

**WATERVILLE VALLEY, NH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Town Offices Lower Meeting Room**

DATE: February 25, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Larsen, Margaret Turner, and Mike Aronson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin & Danielle Morse, Aggie & Bob Guilbert, Harry Notowitz, Cheryl Saenger, Ray Kucharski, Reggie Breeckner, Marilyn Clarkson, Chris Hodges, Jim Mayhew, Dave Noyes, Brooke Wakefield, Sharon Charron.

1. The public meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Special Presentation

Chairman Bill Larsen makes a special presentation to Kevin Morse for his years of service to the community. The 2014 town report is dedicated to Kevin.

3. Privilege of the Floor I

Bob Guilbert addresses the board regarding the Rey Center funding warrant article and requests time for discussion of the need for additional funding at Town meeting. Bill Larsen replies that representatives from the Rey Center will be making a presentation themselves, and time will be available following for discussion. Harry Notowitz also stated that he had questions concerning the Rey Center's financials. Mike Aronson asked if a list of questions can be generated to forward to the Rey Center so as to expedite the answers. Cheryl Saenger if there was ever, or currently, a time limit on the 1st \$25K support from the Town. Mark Decoteau and Bill Larsen respond that there is no time limit, and recalled that the Town did operate the Rey Center through the recreation department for many years. Bill further explains that the Rey Center asked for the BOS for the additional \$25K in funding to due losing some large donors. The BOS agreed to place the request upon the warrant and to let the voters decide.

4. Approval of regular meeting Minutes of February 4, 2015, and special meetings on February 11, 2015 and February 13, 2015.

Bill Larsen motions to approve the minutes of 2/4/15 as presented.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bill Larsen motions to approve the minutes of 2/11/15 as amended.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bill Larsen motions to approve the minutes of 2/13/15 as presented.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

5. Financial Update

The financial summary was reviewed. No departments are unexpectedly over budget at this time. Insurance and debt service principal/interest are ahead due to payment schedules. At this point we are 17.31% through the year. No discussion followed.

6. Department Head Updates

- **Recreation Department**

Brooke Wakefield reviews the new “Native ID” program and its pricing, and who is eligible for it free and the prices for others who wish to purchase the “Native ID”. Brooke also presents her reasoning that this should only be available to residents. The property owner’s who are non-residents, as well as those from neighboring communities, can purchase the “Native ID” and receive the exact same prices for programs and activities offered through the Rec Dept as do residents. The pricing plan for families (\$75 for family of up to 5) and individuals (\$25) is still a very attractive plan to purchase. Bill Larsen states that he would like to see all the taxpayers (i.e., property owners) offered the “Native ID”. Mark Decoteau mentions that many properties are owned by trusts, or multiple owners, and this creates difficulty in determining who is an owner or who isn’t. Discussion followed as how to alert property owners effectively. An annual mailing was suggested for the initial sign and subsequent yearly mailing to make changes to owner lists for when either owners change, or children age-out of the program. Other ideas were also discussed to offset programs costs. Brooke also stated that the vacation weeks have been very busy due to the extended cold weather.

- **Public Safety**

*****The Board resumes meeting in Fire Bay to have a demonstration of the power cot system which was installed in the new ambulance.***

Chris Hodges performs the demonstration of how a patient is loaded into the ambulance first using the old cot, and followed by the new power cot. The power cot allows for much easier loading and unloading of patients with much less effort on the responders. The ease of the system is a protective measure for heavy lifting for public safety personnel.

- **Public Works**

Jim Mayhew reports on the sewer line block/freeze on River Rd. in the proximity of the Lash home and is still unsure of the exact location and hasn’t yet been able to resolve the issue. The home still has use of the septic tank as storage until repairs are complete. Jim also reports that the Library has had issues. The oil tank was determined to be unstable by our oil supplier (Dead River) and they will not deliver oil. The public works crew has been filling the tank, but coincidentally the furnace stopped running and as a result the pipes froze in the bathroom. Repairs are being made to the furnace and pipes, and we are working with Dead River to resolve the tank stability issue. Otherwise, snow cleanup continues with each storm and DPW has been assisting Public Safety in the set up for the Special Olympic venues. The Board asked for the end resolution for the low pressure system. Jim replies the system froze due to a mechanical failure of the air relief valve and was a not a design issue. The valve in question has been replaced.

7. Calendar

- 3/10/15 Tuesday - Town Meeting Day. Voting is from 12noon – 4pm, and the Deliberative session at 5pm.

- 3/10/15 Tuesday – BOS Meeting following Town Meeting.
- No BOS meeting upon 3/11/15.

8. New Business

- **Bus System Memorandum of Agreement**

The Board reviewed the multi-year agreement from WVSR. Mike Aronson questions the language in the contract to the agreement for the percentages of costs shared, for total costs to 90% in contract sections 2.1 and 2.2. Mark will communicate this to the WVSR to be sure that the Town will be paying 25% of the 90% total, not the total cost, and the contract will be amended.

Mike Aronson motions to amend the contract to read “25% of the 90% of the costs” for the contract for the Bus operations with the mountain, and the BOS will approve the contract once amended.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- **Priorities for 2015**

Chairman Bill Larsen asked fellow BOS members for priorities for the upcoming year and these included:

1. Management of Transfer Station and Trash/Recycling Collection
2. Corcoran’s Pond Dam Repairs Plan
3. Town communications to residents & property owners
4. Water well #4 On-Line
5. Pedestrian Village Study implementation jointly with the Planning Board

Discussion followed amongst the Board with input from the community members present for suggestions on specific.

9. Old Business

- **Review 2015 Town Meeting with Moderator**

The Board reviewed Town Meeting plans with the moderator. The warrant was reviewed by both town counsel and DRA. The warrant, secret ballot voting procedures, and time allowances for informational presentations were all discussed. There was a request by the moderator to have town counsel present to clarify any potential questions and/or procedures which may arise. The Dog Ordinance discussion, under the last article which allows for any other subject to be brought to the meeting, was discussed as well. A sense of the meeting vote was recommended on the subject of the Dog Ordinance. A handout clarifying the current ordinance will be available. Moderator Marilyn Clarkson also mentioned the time of the meeting, at 5:00pm, should be discussed under the last article to get voters feedback.

10. Correspondence

11. Privilege of the Floor II

None.

12. Board Concerns & Directive

Bill Larsen has requested earlier additional information on the generator pertaining to the essential circuits/equipment needed in DPS/Town Office building to operate by generator in the event of power loss. Chief Noyes will have a handout available for Town Meeting with additional information for discussion.

13. Non-Public Session

The 3 board members, Mark & Sharon go into non-public to discuss a domicile request at 4:35pm.

The board comes out of non-public session at 4:37pm. Bill Larsen motions to approve the Domicile Request of Patricia Hyde.

Mike Aronson: 2nds

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The Board reassembles in the Fire Bay for a demonstration of the Power cot by Chief Hodges and additional Public Safety Department personnel.

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote at 4:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Charron
Town Clerk Assistant
Town of Waterville Valley