Nestor moved to approve tax refunds totaling \$15,207.27, as presented. Selectman Grozinger seconded this. The motion carried unanimously.
11. **Approval of the Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes from April 1, 2021 and the Special meeting from April 6, 2021:** Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes from April 1, 2021 and the Special meeting from April 6, 2021, as presented. Selectwoman Nestor seconded this. The motion carried unanimously.
12. **Adjournment:** Selectwoman Nestor moved to adjourn the meeting at 5.57pm. Selectman Grozinger seconded this. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Sara Beer, Executive Administrative Assistant

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021 at 10.00 am
Meeting held at the front steps of the Weston Town Hall, 56 Norfield Road**

1. Call to order: First Selectman Spaulding called the meeting to order at 10 am on the front steps of the Town Hall. The First Selectman participated via phone. Present on the steps were Selectwoman Nestor, Selectman Grozinger and Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz.
2. Executive Session to strategize on the tax sale commencing at 10 am on May 13, 2021. Selectman Grozinger moved to enter into executive session with Mr. Luiz present for the purpose of strategizing on the tax sale. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. All were in favor and the executive session started at 10:01 am.
3. Possible decisions concerning the auction of real estate subject to the tax sale: The Board of Selectmen exited executive session at 10:50 am.
4. Adjournment: Selectwoman Nestor moved to adjourn and Selectman Grozinger seconded. All were in favor. The meeting ended at 10:51 am.

Minutes submitted by Jonathan Luiz, Town Administrator

17. Executive session to discuss a pending real-estate transaction: **I move to enter into executive session to discuss a pending real estate transaction.**

18. Adjournment: **I move to adjourn.**