

**TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: May 13, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mike Aronson and Bill Larsen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Margaret Turner.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Palmieri, Wendy Rathgeber, Mark Decoteau, Jim Mayhew, Brooke Wakefield, Chris Hodges, Dave Noyes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Aronson.

2. Privilege of the Floor I

None.

3. Approval of Minutes of 4/8/15

Approval of the minutes of 4/8/15 was deferred until the next meeting on 5/26/15 as Bill Larsen was absent from the last meeting, and Margaret Turner is absent from the present meeting. Additional discussion was prompted of the generator grant approval and clarification of the project details.

4. Financial Update

Mark reports that no departments are unexpectedly overspent at this time and property tax payments are already being received and processed.

5. Department Head Updates

- **Recreation Department**

Brooke reports the new pickleball lines came out nice and have been well received by the players. Work continues on the Fishing Derby for Memorial Day weekend. Summer program guides are available and have been distributed. The boats are out and at the pond. Brooke also mentions she is working with Jim and Chris on a nature trail alongside the Snow's Brook. Summer Camp staffing is ongoing, as well as the waterfront staff. Rec Staff have also been selling Native ID passes. Discussion followed regarding liability waivers being signed by grandparents, in the absence of parents, and if this presents problems. Also the Community Cleanup has been rescheduled to 5/20.

- **Public Safety**

Chris reports for the dept. He discussed the recent moose accident on route 49 and the publicity it received as damage to the car was extensive. Fortunately, they were no serious injuries to occupants or the driver. Bears have been scarce so far. The Public Safety Academy started 5/6 and had a good turnout on the 1st class. Fishing Derby is 5/23, and the pond is being stocked on 5/21.

- **Public Works**

Jim reports that street cleanup is ongoing with removal of sand & roadside debris. Road striping (painting) is scheduled for 5/14. All snowplows & sanders have been removed from vehicles, cleaned and are stored. Bill Larsen asked for a summary of the recycling discussion from last BOS meeting and status of discussions with the Campton-Thornton transfer station for WV recyclables. Mark was not optimistic about C-T agreeing to let WV use their facility. Preliminary plans are expected soon for the new well building, which needs to be completed by the end of this year. No major equipment issues other than routine maintenance needs. The dump body of one truck does need some body work.

6. Calendar

Margaret is out of town thru 5/20.

The next BOS meeting has been changed from Wed to the **Tues, 5/26 @ 1pm.**

Summer BOS meeting schedule TBD if more than 1 is needed each month. It was felt both June meeting are needed, and July and August might be just one meeting each month. No dates set.

Other Dates:

There is a memorial gathering for Nate Grifkin on Sunday 5/17 2 12:30 at the Coyote Grill.

Town Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.

7. New Business

- **TY2015 1st Half Property Tax Warrant**

The BOS are presented and sign the Tax Year 2015 1st Half Property Tax Warrant.

- **Windsor Hill Water Line Replacement**

Mark reviews the proposed water line replacement and the Windsor Hill Association's intention for paving their parking lots and to have the work completed by July 4th weekend. The estimate from Dana White on the replacement of the water line is \$71K. Discussion followed concerning alternate options listed on the bid, repairs needed in other areas of town due to the past winters freezing issues, and funds available in the account for water/sewer repairs. The repairs which are needed, along with the Cascade Ridge/Beanbender Rd waterline repairs, could potentially use all the funds in the repair accounts at this time however, no alternatives are available as both areas are in need of attention.

Bill Larsen motions to accept the bid proposal from Dana White Excavating.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **Tecumseh Road Sidewalk**

Mike Aronson reports from the Town Core Working Group's thoughts on a sidewalk on Tecumseh Rd. on the Village Condo side of the road. Specifics of sidewalk location, design, and potential issues were all discussed. Expansion of the road on the Village Condo's side was seen as the most favorable location. Mark will communicate this to Tom Gross and the VC Association. Another alternative is to make Tecumseh Road a one-way road, and use the part of the current road as a walking/biking lane.

8. Old Business

- **Backflow Prevention Inspections**

Mark reviews the backflow testing results with the BOS. 43 of 53 properties were inspected and valve types need to be determined as being testable or not in the remaining 10 properties. All properties listed had been previously known as having backflow devices to test, or had been identified during the water meter installation project last year as having backflow devices. While some devices are testable, other types are not. All properties with irrigation systems which are connected to public are required by NH-DES to have a backflow prevention device. If the irrigation system is totally separate from the public water supply no device is required; i.e. using a well for irrigation only on a separate line from the public water supply. If the lines converge, then a backflow is required. Additionally geo-thermal systems need to be inspected for the same, and if the system is determined to be a closed self-contained system they are not required to be tested. If the geo-thermal combines with public water in any capacity, a backflow valve and routine testing is required by NH-DES. There are 12 properties which are registered with the state as having a having wells or geo-thermal permits which need to be assessed. These 12 properties have a 7/1/15 deadline to certify to DES that they either need or do not need, or currently have, a testable backflow device. We will be contacting those properties to coordinate the inspections. There is also one property which has a well for interior use, and public water for their irrigation. They wish to connect to public water for the interior water as well. The recommendation is to reverse their current setup to thus allow their well to be for irrigation and public water for their interior use.

- **Recreation Department Donation for Fall Foliage Run**

Mike Aronson motions to accept a \$2,000 donation in sponsorship for the Fall Foliage Run.

Bill Larsen: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **Water and Sewer Line Freeze-ups**

A discussion was held concerning wrapping the line on Cascade Ridge/Beanbender Rd. in heat tape to prevent the water line from freezing. Possibly limitations included the length of the line. Concern was expressed about the material surrounding the line and the possibility of the line being laid upon ledge.

9. Correspondence

Mark provides a communication from Paul Leavitt in response to WigWag's editorial regarding the FBI investigations of Stone Property Mgt. Mark also informs the BOS, as a member of the NH Municipal Bond Bank, of a rating system used by the Bond Bank which WV was used as an example of the rating system and received an A- rating.

10. Privilege of Floor II

None.

11. Board Concerns and Directives

Bill Larsen comments on Wigwag editorials and whether or not any comment was needed in return. Discussion followed by the BOS.

12. Non-Public Session

The BOS and Mark go into non-public at 4:30pm to review 2 domicile requests.

The BOS come out of non-public at 4:45 pm.

Mike Aronson motions to approve the domicile requests of Bryan Sopko and Patrick Morse.

Bill Larsen: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

13. Adjournment

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote at 4:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant