

**WATERVILLE VALLEY, NH  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
At Upstairs Meeting Room, Town Offices**

**DATE:** August 13, 2014

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Aronson, Margaret Turner.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bill Larsen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Reggie Breeckner, Mark Decoteau, Tom Quackenbush, Sharon Charron.

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

**2. Privilege of the Floor I**

Reggie Breeckner, Town Clerk, asks the BOS for appointments for the inspectors of the election, which is a legal requirement for election staffing. Reggie presents a list of names for both Republican and Democratic parties. There will be 2 selected from each party.

Margaret Turner motions to approve the inspector of elections nominations of Patty Sava and Cyndy Piekos for the Democrats, and Bob Guilbert and Aggie Guilbert for the Republicans.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Reggie will coordinate the swearing of those listed above. Their terms will be for a period of 2 years each.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Mike Aronson motions to approve the minutes of 7/13/14 as presented.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**4. Financial Update**

No departments are overspent at this time. No printout is available due to current power outage. Mark will forward to BOS members tomorrow. All capital items are good and within budget, Recreation department numbers are close to last year, and to make budget we will need to collect \$78,160 from July 1st to the end of the year on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Mark and Carina are currently working on the MS-4 report for DRA to present at the next BOS meeting on 8/27

**5. New Business**

- **Application for Reimbursement for Forest Land**

Mark presents the annual application for taxes not paid on state and federal forest lands for the Boards signatures. We submit this form to receive the payment in lieu of taxes that we get from the forest service each year.

- **WV Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

Mark presents the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Boards signatures.

- **Mad River Endurafest Public Safety Details**

Discussion follows regarding the costs of the Mad River Endurafest and the Town's ability to help defray some of the events costs. The original contract with Mark Walter for the Endurafest event will be reviewed, along with current budget line items of Public Safety to determine whether or not the additional funding from the Town is available for the public safety special details for the event.

- **Staffing for Elections**

Item was covered under privilege of the floor earlier in the meeting.

## **6. Calendar Review**

Primary election Selectman staffing on 9/9/14, will be as follows:

11am-1pm Bill Larsen

1pm-4pm Mike Aronson

4pm-7pm Margaret Turner

## **7. Old Business**

- **Updates on Capital Projects**

- 1. DPW Garage**

Mark reports that the water line has been installed. Next week the steel framing of the building will begin to be installed. The cement structures to connect the sewer line will also begin next week, and will result in creating a very large hole for the short term. There is an issue with connecting the emergency power to the new building, due to old wiring at the current town offices which was not installed correctly years ago. We are looking at correcting the issue, as it was never grounded. It is currently reconnected now on a temporary basis only, but it needs to be permanently resolved. This was unexpected and the costs are not included in the current DPW Garage project, and Mark is seeking out potential grants and funding options from various government agencies including Homeland Security to assist.

- 2. Water Line Installation**

The water line installation is going very well. By Monday they should be getting to Depot Camp, which would result in about 90% completion thus far. They have finished the grading from well house #2, and still have to place stone dressing on top and rocks in place along the river banking.

- 3. Water Meters Installations**

The water meter installations are continuing to go well. Mark presented a copy of a letter to a property owner who has refused entry to his unit to install the water meter. Mark has discussed the situation with Town counsel, and together they have set forth the next steps to be taken in the event the letter does not resolve the issue.

- **Abatement Forms**

Mark presents the signature page concerning the Wheelock's abatement request. This was previously denied. Mark expects the Wheelock's will go to BTLA to contest the denial.

- **NHEC Pole License**

Mark presents the NHEC Pole License for the BOS signatures. This is for the public works garage project electrical service because the wires must cross a Town owned road. Although it is called a pole license, it is underground and there will be no pole.

- **Stepping Stones on the Mad River**

Mark has a meeting with the Forest Service and Dan Newton to discuss plans to repair the stepping stones. What they will allow us to do remains unclear at this time. The rocks have been moving as a result of increased water flow levels during rain events. Discussion followed as how best to reinforce the placement of the stones. It is a very popular path and concern was expressed to keep it open for use.

- **Recycling – Inns of Waterville Valley**

The Inns of Waterville Valley have requested a recycling dumpster on site. They had formally shared the recycling dumpster at the Northstar Inn, which has been removed because it was not in an enclosure. They have requested it to be located adjacent to their trash dumpster. Discussion followed concerning the enclosure of the dumpster, and due to the ongoing discussions about the entire recycling and trash collection program, the discussion was tabled.

- **Repairs to Water Line on Beanbender Rd.**

Working with Dana White on the repairs needed. The concerns the waterline going to the Ciffolillo's because it is too shallow and it freezes. The line cannot be moved due to adjacent water & sewer lines. Plans are to dig up the line, put more cover on it and insulate the pipe, and additionally install a "flopper" on the end of the pipe to reduce cold air from circulating for an estimated cost of \$7,300.

Mike Aronson motions to approve the water line repairs for an estimated cost of \$7,300.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- **Lower Greely Hill Rd Repairs**

Culvert and drainage repairs will be taking place next week on the road.

- **Northstar Inn**

Mark was contacted this afternoon by an attorney concerning Northstar Inn and Nancy Ehlers plan to buyout Tom Hoyt and an informal request for tax abatement. The attorney represents Nancy Elhers, and requested that the Town accept the amount of \$40,292 from Nancy so she can purchase the Inn from Tom Hoyt. It is our understanding that Nancy will then enter into a lease agreement with the Hockey Academy for their continued use of the building. The current total owed on all Northstar Inn accounts is \$51,134.85 (\$44,911 principal and \$6,233.85 interest). By accepting the \$40,292, the Town would have to abate all interest and penalties due, and an additional \$4,691 of the principal amount. Discussion followed as to what is in the Town's best interest. If the property is foreclosed upon by the bank, all outstanding debt will be paid by the bank. However, the bank may not foreclose and instead decide to continue to accrue interest on their note. Due to the current power outage, and the meeting not being aired live on video, there was concern expressed about the proposition being decided at this time. Mark suggested accepting the \$40,292 as a partial payment, and entering into a promissory not on the remaining \$10,914.85 over a period of 3 years.

The Board and Mark decided to go into a non-public session to discuss further at 8:05pm.

The Board and Mark come out of non-public session at 8:07pm.

Margaret Turner motions that the Town accepts the lump sum of \$40,292 in cash as partial payment of the taxes that are due on the Northstar Inn and that if an agreement goes forward with the Hockey Academy that the remainder of the taxes, penalties and interest due of \$10,914.85 should be included in a promissory note to be paid back over no more than 3 years maximum.

Discussion followed concerning the contingency of a signed lease to purchase agreement with the Hockey Academy.

Following the discussion, Margaret restates her motion:

Margaret Turner motions that the Town accepts the lump sum of \$40,292 as partial payment of the tax bill on the Northstar Inn and that future payment of the remaining interest, penalties and taxes are covered by a promissory note of \$10, 914.85.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

### **8. Correspondence**

Mark informed the Board of a letter received from Mr. Coclin concerning a fire hydrant issue in Windsor Hill. This has been reviewed with Chris Hodges and a response has been drafted to Mr. Coclin citing that the hydrant has been leaking and repairs are necessary to put in back in service. Windsor Hill is planning to do paving projects in spring of 2015 and the Town will coordinate the repairs to the hydrant and water line during that same time to reduce impact to residents.

### **10. Privilege of the Floor II**

None.

### **11. Board Concerns & Directive**

- Margaret was approached by a resident on River Road concerning the cracks and if there was any plan to seal the cracks.

### **Action Item List:**

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### **13. Non-Public Session**

The 2 BOS members go into non-public session, along with Mark, for discussion of 4 domicile applications at 8:13pm.

The BOS come out of non-public at 8:17pm.

Margaret Turner motions to approve the domicile requests of Mark Bellerose and family, Cameron Read and family, Howard Abramson and Nancy Gould, Lauren Purtell, and Stacey Redman.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Margaret Turner motions to adjourn the meeting.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote at 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron  
Town Clerk Assistant  
Town of Waterville Valley