

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

DATE: July 12, 2017

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Myrick, Reggie Breeckner, Barry Fish, Rich Rita, Mark Decoteau, Dave Noyes, Chris Hodges, Jim Mayhew, Judy Rolfe and Sharon Charron.

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

2. Privilege of Floor 1

Tom Myrick of Moose Run asked the board for an update on the cemetery memorial wall. He has a conversation with someone who was interested in having a family member's name place upon the wall. A brief discussion followed concerning the costs/sizes of the engraved plaques. The criterion for eligibility has not yet been discussed. The board will place discussion the eligibility on the agenda at their next regular meeting on August 16th.

Reggie Breeckner provides a museum project update to the board. An initial meeting was held and fairly well attended, though not all who were interested in participating attended the meeting. The formation of a Historical Society was suggested as a starting point. Reggie asked if this is created by the Selectmen or by Town Meeting vote and this was not clear at this time. This answer will be found out by the next board meeting. Reggie reported that storage of historical items, location of a building/museum and funding opportunities were all discussed at the initial gathering.

A motion was made by Bill Larsen in the interim to appoint the Reggie Breeckner as the Interim Director of the Waterville Valley Historical Society.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of Minutes of 6/21/17 Regular Meeting.

Margaret Turner motions to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Selectmen of 6/7/17 with as amended.

Bill Larsen: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

Mark reports that all we are 54% through the fiscal year. The board didn't have questions on the presented report, but were curious about the boat rentals fees received thus far. Concern was expressed due to the rainy June that the revenue will be down from last summer. Mark comments that we do not have all the payments from the resort association, but will check with Brooke and report back to the board.

5. Department Heads Updates

- **Recreation**

Mark reported in Brooke's absence. The summer camp enrollment numbers were reviewed and they are tracking at slightly ahead of the 10 year average. Last summer's numbers were record setting overall. When comparing the current year to previous years and averages, the numbers are good.

- **Public Works**

Jim Mayhew reports that the things at the new pump house are pretty much done. The grass is growing well and just cut. The light issue has been taken care of as well. The rain event of nearly 4 inches on July 1st created minor damage to roadside ditches in town. There was no road damage. The flash board did as they are designed and gave away. In anticipation of the weather, 3 boards were removed before the rain started. The flash boards have been replaced. There was minor damage to the floating dock and some debris washed into the pond. Bill Larsen expressed concern that there are some trees along the Mad River that are likely to become dislodged in the next large rain event and could damage the bridge on West Branch Rd. Discussion followed regarding contacting FEMA about debris removal and the potential hazard, not only to the bridge but also to the town water wells. Jim Mayhew also noted that the West Branch also has some debris which has built up. Margaret commented that the locks on the dumpster's doors are quite short, and need one more link to make it easier to unlatch. Jim replied it's a delicate balance because if a bear can get a claw in, then they'll be able to rip the chain and lock off and gain access. He'll check them and try to make adjustments as best possible.

- **Public Safety**

Chris Hodges reports that the 4th of July went very well with lots of good feedback on the fireworks. It was quiet for public safety otherwise. Other activities for the dept includes hose testing and pump testing. There was a failure to Engine 2 pump test and there is damage to the pump. It was determined that the pump froze and the housing cracked and Engine 2 is currently out of service. Chris is looking into the possibility of it being an insurance claim, but that is not certain at this time. The cost for repairs is in the \$5-\$10K range, and we have a \$1K deductible if it is covered by insurance. Chris comments that a big part of it is to find the cause. The board asked if the fireworks location was different this year from in the past. Chris answered that not to his knowledge and that at times the angles at which they are set up changes due to wind and weather conditions thus creating the appearance of a different location. The amount of spectators leading up to the show after the parade was less, but during the show it appeared to be the same number of spectators as past years. Chris commented that the memorial service for Tim Rosewarne will be at 11am on Saturday, July 22nd at the Blair Cemetery in Campton. A reception will follow at the Covered Bridge Farm Table restaurant.

7. Calendar Review

The next regular meeting is Wednesday, August 16th, 2017 at 3pm.

8. New Business

- **2nd Qtr Water/Sewer Bill Review, Warrant signed & Inserts Reviewed**

The 2nd quarter water and sewer warrant is presented, reviewed and signed by the board. Water and sewer is tracking very close to the budget estimates for this point in the year. The insert newsletter was also reviewed by the board and there were no comments.

- **TY 2016 Abatement Requests**

The 3 abatement requests and recommendations by the assessors were reviewed by the board. The assessors recommended that all three abatement requests be granted. The abatements were for the properties belonging to 1) Giglia for Golden Eagle Lodge #318 for \$10,100 reduction; 2) Gordon for Windsor Hill #B9 for \$15,300 reduction; and 3) Lash for 32 River Rd. which was pro-rated for the year due a fire to land value of \$290,400. Brief discussion followed.

Mike Aronson motioned to approve the abatements as presented.

Bill Larsen: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **Town Hall Insurance Claim**

Mark updated the board regarding the water damage from the July 1st rain event. The carpet is in need of replacement due to the damage. Insurance adjuster has inspected the area and Serve-Pro has removed the carpet and pad and has thoroughly cleaned the space. New carpet quotes are being in the works from 2-3 companies. Discussion followed concerning recommendations and the use of carpet tiles, which are glued to the floor with no pad, versus carpet and padding installation. Carpet tiles have an industrial strength backing and they can be cleaned with wet/dry vacuum if water damages occur again, which was seen as a likely possibility. Carpet padding traps moisture and creates mold growth. Extreme damaged tiles could also be replaced individually rather than the whole room needing to be replaced. The tiles were seen as the best solution for the room. Our insurance deductible is \$1K and the cost was estimated. Going through insurance versus paying out of pocket for the loss was discussed. The board expressed concern that the claim would cause our rates to increase. The reason the room continues to get water damages from heavy rain events is the perimeter drains to the building have weakened over time and they have likely failed. The only way to confirm this and to correct is to excavate the perimeter of the building and replace the drains, which would cost in the range of \$70-80K.

- **Fireworks Date – July 4th, 2018 Discussion**

Mike Aronson inquired if the date of the July 4th Fireworks in 2018 should be moved. July 4th falls on a Wednesday in 2018 and Sunday was proposed as a better date. Discussion followed concerning the July 4th day of the week. In the years when July 4th falls on a Friday through Monday, it works out to be a long weekend. In the years when it falls Tuesday through Thursday, it breaks up the week and perhaps there are less visitors in town for the 4th itself. Discussion also included the family festival which always occurs on a Saturday, regardless of the date. In this instance, merchants get two days of events if the 4th falls midweek. No decision to move the fireworks was made and the item is tabled for more discussion after feedback is received from town square merchants and the WVRA.

9. Old Business

- **USDA Project Closeout Update**

Mark refers to Jim's earlier comments that the punch list is just about complete. All but \$2K of funds has been released to the contractors. Those funds are being held until the As-Built plans have been received and the final SCADA coding information system is up and running at 100%. Final coding needs to be completed and the town will be using our regular SCADA programmer

to finish the programming. The sharing of costs in using the outside programmer was a possibility as this item was included in the original contract.

- **Well #3 Testing Update**

Mark states there are no real changes since the last meeting. The check valve is on order at this time.

- **Road Repair Changes**

- **Town Hall Painting Bids**

Mark reviews the bids for painting the Town Hall with the board. After discussion the board agreed to award the bid to G & H Painting for \$5,250 for the painting of the Town Hall to include the following: Exterior wood upper siding, doors, and concrete posts will be pressure washed with cleaning agent, prepped for painting and will receive 2 coats of latex stain.

A motion was made from Margaret Turner to accept the bid from G & H Painting for \$5,250 as presented.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote

- **Corcoran Pond Dam Update**

Mark reports that there is no update at this time regarding a response from DES.

10. Correspondence

- DRA PA-28 Form not to be used in 2018 is signed by the board.
- DRA Annual Acreage for WMNF is presented and signed. This is for payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Reimbursement from the Federal Gov't.

11. Privilege of Floor II

Barry Fish asked about the 2017 CCR Water Report and inquired about the testing for PFOA and PFC contaminants and did the town have any plans to test for these in the future. Mark replies that DES has sent us a letter stating we are not required to test for these as we are not in an industrial area. It was thought these chemicals were only concerns for industrial areas and don't occur naturally. Mark will look into this further and confirm with Jamie Emery of EGGI.

12. Board Concerns and Directives

None.

13. Non-public Session

- **Discussion of Legal Advice**

The board goes into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (l) along with Town Manager Mark Decoteau, Chris Hodges and Sharon Charron. The Motion was made and seconded and with a roll call vote: Selectman Aronson – aye, Selectman Turner – aye, Selectman Larsen – aye, and the Board went into Non-Public Session at 3:45pm. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 3:57pm.

Upon return to the public session a motion was made to seal the minutes by Bill Larsen and seconded by Margaret Turner because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting at 3:59pm.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant