

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

DATE: February 22, 2017

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Fountain, Matt Hesser, Tom Myrick, Reggie Breeckner, Marilyn Clarkson, Mike Furgal, Mark Decoteau, Chris Hodges, Dave Noyes, Jim Mayhew, Brooke Wakefield, Judy Rolfe and Sharon Charron.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Privilege of Floor 1

Reggie Breeckner updates the BOS on her proposal for a museum in town. She plans to meet with the Library trustees in the next week to discuss the option of it being located at the Library. Mike Aronson also stated he has Bob Fries contact information to pass along to Reggie as well.

3. Approval of Minutes 1/25/17 Regular Meeting & 2/8/17 Regular Meeting

Bill Larsen motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Selectmen of 1/25/17 with corrections as noted.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Margaret Turner motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Selectmen of 2/8/17 with corrections as presented.

Bill Larsen: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

Mark reviewed the report of as yesterday's date of 2/21/17. The Public Work Department is showing slightly ahead due to winter road maintenance, salt/sand purchases, and employee overtime. This is normal for a heavy snow year. All other departments are looking good. Due to the timing of scheduled Bond payments and Insurance invoices, these lines also show ahead in the year.

5. Department Heads Updates

• **Recreation**

Brooke Wakefield reports that MA vacation has been very active at the Recreation Dept. Her staffing is good and things have gone well overall. Next week is the NH school vacation week, and she has more evening programs as well. She has already received responses from the advertisements for summer jobs.

- **Public Safety**

Chris Hodges reports to the board. He addressed recent parking concerns on River Rd. due to construction crews and has spoken with the contractors. He also commented that if anyone smelled a sweet-like odor near the site, that the workers are using heated blankets using a glycol antifreeze closed system and it has been inspected. The BOS asked about regulations for new construction and heating systems being installed. Chris informed them that a license is required to connect from the tank to any appliance or system in a home.

He reported that the fire on River at the Lash home is still under investigation, and the cause is yet to be determined and he is working with the insurance company and investigators. A full report is expected by May 1st in his opinion and realistically to have 2-3 possible causes. Following the receipt of the report, the BOS asked for suggestions for residents can do to take preventative measures in their homes. Margaret Turner thanked Chris and the fire department for their response time and hard work on the very cold night. Chris commented that on this particular night, the department was on a search and rescue call searching for a child when the fire call was received. At that time, two members returned to the Fire House, changed into fire gear, and took 2 trucks to the fire scene. The response time was 11 minutes. Residents of the adjacent properties stated that the arrival time wouldn't have made a difference if the when trucks arrived, as the entire structure was engulfed in seconds after the initial explosion.

- **Public Works**

Jim Mayhew reports that currently we are in between storm patterns. The NH Electric Coop was in town working on the street lights today. He has batteries on order for the town's solar street lights and expects that to be done next week. All equipment is in good working order. He also commented that next week, there are 7 tractor trailers which will be delivering lumber to the construction site on River Rd. which is a timber frame home. Road bans will likely be issued in the next few weeks if the warming weather trend continues.

6. Calendar Review

The next meeting will be Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 5:30pm.

The next regular Selectmen's meeting will be Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 3pm.

7. New Business

- **Presentation of On-line Map Program – Tm Fountain**

Mark introduces Tim Fountain of CAI who proceeds with his presentation of the new GIS Mapping software to be utilized by the town. This will enable realtors, both current and prospective property owner's access to property information on their own without the assistance of the Town offices. The information will be available through the town's website and will be available at any time of day or night. Tim Fountain proceeds with his demonstration of a variety of activities ranging from zoning maps to tax cards to property lines. The board thanked Tim for his time following the presentation.

- **36 River Rd. Assessing & Water/Sewer Billing Situation**

The board asked for Mark's opinion, and he stated that the Assessing will be taken care of during the update for the 4/1/17-3/31/18 tax year. The property value won't change until April 1st. For the 2016/17 year, the homeowner can apply for an abatement for a portion of the year the after

the fire (February 10- March 31). The water/sewer connections were then discussed, and typically there are no charges if there is no building on a property.

A motion was made by Margaret Turner to discontinue billing the property for water and sewer quarterly rates, after the current quarter is prorated to the date of the fire.

Bill Larsen: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **ZBA Alternate Appointment – Paul Saulnier**

Marty O’Riordan, ZBA Chair, has requested the appointment of Paul Saulnier as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and that motion was made by Bill Larsen.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **Sign Permit Application – Snow’s Mountain Day Wayfinding Signs**

The sign permit for way finding signs for the Snow’s Mountain Day on 2/25/17 was reviewed and the motion to approve was made by Mike Aronson.

Bill Larsen: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **Professional Engineering Services for Well #3 Project**

The Board asked for more information regarding the proposed work prior to making a decision. The item is tabled until March 31st when Emery & Garrett Groundwater and CMA Engineers will be present to answer questions and explain scope of the proposed work.

- **Noise Ordinance Waiver Request for Wedding, October 2018**

Mark informs the board that this wedding is not until October 2018. Discussion followed about giving Chris Hodges the authority to grant waivers for up to 2 hours for events rather than having the BOS decide individually, with the understanding that if complaints arise for any given event, it will have to be stopped. Following the discussion the board agreed unanimously to give the authority to grant waivers to Chris Hodges for up to 2 hours.

8. Old Business

- **2017 Annual Meeting Preparation**

Preparations for Town Elections & Meeting are underway. Mark displays the sample ballots, as well as a summary of the zoning articles, the script for the Selectmen, and the Moderators Rules of Order. The Town report will be available by March 3rd, and copies will be available at the Post Office, Town Office, and the Recreations Department, as well as being available on-line as a pdf file for download. Discussion followed as to the schedule for Selectmen, and how many are needed. Moderator Marilyn Clarkson stated that 2 Selectmen are required to be present, but one can be appointed.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Privilege of Floor II

Marilyn Clarkson asked if the school was doing the soup fundraiser again post-election and pre-town meeting. The school had decided to do another event during their school vacation period.

11. Board Concerns and Directives

Bill Larsen addressed Marilyn Clarkson regarding the petitioned warrant article, and stated that if she wanted to speak in support or against it, she would need to recuse himself from moderator for that discussion and appoint someone in her place. Marilyn concurred with Bill's statement.

Mark commented that there will be a walkthrough with DES and Rural Development on March 10th of the new pump house building. If all goes well, the final pay requisition and paperwork will be closed following the walk through. Final testing of the water was then discussed, as passing tests are required as part of the closeout process. Jim Mayhew comments that the well line from the well to the building passed a recent water test, but there was a small hit in the building, which is contained. The system in the building will be shocked and flushed, retested. This will be done prior to the inspection date. Comments followed concerning the lights on the building having a motion sensor installed to reduce the light brightness in the area once final approval and the project is completed.

12. Non-public Session

- **Discussion of Conservation Commission**

The board goes into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) 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 4:00pm. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 4.34pm.

Mike Aronson motions to adjourn the meeting at 6:04pm.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant