

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

DATE: February 27, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Aronson, Chairman, Margaret Turner, Vice-Chair, and Richard Rita (via speaker phone).

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Reggie Breeckner, Mark Decoteau, Judy Rolfe, Brooke Wakefield and Sharon Charron.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Mike Aronson.

2. Privilege of the Floor I

Reggie Breeckner asked about the back of the new sign and are there any plans to place a message on the back. Mike answer there has not been a decision yet, but hoped to be able to discuss suggestions at Town Meeting. He offered it will be something to the effect of *“Thank you for Visiting Waterville Valley, a proud partner of the United State Forest Service”*.

3. Financial Update

The board reviewed the report. Mark stated that the Solid Waste Disposal expenses are continuing to be tracked due to the rental of the trash truck and final bills are expected soon.

4. Department Heads Updates

- **Recreation**

Brooke Wakefield states MA vacation week was slower than normal, and it is NH vacation time this week. Even with the slower week, revenues are still on track. She is working with the Rey Center to get their activities on the Rec Dept calendar. The Special Olympics are this upcoming weekend and some activities will be hosted at the Rec Dept. (their Dance). Brooke is working on new page for Rec Dept website entitled “Hike the Whites” to gain a new audience. She is busy hiring for the summer staffing and will be going to the PSU job fair this year.

- **Public Works/Municipal Services**

No report this meeting.

- **Public Safety**

Chris Hodges reports that was busy for MA vacation week for calls, but NH week has been slower. Chris stated they had about 15 calls during vacation week, with more serious injuries such as fractures. It’s been busy prepping for Special Olympics activities, which starts on Sunday. Mark will be present at the opening ceremonies. The new officer, Logan Tomaseti, is doing well at the Police Academy, and has had some training in WV as well.

5. Calendar Review

The next Selectmen meeting is immediately following Town Meeting on 3/12/19 for board appointments. Poll hours were discussed for the board members. There is a soup fundraiser for the school 4:30-5:30pm on Town Meeting Day.

6. New Business

- **Town Meeting Motions & Coordination**

The motions were reviewed and minor edits were made to the order of the articles to make use of the 1 hour time needed for the bond votes. The board was in agreement of the order changes. Discussion on the back of the town sign can be held under articles 30/31. There will be secret ballots available if requested, and there will be 6 ready to go.

- **Office Staffing After 2/28/2019**

Mark informed the board about reducing the office hours on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to allow office staff to focus on clerical work without interruption for phones and walk in customers. A mailing will be sent to all property owners to get the word out and notices posted on the website and Facebook.

7. Old Business

- **Well #3 Engineering**

Mark provides his recommendation to apply for low interest loans, grants components, available through the State Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds for Well #3. There is a workshop in mid-April offered by DES. Discussion followed concerning hiring of an engineering firm to plan for what actions need to be taken for improvements to Well #3 and the connection of Wells #2 and #3 to the new treatment building. Mark offered 2 options to proceed with the engineering work. The first is to stay with EGGI, now a division GZA which is a larger geo-environmental firm, and Jamie Emery who is familiar with our well system. The second option is to enlist engineer Joe Ducharme, of the Hoyle Tanner firm, who designed the well system. Discussion followed and Mark's advice was to speak with Joe Ducharme and get an estimate to compare against the budget. The current contract with EGGI is for the repair work on well #3, and not part of the connection to the new treatment building. Jamie's specialty is the water quality side, and Joe's specialty is the engineering and design work. The consensus was to utilize both for their respective specialties.

- **Road Projects Meeting with Condominiums and Property Owners**

Mark proposes discussions with associations to explain the lack of ROW boundaries in order to begin survey work to prepare for roadwork. He will request that associations bring in any maps or materials to help determine the boundaries. The town will prepare Quit Claim Deeds to establish the existing ROW or easements. Those affected include Forest Knoll I, Valley Run Property Maintenance, The Valley Inn, Mt. Sun, Snows Brook I, Mountain Brook, Silver Fox, Village Condos and Tyler Spring. Mike and Rich both volunteered to sit in at meetings with the respective boards to explain what is needed to be done.

- **New Plow Truck**

We are waiting for the call that the new truck is ready for pickup. It is still not on site in WV yet.

8. Correspondence

- **M. Koppel Email re: Volunteering for Planning Board Alternate**

Mike Koppel sent an email of his interest to become a Planning Board Alternate member. Appointments for boards will be made following Town Meeting on 3/12/19.

- **Coalition Communities Update**

Mark states that the amendment restoring donor/receiving communities was removed from legislation which makes the issue dead for this year, unless it got added as an amendment to another bill this afternoon. Assuming it has not, it will not appear again until 2020.

9. Board Concerns and Directives

Margaret comments that the entry road to transfer station has some big holes and asked that some of these holes are filled. She also commended Jim and the crew for their quick response when melting snow created a 1' deep puddle at West Branch Rd Bridge. The melting snow was held in by the firm snow banks water and the PW crew created a drainage outlet for the water.

10. Privilege of the Floor II

David Britton requests that the definition of a stakeholder be expanded regarding the sign design, as he is a longtime owner in WV with a multigenerational family history. He explains that there are other families of many generations as well who need to be included when stakeholders are asked for their opinions. He believes there is too much emphasis on input from businesses in WV and the non-business related opinions need to be heard as well. David feels WV is a jewel and one of the most beautiful places he's been and that beauty is created from nature, not from business. He wishes WV to be a model community and promote alternatives ways of transportation and energy uses. Mike Aronson replies that the BOS solicited all property owners, both residents and non-residents alike, for their opinions and considers anyone who loves WV a stakeholder. The BOS has held meetings during vacation weeks, evenings, and live-stream meetings to get more participation from the people who love WV, whether for a season, a weekend or a lifetime. David recommends getting the emails of all non-residents property owners to survey them for what they consider to be the most important issues in town. Discussion followed as to how to engage people and get their opinions heard explaining that postal mailings get tossed aside as junk mail, and email go into the junk folder. It takes an effort by an individual to seek out information, either by the website or attending meetings with in person or live-streaming. The board welcomes all input and suggestions as to how to improve participation and services to property owners. The board expressed that getting people to volunteer for the town boards is difficult and presently there are 7 vacant positions between Planning Board, Zoning Board and Conservation Commission. The board sincerely thanked David for his concerns, and hoped that this conversation will entice other people to come forward with their opinions as well.

11. Non-public Session

The board goes into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. The Motion was made by Mike Aronson and seconded by Margaret Turner, followed by a roll call vote as follows: Selectman Aronson – aye, Selectman Turner – aye, Selectmen Rita – aye and the Board went into Non-Public Session at 4:57pm. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 5:07pm.

Upon return to the public session a motion was made to seal the minutes by Mike Aronson 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.

12. Adjorn

Mike Aronson motions to adjourn the meeting 5:07pm.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant