

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

DATE: September 23, 2015

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Gross, Rene Schwartz, Mark Decoteau, Jim Mayhew, Brooke Wakefield, and Sharon Charron.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. By Chairman Aronson.

2. Privilege of the Floor I

Acting upon as agenda item

3. Approval of Minutes of 9/9/2015

Bill Larsen motions to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Selectmen of 9/9/15 as amended.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

Mark reports that we are currently 75% thru the year. The August revenue for boats was just received in the amount of \$18K, though not reflected in the presented report. The anticipated additional revenue for boats through the end of the year is \$10K. Water/sewer/trash bills for the 3rd quarter will be going out in early October. For expenses, there were some unanticipated needs for public safety for new equipment that could not be re-outfitted as previously thought for the new ambulance, and additional costs for maintenance for AED's located in town. Expenses overall are currently at 65% expended for the year.

5. Department Head Updates

• **Recreation Department**

Brooke Wakefield reports that the Asst Director position is advertised and she has received some applications. Her goal is to have someone in place by mid-October. The afterschool program has begun, though with very low enrollment. She is giving the program until October 1st to see if the minimum number of kids to operate the session-cost program will register. If the number is not met, she will likely offer a "drop-in" rate, which would be higher in cost. The biggest issue is not cost in the program, but in the flexibility of using the program. This creates an issue with scheduling the staff and never knowing how many kids will be participating each day. People would prefer not to commit to a session, and just use the program as needed day to day, even if this results in a higher price on the program. In other areas, planning continues for the Fall Foliage 5K, the 10 mile trail race is this Saturday for the running club, and other adult programs (Tai Chi, Cooking classes).

- **Public Safety**

Dave Noyes reports that the new generator is installed and final testing and training is being conducted this week. All of the electric panels have been replaced and interior minor carpentry is all that remains to be done. There will be an advertisement soon for part-time Public Safety Dept members. The BOS asked about feedback regarding the 25mph speed limit changes, and the dept has only received positive feedback to date from homeowners who are bikers and walkers. Dave mentioned, the department conducted a bike safety day at the school and instructed the children how to operate their bikes in a safe manner to create good habits. The Dept will also continue have an officer bike patrol on weekends to create awareness and interact with the public while on a bicycle. Margaret comments that the feedback she has received is from residents and is negative, as they perceive it as an inconvenience. She has also heard that many contractors and workers are still exceeding the limit regularly. Her comments were noted by Chief Noyes, and he will communicate to staff to be more aware. A public hearing will be scheduled in November to get more feedback and to assess the future of the 25mph limit.

Bill Larsen comments about the updates done to the Safety/Loss Prevention Manual and his recent email with his suggestions.

- **Public Works**

Jim Mayhew reports the job advertisement is placed for the public works position. The work on Jennings Peak Road will begin this week consisting of replacing a gate valve, which will result in water service and traffic flow interruption for a few hours. The tentative date for paving is 10/6. Following Jennings Peak paving, the work on Beanbender Road waterline will take place. The owners affected by last winter's freezing have all been contacted and given options to consider for preventing freezing on their end of the line. For W. Branch/River Rd. the engineering plans have been sent to contractors for bids and we are waiting for those numbers to be returned from the contractors.

6. Calendar

Next BOS meeting dates is on 10/14/15. Bill Larsen will not present.

The following BOS meeting is scheduled for 10/28/15.

September Planning Board date is tomorrow, 10/8/15.

7. New Business

- **White Mountain Athletic Club Land use by School**

Tom Gross and Rene Schwartz present to the BOS their intentions to develop the land belonging to WMAC located between the school and WMAC. They are proposing the idea of clearing the lot and creating a large field. The land is zoned as Special Civic. The cleared parcel could then be developed in a variety of ways; school playground, baseball field, basketball courts, tennis courts, community gardens, and a community pavilion were all given as examples. Maps were displayed with these ideas in place as examples. In the next year, their intention is to first have upgrades to their outdoor pool area, and expand its facilities to include horseshoe pits, shuffleboard, and a food/beverage cabana. Following the pool area expansion, the field project would take place. They are interested in knowing if the town and the school wish to assist in the funding of the field project. The BOS was receptive to the idea of the field, but also suggested

the possibility of a dormitory and/or public restrooms and additional parking. Additional suggestions to include in the proposal would be the amount of funding requested and an environmental review in regards to wetlands. The full proposal would need to go before the voters at town meeting. In reviewing the Special Civic zoning regulations, it states that “any development proposed must be submitted to the Planning Board with final approval by the Selectmen.” Discussion followed regarding the process. Margaret Turner mentioned that there are still funds available in the Curious George Trail Fund, in the mount of approximately \$10K.

- **2016 Warrant Article Request**

Mark refers to the warrant article request to the Selectmen from the NH Community Rights Network. The Selectmen felt their request was not necessary or beneficial to Waterville Valley.

Bill Larsen motions to not recommend the proposed warrant article from the NH Community Rights Network for the 2016 Town Meeting Warrant.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **FY2016 Budget Guidance Request**

Mark asked the Board if there was anything at this time they wanted to include in the FY2016 budget. The Board felt it was best to wait for the CIP committee’s recommendations and then asked for additional information and clarification of items as a case by case basis. For each warrant article, it was mentioned that showing the results of board recommendations either in favor or against, would be helpful to voters.

8. Old Business

- **Town Emergency Operations Plan**

Bill Larsen motions to adopt the Emergency Operations Plan as presented.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The plan was signed by all 3 members of the Select Board.

- **School/Town Building Use Agreement**

The was a brief discussion of the School/Rec Dept building use agreement regarding changes to the wording for clarity, and the proposed 10/8/15 date to meet with the school board.

- **Trash/Recycling Proposal from the Town of Thornton**

The proposal from the Thornton Board of Selectmen to Waterville Valley was if WV was interested in partnering in the construction of a recycling facility, bearing 100% of the costs, to allow WV residents/property owners to dump their recyclables at no cost. The BOS briefly discuss their proposal, and felt that if WV paid for the entire building we could just build that in WV. Mark will draft a letter in response stating that we appreciate the offer, but have decided to decline.

- **Water/Sewer Projects Update**

See notes under the Dept of Public Works Department Updates.

9. Correspondence

10. Privilege of Floor II

11. Board Concerns and Directives

Margaret updates the board on her work with Chris Beirbrier concerning discussions and early drafts of a WV welcome brochure concerning behavior. It includes noise, fireworks, golfing, bikes, hiking, dogs, etc. She will continue to work with Chris and update the BOS on their progress. They hope to be able to include this into future water/sewer mailings.

Mark updates the board concerning a waterline issue between the Valley Inn and the home directly behind the inn. When the home was built, it was owned by the owners of the Valley Inn, and they tied into the Valley Inn's waterline. It has since sold and is no longer the same owners as the inn. However, the home is still serviced for water through the Valley Inn, and the house property deed reflects this arrangement. The deed was reviewed by Town Counsel, and it was interpreted as the Valley Inn has to provide water to the home as the deed states. It was suggested that we install a water meter in the home, and deduct the amount from the Valley Inn commercial rate usage, and bill that portion deducted at the residential rate point system used throughout town. We are required, by our USDA grant, to install water meter into each single family home in town serviced by the town water system, and Mark expressed concern that this would be a potential issue. The BOS discussed and felt that the water, as well as the sewer line, was metered via the Valley Inn, and felt that this was a dispute between 2 property owners to resolve. Mark will communicate the town's position to the property owners involved.

12. Non-Public Session

The 3 BOS members, along with Mark, go into non-public session at 4:25 to discuss a personnel matter. They came out of non-public at 4:35pm.

13. Adjournment

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote at 4:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant