

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

DATE: **October 9, 2019**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Coleman, Mark Decoteau, Chris Hodges, Jim Mayhew, Brooke Wakefield 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
None.

3. Approval of Minutes 9/25/19 Regular Meeting

- Rich Rita motions to approve the minutes of 9/25/19 Regular Meeting as amended. Margaret Turner: 2nds. Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

The financial report was reviewed and Judy Rolfe answered questions from the Board. Both the 3rd QTR Water/Sewer warrant amounts and the proceeds from the old trash truck are included in the report. The trash truck proceeds will aid in reducing the expenses incurred from the rental fees while our old trash truck was being repaired and prior to the new truck's arrival.

5. Calendar Review

- The next Regular Selectmen's Meeting is 10/23/19 at 3pm. Rich will be absent and plans to call into the meeting.
- The next Regular Planning Board Meeting is 10/09/19 at 8am. The Planning Board continues to work on Zoning changes with Tara Banford.

6. Department Heads Updates

- **Recreation**

Brooke Wakefield reports that she is busy with the Fall Foliage Footrace preparations for this upcoming weekend. She has resolved the Permit Issue with the USFS and plans to provide them with more information regarding the 10 mile portion of the race. The permit fee would be 5% of the net revenues for the event. Brooke adds that a portion of the revenues are donated to a non-profit organization each year and this year's recipient is the Doug Dicenzo Camp Fund. Margaret Turner officially hands over to Brooke her Redliner 125 Hiking checklist as complete! Congratulations are extended to Margaret. Brooke let the Board know that there are banners posted in town at the Coyote Grill, the Adventure Center and the Rec Dept. about the Redliner 125 Patch program. Mike asked if the new Welcome Center (old WV Realty office) could get a

banner too. Halloween activities take place on Saturday, October 26th, at the Recreation Department (3:30-5pm) for the Halloween party and Town Square for Trunk/Treat (5-7pm). Brooke has filled the part-time position with a recent college graduate.

- **Public Works/Municipal Services**

Jim Mayhew reports that fall cleanup continues and he's watching the forecast for winter weather. The WIFI extender for the cameras in the transfer station area is installed. The WIFI system will be synced to the cameras in the next few days. The signs for the area have been ordered indicating that cameras are in use and additional instructions for disposing of specific items.

- **Public Safety**

Chris Hodges reports that the Citizen's Academy had a field trip to Grafton County Sheriff's Office and the County Jail, which was a big success for everyone. The last session of the Citizen's Academy is scheduled for 10/15 as a Pot Luck gathering. Coffee with a Cop had a good turnout at the new Jugtown Store recently as well.

7. New Business

- **North Country Council – Alex Lenz 10 Year Transportation Plan**

Alex Lenz from the North Country Council addresses the Board and provided an overview of the North Country Council and the regional 10 Year Transportation Plan. This plan is inclusive of vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle transportation needs for communities. Each community will provide their needs, issues and opportunities for improvement to the NCC in order to assist them in developing the Regional Plan. The two areas specifically mentioned through earlier discussions with Mark Decoteau are first, the promotion of the designation of Route 49 as a Scenic Byway, and secondly, the need for an additional year round egress, via Tripoli Road or other roadway, other than Route 49. Discussion followed and highlights included public transportation to/from WV for seniors, bicyclist traffic on Route 49, and the use of signage indicating Route 49 as a scenic byway. Alex suggested that a stream crossing assessment along Route 49 be completed as well, which will assist in determining a secondary roadway egress from Town. It would also provide additional information in determining both the location for and the need for a secondary egress. This can assist DOT in making culvert improvements to make present roads more stable. Chris Hodges adds that a stream crossing assessment is a great tool and he doesn't feel Tripoli Road is the best option for the secondary egress. He believes that either side of the Mad River to be better locations. He speaks to the impact of a Route 49 closure to Town, either due to weather or a HazMat incident such as a fuel spill. Creative alternatives should also be considered such as a bicycle path to Campton, which if constructed wider could also serve to be a roadway. The Board asked if Alex would be interested in presenting information in a Public Forum and he was agreeable to do so. The Board thanked Alex for his time and his presentation.

- **MS-1 Report Updated – Sign Report**

The utility values were updated and the report re-run to include these updated numbers. The Board reviewed and signed the report as presented. A brief discussion about Current Use properties followed.

A motion was made by Mike Aronson to approve the 2019 MS-1.

Rich Rita: 2nds. Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **3rd Quarter Water/Sewer Warrant to Sign**

A motion was made by Mike Aronson to approve the 3rd Quarter Water/Sewer Warrant of 2019,

Rich Rita: 2nds. Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **Sign Permit – WVSR**

The sign permit is for WVSR and they are proposing to replace the current directional sign on Route 49 east directing drivers to take a left at the Tripoli Road to the Ski Resort. The same sign posts will be used and an example of the sign is included with the application for the Board. The other WVSR sign at the Tripoli Road intersection, which indicates the Town Square is to the left (east) if on Tripoli Road, will be taken down.

Mike Aronson motions to approve the sign permit application from WVSR.

Margaret Turner: 2nds. Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

8. Old Business

- **After School Program Information**

Brooke provided the Board with information for surrounding town's afterschool programs. She provides her recommendation to the Board to continue with the program if the minimum 4 children are enrolled, either part or full time, at her proposed prices. She believes the number 4 minimum can be met this year, but it will need to be reviewed prior to the 2020-21 school year. Brooke also states that program information will be provided to the school with ample time and will indicate a deadline of 6/15/20 for registration. A dialogue with the school will continue regarding the future of the program and who it will be operated under. Other communities utilize their Recreation Departments and independent non-profits programs (ADAPT, Boys & Girls Club) to operate their after school programs.

- **Transfer Station Brochure**

The draft of the brochure was discussed and suggestions were offered to include the prices of items, payment instructions and the locations of where to dump items.

- **Well #3 Update**

Jim Mayhew reports that the fence surrounding Well #3 is installed and locks will go on tomorrow to secure the area.

9. Board Concerns and Directives

None.

10. Correspondence

There is an email from Barry Fish regarding a ZBA volunteer to be appointed, as well as an email from Alan Slobodnik asking to be placed upon the Board's agenda for 10/23/19.

11. Privilege of the Floor II

None.

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, and (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even when legal counsel is not present. 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 4:46pm. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 4:57pm.

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.

13. Adjourn

Rich Rita motions to adjourn the meeting at 4:57pm.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Charron
Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant