

**Westport Historical Society Annual Meeting- Draft Minutes  
October 17, 2019 6:00 P.M.**

**1 Introduction:** Al Lees (AL) opened the meeting at 6 P.M. welcoming everyone. He spoke of Tony Connors with sadness and mentioned his contributions as a historian and author and also his contributions to the town of Westport. He spoke of Sharon Connors and her love for Tony. It was moved, seconded and

**VOTED:** to waive the reading from the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting.

**VOTED:** to accept the minutes

**2 Leadership:** Breck Arnzen, who has led the Leadership Committee for the last year, described its role in the process to be inclusive within the leadership and succession within it. Originally a committee of the Board of Directors, others have been invited to discuss this process, and welcomes members Lynn Keith, Marcia Liggin and Sam Manley. The work of this committee will continue in the coming year.

**3 Presentation of the slate of nominees for the Board of Directors for 2019-2020(YB).** Members include Charles(Charley) Appleton, Charles (Buzzy) Baron, Yvonne Barr, Elizabeth (Libby) Baylies, Howard (Howie) Gifford, Emily Hoeffel, Sean Leach, Elizabeth (Poo) White. It was moved, seconded, and

**VOTED:** to include Libby Baylies for a new three-year term on the WHS Board.

The officers for 2019-2020 will be: President-Al Lees, First Vice President- Yvonne Barr, Second Vice President- Emily Hoeffel, Treasurer- Buzzy Baron, Clerk- Elizabeth White. It was moved, seconded, and

**VOTED:** unanimously to approve the slate of nominees and officers.

**4 Executive Director's Report:** Jenny (JO) reported on the Strategic Plan, and the ongoing repairs and uses of the Bell School. She mentioned the events of the last year, many of which happened at Handy House, and the fact that the WHS has hired a new part time administrative assistant, Joanne DeMarco. JO welcomed back Al Lees to the Board and thanked the Handy House Docents, Kathleen McAreavey, Mark Allen and the donors for their gifts in memory of Tony Connors.

**5 Treasurer's Report (BB):** Buzzy Baron indicated the financial health of the WHS is in good shape in large part due to 2 bequests by Elvira Smith and Esther Cabral. Business support has gone up, but individual contributions are slightly down. The Memorial Fund for Tony Connors is at \$6000.

**6 The Presentations of the WHS Annual Award (EH):** Emily Hoeffel presented the award to David Cole in recognition of his many contributions to the town and to the WHS including his many environmental projects, his research and his writing. He has been relentless in his work on the Paul Cuffe and his efforts to increase public awareness of his many contributions.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted  
Elizabeth White, Clerk