

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

DATE: August 27, 2014

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Hesser, Bonnie Ham, Chris Hodges, Jim Mayhew, Mark Decoteau, Tom Quackenbush, Sharon Charron.

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

2. Privilege of the Floor I

Bonnie Ham introduces herself as a candidate for the position of representative to the NH State House of Representatives. She adds that she has served previously both locally in the positions of Selectman, Planning Board, School Board and both school & town budget committees in Lincoln/N.Woodstock and on the State level as a Representative. She describes the commonality between the areas she has served and Waterville Valley. She thanks the board for their service in their respective positions.

3. Approval of Minutes

Deferred to later in the meeting.

4. Financial Update

Mark reports on the financials. The Rec Dept. is currently at 48% revenues to date. This is historically at the same percentage at this time of year. Concern was expressed regarding the after school programs. We are still waiting on the boat revenues for August, and they have been higher than last year so far. There are a few more holiday weekends. Expenditures are on track for all departments.

5. Department Head Updates

Public Works

- **New Water Line/Well:** Jim Mayhew reports that the water main to the new well is in, as is the conduit. The trail restoration is almost complete. There has been resolution to the substation meter conduit which will now go under the ROW of NHEC. This is a cost savings measure to the issue which was presented. Bill Larsen expressed concern regarding fluoride levels in the new well. Mark states that all wells are tested annually, and this is reflected in the Consumer Confidence Report which is mailed to all property owners annually.
- **Water Meter Installations:** Installations are moving along, and expect to have all interior installs completed by end of October. There is 1 meter pit scheduled to be done this Friday at the Elementary school.

- **New Public Works Garage:** Construction is back on track after the contaminated soil was removed. The interior block walls are being installed currently, and the roof will go on this week also. The sewer lines and pump station had to be relocated due to utility lines. Working on the water lines as well. Once the back wall is up, and underground work is complete, they will pour the foundation slab. Questions from the BOS included the status of the generator line, which was hit during excavation. The lines which were hit were not in conduit and was not grounded. That connection will no longer be used to connect the Town Hall to the generator at the Wastewater treatment plant. At this time we are looking towards the State for guidance on a proposal for a project which would be proposed for 2015. The previous purchase of 2 generator from the government surplus as they are unrated and cannot be installed.
- **Lower Greeley Road Work:** The work involved repairs to culverts in anticipation of road repairs in the near future. One new culvert was installed across the road, and another lowered adjacent to the Clark home. Also being repaired is the waterline on Beanbender Rd (Ciffolillo home) which will involve uncovering the pipe and assessing. It is expected that the changes will include reinsulating the pipe, and/or lowering the pipe, and the installation of a flapper valve to reduce cold air flow in from the culvert. The initial design and layout of the pipe itself created this situation it is believed.

Public Safety

- Chris Hodges reports and stated that the July call were normal to high for numbers, August has been quieter overall. The Black Bear Marathon went very well, and it was busier than last year's event. School has started this week, and there is a Police presence during the school morning for students walking and riding bikes. Chris has been observing the habits of where children are crossing, There is currently a crosswalk at Packard's Rd. Discussion followed regarding creating a school safety zone, and Chris is awaiting the findings of the Pedestrian Village Study. Overall the school and parents and very happy with the current Police presence to remind people that children are going to/from school during the weekdays. Chris comments that revenue on the ambulance is down, and this is due to less calls overall. The demolition of the condo in Forest Rim, which was destroyed by fire last winter, is complete. No building permit has yet been issued for the rebuild. Mike Aronson asked about chimney inspections in Forest Rim (where the fire was last winter) and other associations as well. Chris is working with the associations where deficiencies have been found to bring them into compliance. BBTS has put in place its parking signage on their property adjacent to the tennis courts. Chris commented that he is satisfied that public safety has access. Bill Larsen asked other members to go view the signage and surface area to be sure it is compliant with what was approved. Per Bill discussion with PB Chair Ray Kucharski, Ray had concern that it was to be paved and striped, as opposed to a hard packed surface. The new ambulance delivery had been delayed to January. Pinnacle Bike Race at the mountain is scheduled to go on 9/20th weekend. Matt Hesser stated he was told there were 30 registrants, and ticket sales of 250 to date. Public safety will be available with personnel and an ambulance. As time nears, the amount of coverage will be reassessed and staffed as needed.

