

**Westport Central School District
Special Board of Education Meeting
Municipal Garage**

Place: Westport Town Hall

Thursday, November 1, 2007

Time: 2:45 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

at: 2:52 PM

by: President LaRock

A. Roll Call

√ Alice LaRock

√ George Maffey

√Jim Carroll (exited 4:04 PM)

√David Goldwasser (exited 3:54 PM)

Kathleen carterMartinez - absent

C. Introduction of Attendees

Also Present: Karen B. Tromblee, Superintendent
Jana Atwell, District Clerk

Visitors: Senator Little

Assemblywoman Sayward
Win Belanger, NYS Assembly Rep
Dan Connell, Town Supervisor
Marlene Westover, Fire Comm.
Alvin Reiner, Press Republican
Jan Herrmann, Westport Fire District
James Westover, Westport Fire Dept.
Jerry Sherman, Dept. Public Works
Edward Smith, Town Council
Gordon Decker, Treasurer Fire Comm.
Garrett Dague, Essex Co. Planning
Donald McIntyre, Town Council
Elizabeth Kroeplin
Jean Paquette, Fire Commissioner
Brenda McCooey, Town Clerk
Tim Sherman, Town Council

2. Municipal Garage Discussion

Senator Little opened the meeting by informing all attendees of her involvement in the Shared Services Committee and her support for shared services programs.

Supervisor Connell presented a brief synopsis of the municipal garage project from its first formal discussion held at Westport Central School on January 23, 2002, to the meeting in September 2002 where it looked like an estimated \$7 million project. During the years of 2003 and 2004 meetings continued and the project began scaling back and starting anew. In 2005 the firemen began looking at a separate area and the project came to a stand still. In January 2007 gained awareness of a shared services grant. Currently the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Town Board have committed \$12,500 each to the project in order to move forward and the school is back in the equation.

Superintendent Tromblee shared concerns regarding the municipal garage if the school district were to be the lead agency in this project. Discussion then followed regarding the benefits if the school were the lead agency versus the town or fire district.

Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners presented their views and concerns.

Senator Little described several areas locally with shared services. She stated that such projects make tremendous sense and create a cost savings for all entities involved.

Each agency described their needs (space/requirements) within the building. After this discussion Senator Little advised it would be better for the school not to be the lead agency but to lease space.

Questions arose as to how to put such a referendum up for vote. This is a question for legal council, but Assemblywoman Sayward suggested using the school boundaries as this would include everyone with interest in the (municipal garage) building.

Senator Little and Assemblywoman Sayward offered their continued support and any help that they may be able to provide.

3. Adjournment

Time: 4:29 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 8, 2007 Budget Session 5:30 PM, Regular Session 6:30 PM in the Library

Minutes of the Clerk are not official until approved by the Board.

November 8, 2007

Date Approved by the BOE

Jana Atwell, District Clerk