

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

DATE: November 9, 2016

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

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

2. Privilege of Floor 1

Marilyn Clarkson, Town Moderator, reported upon the recent General Election. There were 278 ballots cast, and this represented approximately 85% turnout of registered voters. Discussion followed concerning the Selectmen pro-tem and their responsibilities. Marilyn stated that there was an issue at times regarding the level of noise in the polling areas when the ballots were being counted after the polls closed, as well as the space being limited in size. The gym was suggested as the location for future elections as an option, with sufficient notice given to the school. There was a State Inspector present during the election and no issues were noted.

3. Approval of Minutes 10/19/16 Regular Meetings

Bill Larsen motions to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Selectmen of 10/19/16 as presented.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

Mark provided the board with the most current financial report. There was nothing out of the normal to report in any department in expenditures or revenues.

5. Department Heads Updates

- **Recreation**

Brooke Wakefield reports that the Halloween party and activities went very well. There is a Veteran's Day program tomorrow followed by a reception at the WVES and local veterans have been invited. There is also Harvest Dinner for the WVES-PTA as a school fundraiser at the school with food being provided by Chef Sean Stout of the Coyote Grill at 5:30pm. Thanksgiving activities are being planned and include Free-throw shootout, dodge ball, and regular gym activities. Other ongoing activities include Pilates, Kickboxing, and Pickleball (for beginners). There are also a few private group rentals this upcoming weekend. Mark also commented that the Recreation revenues continue to do well.

- **Public Safety**

Chris Hodges reports that there is ongoing training for firearms and recertification as well. Recent fall activity include preparations for winter including cleaning dry hydrant line from Corcoran's Pond, improving fire lane markings and installing indicating stakes. Discussion of water resources for firefighting followed if public water resources become restricted due to drought conditions. Chris stated that numbers are continually calculated on volume in Corcoran's Pond, as well as public water system, to ensure public safety has water resources for fire safety. There is also a new ski patrol director at the mountain and they have been in contact with Chris to establish a working relationship.

- **Public Works**

Jim Mayhew reports that, aside from the water project, things have been quiet overall. See further information under "old business".

6. Calendar Review

The next Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11/22 at this time. Mark would like to have an on-call meeting which that may eliminate the meeting on the 22nd. Various dates were discussed but not decided upon at this time.

7. New Business

- **Sale of Town Vehicles**

The bids were reviewed for the 2 vehicles which were put out to bid; the 2012 Impala and the 2004 F250 Truck. A total of 6 bids were received for each vehicle. The high bidder for each vehicle was chosen to accept as advertised.

Bill Larsen motions to approve to sale of the 2004 Ford F250 Truck to Gas Motors of Brentwood, NH for the amount of \$3,632.12.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mike Aronson motions to approve the sale of the 2012 Chevrolet Impala to Chicago Motors, Inc. for the amount of \$3,007.00.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **Resignation - Planning Board**

A letter from Harry Notowitz was reviewed regarding his intention to resign from the Planning Board. The BOS accepted his resignation and made an official motion thanking Harry for his time on the Planning Board. Motion made by Mike Aronson, and 2nded by Bill Larsen and was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mike Aronson made to motion to appoint Richard Rita to a Full Member of the Planning Board from his previous position as an Alternate Member.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Discussion followed concerning the appointment of an Alternate Member of the Planning Board, and Cyndy Piekos has agreed to be in that position.

Mike Aronson motions to appoint Cyndy Piekos as an Alternate Member of the Planning Board.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

There was discussion regarding getting additional Planning Board Members as alternates, and it was suggested that and notice be placed in the next Wig Wag.

8. Old Business

- **Water & Sewer Project Update**

- 1. New Building and Well #4**

Jim Mayhew updates the BOS stating that the building shell is up, roof trusses are up, and the wires are being pulled to new well #4 building. Most of the mechanical joints and equipment is down inside the building that has arrived. The pumps are anticipated to arrive the 1st week of January. The electrical components will be arriving in the next week or 2. He is hoping by Thanksgiving time that there will be electricity in the building.

Mike Aronson will get together with Jim to review the rocks which were removed and relocated to cemetery.

- 2. Well #2 and Well #3 Update**

Water well #3 is still problematic at this time as recent test still show bacteria in the water. This well continues to be off-line until the problem is resolved. The levels in the tests (both at the well site and the pump house) are different from previous tests but are similar to each other. Treatment continues as directed by DES with follow up testing to determine current status. Concern was expressed by all that well #3 will not get back online until after the winter. This creates a situation in that the town would be drawing water from only 1 well (well #2) through the winter, or until well #3 tests are certified as clear, or well #4 is connected and passed through the normal testing for new public water wells. Mark has researched two options as solutions. The first being, if allowed by DES, would be to reduce the flow rate from well #3, and treat the water in-line. By reducing the well flow rate the contact time with treatment chemicals in-line increases and as a result any bacteria is killed. However the slow flow rate will not meet the use capacity, even during a slow mid-week day. To meet demand, additional tanker trucks of water would be needed. This would be a large expense and will be problematic with freezing temperatures. The second option would be to repair the leaking pump on well #2 to insure it is able to operate as our primary well. Well #2 produces 250,000 gallons/day and would meet the demands during the busy holiday weeks and weekends in the winter. On average during the 9-day Christmas break the water demand on the entire water system is 190,000/day. The BOS was in agreement that the repairs to well #2 pump is the way to proceed. Further discussion involved the amount of treatment contact time from well #3 to the shortest distance via pipe on the system (Stone Tower Lane) and how to increase the time. Jim Mayhew commented that this could be done by tying well #3 into the new pump house building now being constructed, as it will have the 30,000 clear well tank which will be treating water. This would increase contact time with treatment chemicals, as well as dilute well #3's water with water from the new well #4.

Discussion followed and the BOS felt that the best course of action is to repair pump #2, continue to treat bacteria in well #3 and test for contaminants. Concern was also expressed as to what would happen if well #2's water was found to be contaminated in the future. The Town's emergency action plan does have a plan in place and that would involve trucking large amounts of water to town on a regular basis. Discussion followed concerning the pros & cons, as well as potential other remedies. At the conclusion, it was decided to replace pump #2 during a slower mid-week time prior to Christmas vacation week and have water conservation measures in place during this 4-5 day time period.

Bill Larsen motions to expend not more than \$30,000 to make repairs to well #2 pump.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

9. Correspondence

- **Inns of Waterville Valley RE: Snow Star Inn**

The board reviewed the letter from Disk Labonte, representing the Inns of Waterville Valley. Discussion followed regarding the concerns voiced within the letter and whether or not the change of ownership, from bank-owned to WVSR, and proposed usage constituted a change of use on the property. Discussion followed regarding the definitions as listed in the Zoning Ordinance of a boarding house, along with the explanation as provided by WVSR regarding their intended use of the property. The Selectmen are the enforcers of the Zoning Ordinance, and the question remains whether the operation of the lodge as intended for employee housing is still an allowed use by right. Chris Hodges offered that the original use of the property was as a boarding house, and that he has not yet done a building inspection after the property sale. The decision was made to hold a public hearing (date to be determined) to offer abutters a forum to express their concerns.

- **Reggie Breeckner, Town Clerk RE: Museum**

Mark reads from a letter received from Reggie Breeckner and her interest in seeing a museum here in town. She feels that 2017 being the 50th Anniversary of the town, from name change of Waterville to Waterville Valley, that the time is perfect for fundraising towards a museum. She suggested the option of an addition being built onto the WV Library. The BOS has no issue with using the land, fundraising for the addition and supports the idea overall. Mike Aronson suggested that Bob Fries might have some plans from previous years when he was researching the museum idea as well.

- **WVSR – Sign Permit for Snow Star Inn (formerly the Northstar)**

Mark presents the application for a sign permit from WVSR for the Snow Star Inn. The Northstar sign has been removed and the sign will be repaired and replaced with Snow Star. The BOS approved with the caveat that there are potential sign code changes in the future and any changes must be able to conform to those changes when they are known.

10. Privilege of Floor II

Marilyn Clarkson asked if there would be an issue with golf course this winter regarding water use and snowmaking for the sledding hill. The golf course pond is planned to be used for this

purpose, however the golf course wanted to refill the pond with town water. Obviously, this is all dependent upon weather, and if any natural snow is received this plan could change as well.

11. Board Concerns and Directives

The BOS discussed the Conservation Commission and its lack of meetings. The issue has been that when the Chairman calls a meeting, there is usually not a quorum of members present. As a solution, 2 new members were appointed as alternate members to increase the size of the pool members from which a quorum can be drawn. Additionally, there is a vacancy position from the Planning Board as the Ex- Officio which needs to be filled. Bill Larsen asked if any of the current Conservation Commission members, would like to join the Planning Board as a member since they have openings as well. The CC will need to hold in a meeting in the near future. The requirement of the frequency of meetings was not know at this time. This information will be

12. Non-public Session

The board goes into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (j) along with Town Manager Mark Decoteau 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 4:15p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 4:20p.m.

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting at 4:21pm.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant