

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

DATE: June 12, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Aronson, Chairman, Margaret Turner, Vice-Chair and Richard Rita.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Recine, Tom Gross, Wendi Rathgeber, Mark Decoteau, Chris Hodges, Jim Mayhew, Brooke Wakefield, Erick Amero, Judy Rolfe and Sharon Charron.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Mike Aronson.

2. Privilege of the Floor I

3. Approval of Minutes 5/22/19 Regular Meeting

Mike Aronson motions to approve the minutes of 5/22/19 as amended.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

The financial report was reviewed by the Board. We are currently 44.2 % through the year and there are no anticipated budget issues at this time. Mark informs the Board that the Recreation Department is tracking a little behind due to loss of boat revenues over the Memorial Day weekend. An adjustment to those revenues will likely be needed later in the summer. Mike notes that the Solid Waste numbers appear to be improving. Mark mentions that the proceeds from the sale of the trash truck, categorized as unanticipated revenue, will help offset the higher expenses in the Solid Waste line. The Town Buildings line includes the annual pest control contract.

5. Department Heads Updates

- **Recreation**

Brooke Wakefield reports that no one accidentally showed up for the Fishing Derby over Memorial Day weekend. She is very busy at the Recreation Department with planning and preparing for the summer. CPR Training for staff is this weekend, the Fishing Derby is Saturday 6/15, staff orientation is next week and summer camp begins the following week. She is working with a marketing company to change the Recreation Department logo and to launch the patch program. It will be called the Redliner 125, with the "125" being for 125 miles and it can be earned upon completion of the listed required trails/miles hiked. Information and flyers are being distributed regarding the scheduled hiking programs being offered Friday through Monday. There will be full and ½ day hikes offered. Most of the staff is returning from last year, but there are about 10 new employees. Erick Amero is overseeing the waterfront operations and is implementing new safety procedures for both the waterfront operations and the hiking programs.

Outdoor pickleball courts are open and a schedule of operation times is being developed, but more feedback is needed from the players regarding fencing or other particular items.

- **Public Works/Municipal Services**

Jim Mayhew reports that the public works seasonal full time employee has started work and the part time employee has also started at the transfer station area. The full time employee will be helping to fill the hours while Nate Forbes is recuperating from his injury. The transfer station area is open 25 hours a week with those hours being Monday through Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm, and Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00am to 1:00pm. The need for additional signage at the transfer station to deter illegal dumping, as well as security cameras for the area, were still being researched. We hope there will be an increase in revenues for dumping fees this year with having an attendant on site to verify who is dumping and what they are dumping. A discussion ensued about the pricing of items and accommodations for various sizes of loads. Items being left in the red shed are being tracked separately, as this area is unattended and open 24 hours a day 7 days a week. There is always a large number of items from the weekend upon arrival on Monday morning and nowhere near the amount of money in the drop box that should be there if everyone dumping items was paying the correct fees. Jim mentioned that the road work was scheduled for July, and the roads have been swept and lines re-painted as well. The dead trees along the golf course were mentioned and they will be mentioned to the golf course to perhaps take them down.

- **Public Safety**

Chris Hodges reports the Department is busy preparing for the Fishing Derby. There is a Hazard Mitigation meeting on Wednesday, June 26th. Lt. Patrick Payer is in training school for Police Prosecutor and upon completion will be a certified Police Prosecutor. There were no calls of any type related to the Warrior Conference. It was noted that the occupancy rate for Motorcycle Week was lower than in prior years.

6. Calendar Review

- The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting is June 26th.
- The next Planning Board meeting is tomorrow on June 13th.
- There is a meeting with the Library Trustees on Tuesday, June 25th. This will be a workshop meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The bids received for library work will be reviewed at that time.
- Summer meeting schedule for the Board of Selectmen was established as 1 meeting each month for July and August. July 17th and August 14th were selected.

7. New Business

- **Bid for Old Trash truck**

Mark mentioned earlier in the meeting that when the truck is sold, the proceeds from the sale of the trash truck can be categorized as unanticipated revenue. The Selectmen can vote to accept the bid and dedicate the funds to off-set the unanticipated expenses in Solid Waste Disposal budget line caused by the old truck breaking down.

- **Town Hall Windows**

Mark reviewed the building work from last fall for the Town office building. There were additional funds remaining from the drainage work. There are many windows in the town offices that can't close completely and they need to be replaced and with the remaining funds 1 window was replaced as a "test" window. The new window worked very well through the winter. John Recine assisted by contacting 2 window contractors to get bids for the replacement windows. A

discussion followed concerning the need for a public bid process on a town hall project and thanked John Recine for assisting thus far in the process.

- **TY2018 Property Tax Abatements**

- 1. Map & Lot 102-37**

The abatement request was reviewed and the assessor's recommendation is to grant the abatement request and change the parcel assessment to \$149,500. The lot is oddly shaped with drainage issues and will need a fair amount of site work to prepare for any building.

- 2. Map & Lot 105-10030-A**

The abatement request was reviewed and the assessor's recommendation is to grant the abatement request and change the parcel assessment to \$170,600. The lot is abutting to Valley Rd and overlooks the Town Square area and lacks privacy as a result. There are also some drainage issues and will need a fair amount of site work to prepare for any building.

- 3. Map & Lot 103-43**

Mark explained that the acreage of the whole lot is divided between multiple cards, all belonging to WV Academy. A few of the buildings (the barn for chairlift, the old horse barn) were assessed separately at a higher rate on separate tax cards under the main card based upon the history of use of the lot. This created an incorrect acreage total which slightly exceeded the actual acreage of the lot when combined. Mark recommended combining all the cards into one card. The reduction in assessed value equates to about \$80 in tax revenue due to the assessment calculations for one lot versus multiple lots. The calculation will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Mike Aronson motions to accept the recommendations of the assessors for Map/Lot 102-37.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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Rich Rita: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

8. Old Business

- **Land Purchase of Three Parcels on Route 49 (RSA 41:14-A)**

Margaret Turner motions that the Town of Waterville Valley purchase the 3 parcels as described in the 2 previous public hearings for the total amount of one dollar (\$1).

Rich Rita: 2nds.

Motion was carried 2-0, with Mike Aronson abstaining.

- **Dam Project Update**

Jim Mayhew states that the last pouring of concrete will be tomorrow. Heavy rain may delay that task. Jim reviews the remaining schedule for the re-install of the walkway pavers, the bridge railing and stairway construction, rip wrap mats, loam and lastly hydro seeding. Access for the fishing derby was discussed with the contractors, which is why some fencing was moved to the

beach. The bridge and the beach will be open for use that day. Budget is still within \$3,500 of the amended budget.

- **Well #3 Project Update**

Jim comments that 2 bentonite plugs are installed on the old transmission line between the well and before crossing the river and this should eliminate any infiltration of groundwater that may have been occurring along the transmission line. The new conduit for electrical connections is installed into the well and outside of the bentonite cap. This is to prepare for the later connection to well house #4 treatment building. The contractor is working on a price to extend to the transmission line, and if within a reasonable amount, there could be a change order. The costs of the change order would need to be covered by the insurance claim funds from the lightning strike/fire to the well house. The hydro-seeding will follow any subsurface work and the fencing to secure the area will be last. Margaret asked when the next water tests on the well would occur and Jim stated he would defer to EGGI and Dan Tinkham to decide, but expected it would be at least a month after completion.

- **Welcome to Waterville Sign at Town Line**

The new sign for the town line on route 49 was displayed for the Board. Jim Mayhew has reached out to NH-DOT Division 3 and the USFS to get permission or permits to install the sign.

- **Recreation Fee Schedules – Multi Owner Participation**

Brooke Wakefield described communications with a Mountain Sun quartershare owner regarding the Native ID Program and ideas to accommodate their requests to be offered the Native ID as a property owner. The owner would like to be able to purchase seasonal boat passes for ¼ of the price for each shared owner, but that is not what other shared owners in town are offered. Brooke has suggested each unit shares 6 Native ID passes, which is consistent with what other shared owners currently are offered. The passes are intended for the unit, not all the individual owners. Discussion followed concerning what other recreation venues (not run by the town) offer to the shared owners and how best to accommodate the shared owners in a fair method. Mike suggested offering the quartershare association the option to purchase boat passes for all 12 units, similar to what is done for them for memberships at the golf course and the fitness center. More discussion was needed to confirm pricing and waiver details but the idea was well received overall.

9. Correspondence

Mark informs the Board that the Bonds were sold at great rates and they were:

\$828,000 for 25 years at 2.70%

\$250,000 for 8 years at 1.53%

The rates were estimated at 4% and with the better rates the savings calculate to over \$200,000 for the 25 year Bond and \$26,000 over the 8 year Bond. The \$12,000 yearly savings will be reflected in the CIP plan each year.

10. Board Concerns and Directives

11. Privilege of the Floor II

John Recine asks that the measurements he provided for the window estimates are returned to him and the Board handed them back to John.

12. 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 Rich Rita, 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 4:40pm. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 4:55pm.

Upon return to the public session a motion was made to seal the minutes by Margaret Turner and seconded by Rich Rita 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.

13. Adjourn

Mike Aronson motions to adjourn the meeting at 4:56pm.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant