

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

**DATE:** February 28, 2018

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Aronson, Chairman, Margaret Turner, Vice-Chair and Bill Larsen.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Marilyn Clarkson (via Face Time), Mark Decoteau, David Noyes, Jim Mayhew, Brooke Wakefield, Judy Rolfe and Sharon Charron.

**1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.**

**2. Recognition**

Mike Aronson announces that the 2017 Waterville Valley Town Report is being dedicated to Tim Rosewarne. Mike comments that Tim was a large part of the WV Community and he is missed by everyone. He presents Leslie Rosewarne with a framed copy of the dedication page.

**3. Privilege of Floor**

Bill Larsen asks the water department about staining occurring in toilet bowls, which he had heard was occurring from a home cleaner. The stain disappears when bleach is added to the toilet bowls, as he was told by the house cleaner. The water department will watch for any abnormalities and stated that the current chlorine levels in the water system are within the normal range presently.

**4. Approval of Minutes of 2/7/18 Budget and Bond Hearing, 2/14/2018 Regular Meeting, and 2/21/18 Public Information Workshop on the Budget**

Bill Larsen motions to approve the minutes of the Bond and Budget Hearing on February 7, 2018 with changes.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Bill Larsen motions to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 14, 2018 as presented.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mike Aronson motions to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop Information Session on February 21, 2018 with changes.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**5. Financial Report**

Mark reports upon that the financials. Line items that are ahead of the percent through the year are in salt/sand and payroll overtime in the Public Works Dept. The storms this winter have had more icing than last year winter. Trash and recycling are also up from last year. Jim comments that the recycling numbers go up percentage wise as compared to trash numbers during the vacation periods. This is believed to be because many visitors have recycling programs at home and are active recyclers. Jim also comments that a discrepancy was found between the wastewater taken in from the system to the water processed going into the system, and generally these numbers are very close. The difference created a reason to investigate further and a small water loss was found at the reservoir. It was found that a faulty float sensor caused the reservoir tanks to overfill. Repairs are scheduled for tomorrow and in the meantime the reservoir tanks are full and the pumps are shut down to refill until the repair is made. The excess water did flow down Snow's Mountain.

Mark comments that the Recreation Department is ahead in revenues, and Brooke felt this was a result of a very cold vacation period and vacationers seeking indoor activities.

## **6. Department Heads Updates**

- **Recreation**

Brooke Wakefield reports that the NH vacation week is slower than the MA week, but things are going well. Special Olympics begin this weekend and the Rec Dept is offering special activities for the athletes and their families. She is continuing to prepare for summer staffing and camps.

- **Public Works**

Jim Mayhew reported earlier on the water leak in the reservoir. He also mentioned he is assessing road maintenance needs for the post-winter repairs of pot holes, road shoulders, etc. The water main break repairs costs are not yet known, but expected to be about \$4-5K.

- **Public Safety**

Mark reports in Chris Hodges' absence due to a service call. Mark states that Chris & staff have been busy prepping for the Special Olympics. Sunday night is the opening ceremony in Town Square. Bill Larsen will be present to do the welcome of behalf of the board. Bill also asked Mark to ask Public Safety if there is anything more that we should be doing regarding school safety, in light of the recent events in Florida.

## **7. Calendar Review**

The next Selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, 3/13 after Town Meeting has ended.

The next Planning Board Meeting is Thurs., 3/8 at 8am.

Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 3/13/18 at 5:30. The Selectmen's schedule for the Election will be: Margaret 12-2pm, Mike 2-4pm, and Bill 4-5pm.

## **8. New Business**

- **Review Town Meeting Process with Moderator**

Mark contacts Marilyn Clarkson at 3:22pm through Face Time to discuss election specifics. There is a new microphone, and Marilyn asked that anyone who want to address the moderator to form a line at the microphone at the front of the room. Mark updates everyone regarding the zoning amendment and town counsel suggested to have copies of the new language available at

town meeting in the foyer of the Rec Dept. Bill Larsen offered to write an explanation of the reason for the changes for the voters to help clarify as well. Mark reminds everyone that the 3 bond articles, which are voted on by written ballot at the meeting, need to have the voting open for 1 hour. It was discussed and decided that the votes cast for each ballot vote would be conducted all at once, after the final presentation, so voters will have to get up once versus three times. The presentation time for each bond article is limited to 10 minutes, the comments from the floor will be offered. There was also discussion regarding how to amend Article 4. Mark stated that the wording of a bond article cannot be changed; it must either be passed or defeated. The action to take would be to defeat the article, then propose an amendment to the total budget in article 15, but those funds wouldn't be eligible to be bonded. Bill Larsen also asked if he wanted to speak as a citizen on any article, and not as a selectman, if he should speak from the microphone and not from the head table. It was agreed that this would be the most orderly process for all. After confirming there is nothing more to discuss, the call with the moderator is disconnected.

## **9. Old Business**

None.

## **10. Correspondence**

Sign Permit for Silver Fox was reviewed. Mark informs the board that a sign permit from the Silver Fox, which was recently sold to WVRE, LLC, was received earlier today. The Best Western /Silver Fox sign has already been removed by the sellers and replaced with an older sign which only says "Silver Fox". Discussion followed about whether the sign was backlit or had internal lighting. It was believed that this sign is temporary and would be replaced with a newer sign before next winter. However, it doesn't fit the criteria for a temporary sign, as they must be removed within 28 days. The new regulations will need to be reviewed as well to determine if the sign meets the current regulations. The applicants were given copies of the new sign regulations, which go to vote on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The decision on the application is tabled until the next BOS meeting.

Mark reviews additional correspondence with the board from:

- Coalition Communities RE: HB1802 and School Funding have a committee recommendation to kill the bill.
- Utility Assessments RE: HB1381 The bill proposes to change to the utility net book value would be the basis for utility taxation which would result in a substantial decrease in utility values across the state.
- Town Moderators RE: SB438 Regarding Town Moderators getting approval from the SOS to postpone Town Meeting. Mark did send an email opposing this bill.

Mark informs the board that 4 abatement applications were received so far, and that the deadline for submitting is tomorrow on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mark informs the board of information received from the WMNF on the Wanosha Project. The project involves upgrades to trail systems and campgrounds in WV, Campton, Thornton, and Woodstock. The trail upgrades include connecting and/or improving the existing trails from Drake's Brook in WV to the Smart's Brook trail system on Rte. 49 in Thornton. The changes

being proposed at the WV campgrounds, operated by the Forest Service vendors, would include road improvements for RV camper access, and electric & water upgrades for RV hookups and public washrooms.

#### **11. Privilege of Floor II**

None.

#### **12. Board Concerns and Directives**

None.

#### **13. Non-public Session**

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 3:37pm. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 4:04pm.

Upon return to the public session a motion was made to seal the minutes by Bill Larsen 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.

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting at 4:05pm.

Mike Aronson 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant