

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 24, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joan Sweeney, William Larsen, Margaret Turner

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Burbank, Mark Decoteau, Town Manager, Chris Hodges, Mike White, Tim Kingston, Jeff Downing, CCI

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. The meeting took place in the Department of Public Safety Fire Bays.

Privilege of Floor I

None

Review June 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the June 10, 2009 meeting minutes and approved them as presented.

WVRA Update

There were no representatives from WVRA at this meeting.

Financial Update

The Board reviewed the year to date financial report. The Board also reviewed and briefly discussed the year-to-date collections.

Department Head Update

Chairman Sweeney presented Merit Awards to Mike White, and Tim Kingston and Tim Rosewarne. Rob Burhoe was not present to accept his award. Each of these employees received a certificate and a check for their hard work and dedication which helped them earn an award from the Northeast Resource Recovery Association for the most tonnage of recycled materials in 2008 for a Town with a population under 1000. Tim Rosewarne also received a Merit Award for his Town beautification efforts in preparation for the Governor's Council Meeting in May.

Director Hodges was present to give the Board an update on the Public Safety Department Operations. Chris noted that the new overnight per-diem shift is working out well, and they have a core group of staff that are filling these spots. He also noted that he and David Noyes are each covering one of those shifts each week. The per-diem shift covers both fire and ambulance operations. The overnight Police Department shifts are also working out well. There are twelve community members enrolled in this years Public Safety Academy with graduation scheduled for next Wednesday. It has been another successful year for the Academy.

The Board briefly spoke to Director Hodges about the funding for the special police details during the Black Fly Triathlon. The Board noted that they would pay up to \$1000.00 out of the leftover funds from WVRA to help pay for the special detail.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed a letter from the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank (NHMBB) stating that the Town of Waterville Valley would receive a refund in the amount of \$4608.00 due to a savings that the NHMBB received by refinancing its outstanding debts.

Old Business

The Board discussed the upcoming town-wide assessing review. They decided to hold a public informational meeting on Saturday, August 22nd at 4:00pm at Town Hall to update homeowners on the review. The Board requested that Mark Nieder be available at this meeting to answer any questions that residents may have.

Jeff Downing from CCI was at the meeting to explain Phase I of the building project. He noted that the old salt/sand shed was ready to be demolished and he also explained what the new shed will look like and entail.

The Board next discussed Phase II of the Town Building Projects. They looked at two different options. Option 1 being an addition to the existing building which would cost approximately 2.4 million dollars and be about 19,000 square feet. Option 2 would be to build a brand new building which would cost approximately 2.6 million dollars. The Board, Mark Decoteau and Jeff Downing discussed the different funding options and layouts. Mark Decoteau noted that there may be funds available through Rural Development to help pay for the addition or new building. After discussing all of the options, the Board decided that option 2 would be the best option, and asked Jeff Downing to come up with a closer estimate of costs for building a new Town Hall/Public Safety Building.

The Board next went to look at the old salt/sand shed, and were shown where the new salt/sand shed would be going, and the site work that would be done.

The Board moved their discussion of enforcement of Town Ordinances to the next meeting on July 8, 2009.

New Business

Town Manager Mark Decoteau excused himself from the discussion on abatement requests for the Tax Year 2008. After reviewing and discussing the abatement recommendations from Mark Nieder, Selectman Larsen made a motion to accept the 2008 abatement recommendations as presented. Magaret Turner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Board reviewed a memo from Chief David Noyes announcing a \$5600.00 grant that the Public Safety Department has received from the State of New Hampshire, Department of Justice to fund the department program for Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws for FY 2009-2010. After a brief discussion, Selectman Larsen made a motion to accept the \$5600.00 in unanticipated revenues and to authorize its expenditure. Selectman Turner seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Board next started to review the residency list. The Board decided in the interest of time, that they would move this review to the July 8th meeting.

The Board discussed seven properties in Town that have outstanding 2006 lien balances. The Board discussed each of the properties, and decided that a letter should go out to the homeowners explaining that their property is at risk of being taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes. The Board will review again at their regular meeting on July 22, 2009.

Privilege of Floor II

None

Board Concerns and Directives

The Board discussed their meeting schedule for August. Because they will be having the public informational meeting on August 22nd, they have decided to hold one regular meeting on August 19th.

Chairman Sweeney questioned Mark Decoteau about the formation of the Hockey Committee. Mark Decoteau noted that the committee would be meeting on June 29th. The committee members include Mark Decoteau, David Gyger, Bruce Saenger, Sean Stout, Kevin Saba, Ray O'Hara, and Bill Larsen.

The Board reviewed new disposal fees for the Waterville Valley Transfer Station. After a brief discussion, Joan Sweeney made a motion to accept the new disposal fees to be effective July 1, 2009. Margaret Turner seconded. All were in favor.

Non-Public Session

The Board entered non-public session at 5:50pm

The Board came out of non-public session at 6:00pm.

There were no decisions made based upon the non-public discussion.

The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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