Recreation Department

Mark presented the camp numbers for the year and showed that we are 56 camper days ahead of the 10 week period from last summer.

6. Calendar

Next Meeting will be 9/10.

Primary Election coverage is as follows:

Bill Larsen 11am-1pm, Mike Aronson 1pm-4pm, and Margaret Turner 4pm-7pm.

The Town Offices will be closed on 9/1/14 for Labor Day.

7. New Business

- **FY2014 MS-1 Form**

This is presented to and signed by the BOS. The net valuation is up about 1% at 333,199,380 from last year and that is due to new construction and home improvement projects.

Bill Larsen motions to approve the FY2014 MS-1 report as presented.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- **FY2014 MS-4 Form**

Mark presents a spreadsheet on the adjustments and recommends to lower the estimated revenues by \$9,091. With the changes the total other than tax revenues would be at \$1,565,159. These number can be adjusted again at tax rate setting time. The largest reduction is in ambulance fees.

Bill Larsen motions to approve the FY2014 MS-4 report as presented.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- **Sign Permits (2)**

Sport Thoma tent sale signs and a real estate open house at Best property are presented.

Margaret Turner motions to approve both sign permits as presented.

Mike Aronson: 2nds

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

8. Old Business

- **Solid Waste**

Mark presents the draft of the RFP. Discussion followed on how the RFP will improve service. Part of the initial RFP suggested to store vehicles which are not municipal vehicles, even those on contract, due to the bonds on the buildings. Discussion followed on how competitive the bids will be without allowing for storage of vehicles. A majority of the costs is transportation in and out of Town. The bids will be reviewed for the 2nd meeting in September.

- **Temporary Dumpster Locations**

The public works staff has asked for approval of 3 temporary dumpster locations on Labor Day and Columbus Day weekends to handle the increased need. The locations suggested would be Black Bear Lodge for trash, the Golden Eagle Lodge for trash, and the Town Square for recycling. Discussion followed whether or not staff needs also to be present during prime times. Matt Hesser of BBL commented that while the pickups are going well, they could still use a 3rd dumpster and has even started to look at using a trash compactor. He is assessing which option is best with Jim's assistance. For next meeting they will have an estimate on expanding the enclosure for the 3rd dumpster.

- **Mad River Stepping Stones**

The situation with the stones is that they are moving during high flow times. The 2 smaller stones have been replaced with larger stones at this time, but there are some longer term issues that need to be addressed concerning erosion and undermining. The USFS is not in favor of the trail location and wished us to abandon the trail. The WVAIA wishes to continue to have usage of the trail and have handled the costs of the repairs. =

9. Correspondence

Mark reports that there is no further response from the Wymans concerning letters from the town on repairs to the home. The contractor who was contacted by them has not heard from them again either. They did have deadline and we are awaiting that at this time.

Northstar Inn has been asking for payoff amounts on one of their condos. At this time Tom Hoyt has said there were 2 sales he is working on at this time. The liens are still in place at this time on the property and the previously discussed arrangement with Nancy Elhers did not happen.

10. Privilege of the Floor II

None.

11. Board Concerns & Directive

- Bill Larsen comments that there is flashing sign in Town Square in a clothing store next to the Lantern Restaurant. Flashing signs of any style, even in Town Square, are not allowed in the zoning ordinance.
- Need to set a date for the public hearing for the discussion of dog leash enforcement. Suggestion was to do it on Columbus Day weekend, 10/11/14 at 5pm, to capture weekend property owners. The focus would not be on whether we what a leash law, but on what it would look like and how would it be enforced. A presentation by Public Safety is suggested as well.

12. Approval of Minutes of 8/13/14.

Margaret Tuner motions to approve the minutes of 8/13/14 as amended.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Action Item List:

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13. Non-Public Session

The 3 BOS members go into non-public session, along with Mark and Sharon, for discussion of 2 domicile applications and a general assistance discussion at 4:23pm.

The BOS come out of non-public at 4:40pm.

Bill Larsen motions to approve the domicile requests of Ken Ackley

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bill Larsen motions to approve the domicile requests of Ed Harding conditional upon the registration of his motor vehicle and obtaining a NH driver's license.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote at 4:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk Assistant

Town of Waterville Valley