

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

DATE: June 8, 2016

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Decoteau, Jim Mayhew, Chris Hodges, Brooke Wakefield, Judy Rolfe and Sharon Charron.

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

2. Privilege of Floor 1

Reggie Breeckner, Town Clerk, asks if there are any plans for the 50th Anniversary Celebration next year. Sandy Larsen and Vicky Myrick are the resident committee members, and will Reggie will reach out to them to see if they need any help. Matt Hesser from the ski area will also be involved in the events.

Paul Sullivan of River Rd. addresses the Board regarding his septic issue last week and his concerns on the town's response times and actions. The BOS apologized for the timeliness of the response in his situation. Discussion followed concerning the timeline of events and the actions taken. To avoid a repeated scenario, the town will keep inventory of certain items rather than having to order through a distributor, and will be encouraging local septic servicing companies to become certified to install and work on the equipment. Discussion also included the River Rd low pressure septic system low usage, improvements made since last winter, and guidance given to new homes being built going onto the system.

3. Approval of Minutes 4/27/2016 and 6/1/2016

Approval of the minutes of 4/27/16 was tabled to the next meeting on 6/22/2016.

Bill Larsen motions to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Selectmen of 6/01/16 as amended.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

Mark reports that at present time no changes since last week's presentation of financials. The May revenues presented have been updated from last week, including motor vehicle registrations and Public Safety (ambulance insurance payments).

5. Department Heads Updates

- **Recreation**

Brooke reports that staff orientation begins next week (Wed. – Sat), and she is fully staffed. Boat operations have been going well on weekends.

- **Public Safety**

Chris reports that the NH Special Operations Unit (NH-SOU) will be conducting a drill next Wednesday, June 16th, at the Ice Arena, so there will be a heavy presence of police in and around Town Square and the Ice Arena. All merchants in Town Square have been notified. Chris also reported that the Warrior Conference last weekend went well and there were no issues. Motorcycle week starts on June 11th through June 19th.

- **Public Works**

Jim Mayhew reports that paving on Noon Peal Rd is still scheduled for June 20-21 (Mon-Tues) and the project is going well overall. Grass mowing is ongoing and road drainage maintenance will be taking place on ditch lines and culverts as well. All equipment is working fine at this time.

6. Calendar Review

The next scheduled meeting is on June 22. A retirement party for WV Elementary School Principal, Gail Hannigan, will be taking place on Friday June 10th from 4-6pm at the Coyote Grill. The WVES graduation is scheduled for June 16th at 6pm. WV Academy graduation is Saturday, June 18th 9:30am at the academy.

7. New Business

- **Residency List Review**

Reggie Breeckner presented the current residence list to the BOS for any additional information pertaining to residency in an effort to update the list. The board reviewed the list and provided information as requested and it was noted. Reggie has also spoken to Ann at the Post Office to get her input.

8. Old Business

- **Discussion on Bike Shop Handout**

Chris Hodges reports from the Town Core Working Group (TCWG) meeting earlier in the day regarding the TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant application through the State of NH. The grant is to be used for alternative transportation, and the TCWG is to submit an application to promote bicycling in WV. The goal is to make WV more bike friendly, and to this end Chris proposed creating self-enclosed cycling areas prohibitive of existing roads. These would be located on the existing cross country ski trail. The intent would be that a biker could leave Town Square area and go to both the north and south ends of town on trails without using roadways. The trails would be suitable for all skill levels and cycles including those with training wheels. An inviting path from Town Square, with proper signage and direction given from the bike shop staff, would have the added benefit of increased safety to bikers as well as vehicular traffic.

Mark will be presenting a letter of intent at next BOS meeting, which needs to be submitted by the end of June. The official grant application will be submitted by end of September, and are then reviewed by the regional planning group (North Country Council). Mark further explains

the TAP grant process in that it is an 80% grant / 20% town split. The grants are in the range of \$400K up to \$1 million. Aside from the trail surface work, additional items which will be included in the application are lighting, signage, trail linkages, and a small bridge at the end of Corcoran's Pond to create a walking trail loop around the pond.

An informative sample brochure created by Chief Noyes was presented containing a map and basic biking guidelines. The ski area's graphic artist will do more work on the brochure and then we can print up copies to be ready prior to July 4th holiday weekend.

- **Town Core Grants**

This agenda item was covered under the Bike Shop and the TAP Grant discussion earlier in the meeting.

- **Corcoran Pond Dam**

Mark addresses the board regarding RipRap as an option for the dam work. In a discussion he had with Tim Smith, who has experience with RipRap, is that it is more expensive and time consuming because of the placement of the rocks. Mark is continuing to pursue locating an attorney with experience in cases with DES and has a list of 4 at this time. He will make contact and report back to the BOS with the results. Mark will also direct Ryan Wingard of Wright Pierce to continue to work with DES pursuing design options for the dam work.

- **Water & Sewer Project Update**

Mark informs the BOS that the bid advertisements will be placed 6/10 and 6/12 in 2 NH newspapers; the Concord Monitor and the Union Leader respectively. There is also a non-mandatory pre-Bid conference on Wed., June 22nd. At this time, there are potentially 2-3 reputable companies who have expressed interest in bidding. The time frame for the completion of work, and the September deadline with Rural Development (RD), will be worked out further once bids have been received. If competitive bids are not received a "political push" will be needed to request that the RD deadline is extended, as well as looking at the option of the town bridging the difference between the RD grant funds remaining and the amount of the bids. Mark will also be requesting that RD put in writing, before any contract is signed with a contractor, that as long as substantial completion has been met, the remaining work will fall under the RD grant for reimbursement.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Privilege of Floor II

None.

11. Board Concerns and Directives

Mark updates the BOS regarding the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant and the intention to apply for a grant for the land between the Waterville Valley Elementary School and the White Mountain Athletic Club. The grant would be to clear and level the land to create a new field area. The WMAC would give the town the land thus fulfilling the grant requirement of matching dollars, and then an agreement would be created between the WMAC, WVES, and the town

regarding usage of the property. WMAC management is in agreement with the arrangement, but does still need to get the approval of its board of directors. It also solves the issue of the playground and outdoor space at the school for the children.

Bill Larsen asked if the Hockey Academy is OK with repairs to equipment at the Ice Arena which was discussed previously and Mark replied yes. Mark then informed the BOS that the zamboni is nearly 20 years old and is being maintained regularly, and while it is functioning now, it is aging and we do need to be aware that it will need to be replaced at some time in the future.

12. Non-public Session

The 3 BOS members, and Mark, and Sharon, go into non-public at 3:57pm to discuss a personnel issue.

They come out of non-public at 4:05pm and

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting at 4:05p.m.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant