

**WATERVILLE VALLEY, NH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
At Brookside Meeting Room, Town Square**

DATE: July 23, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Larsen, Mike Aronson, Margaret Turner.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guilbert, Rachel Gasowski, Mark Decoteau, Tom Quackenbush, Sharon Charron.

1. The public meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Privilege of the Floor I

Bob Guilbert bring to the attention of the BOS that there was solicitation in town last week. Mark stated that this organization was exempt from the ordinance due to freedom of religion. Bob expressed concern on people approaching residences which are unknown to homeowners. Discussion followed regarding the solicitation ordinance, and if a property owner can prevent them from approaching their property. Can a property owner or a condo association post a “no solicitation” sign (which would need approval to post as well)? Mark will check with Town Counsel for their legal opinion on the subject and review the ordinance as well.

3. Approval of Minutes

Bill Larsen motion to approve the minutes of 7/10/14 as amended.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

No departments are unexpectedly overspent. We are currently at 57% through the year. Mark noted that under buildings, the Gazebo repairs were \$10K. He also noted our insurance carrier Primex will not be issuing more invoices this year due to premium returns, and additionally are expecting a check for approximately \$10K in September to further decrease the amount already spent. This will go to fund balance or misc revenue. Mark noted that Public Safety is slightly ahead in expenditures due to recent yearly contract payments. Bonds, notes and debt servicing are also ahead due to amortization schedules. The Rec Dept is expecting the boat revenues for July to arrive in the next week.

5. Department Head Updates

- **Public Safety**

- **Recreation Department**

Rachel presents camp numbers and noted that the first 2 week attendance was down, but the last 2 weeks it has been up. She stated that participation from outside of town is slightly less due to she believes other local towns expanding their own programs. She also noted that new participants are coming from new homeowners in town. Ugotta Regatta last weekend had good attendance. Bill Larsen asked Rachel if anyone ever asked for camp programs to be run on the weekends. She said no, and feedback she has heard from families visiting on the weekends is that they want to do family activities with their kids. Also discussed was the wait time for boats on the weekends, and can some sort of reservation system be developed. It is now a first come, first served system. Rachel states that this has worked well, and only the weekends create a wait time, but she can look into alleviating the wait time.

- **Public Works**

Mark gave the BOS a brief update regarding a waterline and culvert situation which had impacted a resident.

6. Calendar Review

August meetings: 8/13 and 8/27. Margaret has a rehearsal and Bill Larsen might be absent on 8/13. Leave as 8/13 for now and will reschedule if necessary.

7. New Business

- **Cross Walks on Valley Rd.**

Bill Larsen started a discussion pertaining to establishing a school zone in response to a recent letter to the BOS regarding a crosswalk. The BOS would like the opinion of Chris Hodges on this matter.

- **Bus Idling**

The discussion was initiated due to a recent complaint concerning excessive idling of busses. Mark review the state regulations and mentions that busses are exempt for from idling if it is to either heat or cool the bus for passengers comfort. The complaint was regarding commercial busses, not the shuttle bus.

8. Old Business

- **Updates on Capital Projects**

- 1. DPW Garage**

Mark updates the board stating that all the contaminated soil has been removed and replace with clean soil. Construction will resume on Monday with utility installation and other areas of the garage. Mark states that the schedule is for the trash truck can be stored in the new garage by end of September, and to be fully moved into the building by November. The ambulance is scheduled to arrive in September and will be housed in the DPS building.

- 2. Water Line Installation**

Currently work is averaging 100'-120' per day. They have encountered many large boulders. Some of these will be relocated to the Mad River for riprap to protect the shoreline. Mark is also working with the Forest Service and the electric company on less costly options to secure electric services. Bill Larsen suggested that Mark propose to the electric company that the Town pay a

flat rate higher than the monthly rate as an alternative to the more costly infrastructure for measuring the small amount of electricity. Mark also stated that we are getting close to putting out to bid the well and the building and also well house #2 repairs. This will all be in one bid packet.

3. Water Meters

All of the water meter pits are in at this time. There is still some restoration work to do at some locations. For the interior installations, they are moving along. There are still some homeowners who need to respond. We have worked with town counsel to draft a letter to anyone who protests the installation. A few commercial properties have also been done. Single family home installs will begin sometime in August.

- **River Crossing – Mad River Trail**

Some of the stepping stones have been moving during high water events from rains. Dan Newton has been working with the Forest Service to remedy.

- **Property Owners Notice Letters – Update on Responses**

Mark updates the BOS on the notices being left when we enter a unit for the installation on the meter. We have not had any responses back from owners. Trail closures have been posted by the Forest Service indicating when & where trails are closed due to repairs, projects and associated fines. It is a \$500 fine if caught on a closed trail. A Nixle message did go out concerning the trails affected during this time.

9. Correspondence

Irit Levy and Jean Mullen asked for a letter of support from the BOS concerning Black Fly control. Mark draft a letter and it is signed by the BOS.

Mark updates the BOS on repairs being done in various locations to repair and improve the dumpster enclosures. The Town Square enclosure is an issue as the area is too large for doors. Other options are being considered to screen and enclose the area appropriately.

An update regarding a potential lot line adjustment with Waterville Company on the lot adjacent to the water-sewer plant was briefly given. Bill Cantlin has asked the BOS if they would consider an easement of the area in question until the land is developed and only after would it then be transferred to the town. Concern was expressed to if lot size restrictions had any impact upon this offer. Bill Larsen asked to know the reason why this potential easement offer would be beneficial, and would like to ask the Planning Board to also comment. It was thought best to also ask if Cantlin knowingly knew of any violations of the Shoreland Protection Act in the area in question.

Mark has a meeting scheduled for next week with Bill Carr regarding cleaning up the sign on Tripoli Rd for businesses in the valley which are no longer operating.

10. Privilege of the Floor II

None.

11. Board Concerns & Directive

- **Wyman's property:** No response yet. Certified letter was received by Wyman's.
- **Brox Land Sway:** Still need to look into if any interest exists.
- **Dogs:** Bill Larsen poses the question on best to enforce a potential leash law if it was to be passed through Town Meeting. Perhaps best to have a public meeting and debate the enforcement and how it would actually look if were to pass. Bill larsen offered to chair the session, and was very clear if would not be a debate of whether or not to have a leash law, but only on how it will be enforced. The last meeting in August was mentioned as a potential date.

Action Item List:

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13. Non-Public Session

The 3 BOS members go into non-public session, along with Mark & Sharon, for discussion at 4:10pm.

The BOS come out of non-public at 4:20pm.

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote at 4:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron
Town Clerk Assistant
Town of Waterville Valley