

**WATERVILLE VALLEY, NH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: February 13, 2013

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Hodges, Rachel Gasowski, Mark Decoteau, Sharon Charron

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05PM

2. Privilege of the Floor I

Michael Koppel – Speaks to his domicile request. He introduces himself and answers questions regarding his application.

Joe Jung – Speaks to the Board about the possibility of having a bike race in Waterville Valley hosted by the WV Resort. This would consist of a time trial, a criterium, and a road race. Joe discussed routes of races, impacts to residents (i.e. road closures), and the benefits to town's economy for the 3-day event including lodging, restaurants & shops. They are looking towards dates of 6/21-23/2013. Board is supportive of the events and asked to be kept informed of any updates.

3. Approval of Minutes

Bill Larsen motions to approve the minutes of 11/28/2012.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Margaret Turner motions to approve the minutes of 1/9/2013.

Bill Larsen: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Mike Aronson motions to approve the minutes of 1/23/2013.

Bill Larsen: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

Mark presents current financials and states we are currently at 11.5% through the year. So far, we are on budget at this time with expenditures at 15%. A few departments over due to payment schedules and supplies purchased. Currently the ambulance is being serviced and will return by the weekend.

5. Department Head Updates

- **Recreation Department**

Rachel presents the facility rental report, which will be tracked through this year for birthday parties, club events, etc. and we are looking to increase rental usage this year. It is being advertised through social media & town's website and to date it has been busy. Also some adult trips are scheduled; Silver Arts Center in Plymouth, and to Flower Show in Fryeburg, Maine, and summer trips to Silver Cultural Arts Center.

- **Public Safety**

The 3 generators have arrived. There are 2 larger ones that are located on a trailer, and the 3rd is smaller and is on a separate trailer and can be put on a concrete pad. The smaller one is being considered for the school, which could run the entire school. The trailer with the 2 generators would be mobile and located where it is needed in a given situation. Discussion followed with regards to these locations, as well as others suggested, and maintenance costs and procedures.

- **Town Offices**

We have approval by DMV to begin the "One-Check" system starting March 12, 2013. This is the 1st step in transitioning to accept credit cards and on-line registration renewals. The Town Report has been sent to printers, and we are awaiting the proof and anticipate having it back by March 4th.

6. Calendar Review

- February 27, 2013 next BOS meeting.
- March 12, 2013 is Town Meeting.

7. New Business

- **An Intent to Cut from Garland Lumber** is presented for approval. Lot is located off of the Kancamagus Highway and is not visible from roadways.

Bill Larsen motions to approve request of Intent to Cut from Garland Lumber as presented.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- **DRA TY2012 Equalization Ratio Study**

The study came back with results of 97.3% for our median ratio for the revaluation project. This is the ratio used to establish our share of State Education Funding for FY 2015.

- **Interest Abatement Request – Condo Associations**

Only the interest is being asked to be abated. Discussion followed with regards to granting for all of the SPM managed associations, even those who have not yet requested. The deadline of April 1, 2013 was agreed upon for payments to become current.

Bill Larsen motions that all condo associations managed by SPM will be given abatements to the interest incurred due to non-payment of trash bills if all of the outstanding balances are paid in full by April 1, 2013.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- **Town Manager's Goals & Objectives**

Agenda item to be tabled until later in meeting.

- **Theatre Under the Stars 2013 Funding Request**

Request is for \$1,500 for 2013. They will be putting the tent back up in the same location as last year, on Waterville Company's land.

Bill Larsen motions to approve the funding request for \$1,500 for the Theatre Under the Stars for 2013.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- **Half Marathon Summer Event Proposal**

Mark reports that Jan Buitendag has expressed interest in running the Black Bear Half Marathon on either 7/21 or 8/25 and is asking for the Town's permission. He has also expressed interest in taking over the Bly Fly Triathlon. Mike commented that there is also another group expressing interest in the Black Fly Triathlon. The BOS is supportive of the half marathon event, and suggests that Mike bring it to the resort association with respect to the best date option, either July or August, and report back. The Black Fly Triathlon event and the continuation of the event was also discussed. The resort association is working with the current owners of the event, and is negotiating with them to ensure its future here in WV. Mike will also report back from the resort association for the Triathlon.

- **Private Road Snow Plowing Request – Moose Run**

In response to the request by Tom Myrick to plow the circle at the top of Moose Run, Mark researched the subject and consulted with town counsel. In summary, a town cannot spend public funds to maintain private roads or ways. Issues involving insurance coverage, specifically liability, were questioned and discussed. Further discussion among the BOS involved other roads/ways in town that are maintained by the town, and easements on those given to the Town that are established. The examples given were of Stone Tower Lane, and Boulder Path Rd. (by cemetery). The prospect remains that it could be proposed at Town Meeting by a petition, and then voted upon for a majority approval for the town to accept the road. The BOS recommends giving Tom Myrick the response letter from town counsel, providing that town counsel approves, citing client/attorney privilege.

8. Old Business

None.

9. Correspondence

- Mark presents Letter of introduction from LGC Interim Director, George Bald, who will be serving in the position for the next 6 months until a permanent replacement is found.

- Email received from Susan Willoughby of NH-DES regarding Well #3 chloroform detection. The town will have to conduct microscopic particulate analysis twice a year. Once being in the spring, and the 2nd in the summer. Treatment of this is to add chlorine to the untreated well water, prior to it entering the water treatment plant. BOS questions the causes, and the reasons cannot be determined per our engineers. The best explanation is that there is ground water under the influence of surface water.

10. Privilege of the Floor II

None.

11. Board Concerns & Directives

Chairman Larsen proposes to discuss 2013 Goals & Objectives in non-public session.

Action items

- Mark to provide content to Wig Wag regarding warrant article for SPM property.

12. Non-Public Session

The 3 Board Members, Mark Decoteau & Sharon Charron go into non-public at 4:20pm for the purpose of reviewing multiple domicile requests, and Town Manager Goals/Objectives for 2013.

The 3 Board members continue discussion in non-public.

The Board comes out of non-public at 5:05pm

Bill Larsen motions to approve the domicile requests of Khesed Delaney, Michael Koppel, and Thelma Koppel.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting.

Mike Aronson; 2nds.

The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote at 5:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Charron
Town of Waterville Valley