

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

DATE: December 13, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Margaret Turner, Vice-Chair and Bill Larsen.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chairman Mike Aronson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Christine Bierbrier, Deb Kosits, Al Larsson, Mark Decoteau, Chris Hodges, Jim Mayhew, Brooke Wakefield Judy Rolfe and Sharon Charron.

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

2. Privilege of Floor

None.

3. Approval of Minutes of 11/29/17 Regular Meeting

Bill Larsen motions to approve the minutes of the special meeting on November 29, 2017 with changes.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

No report at this meeting due to weekly updates for preparing the 2018 budget work.

5. Department Heads Updates

- **Recreation**

Brooke Wakefield reports that plans for events are in place for the upcoming vacation week. There is also a WVES school concert on 12/18. There afterschool program will be Christmas caroling on 12/21. WVES is on holiday break starting 12/22 and back in school on 1/2/18. Bill Larsen expressed that he had heard positive comments about Assistant Recreation Director Nelson Brown. Bill also mentioned that he heard some negative comments about the cycling programs, and Brooke replied that she also received some comments and is working on correcting the problem.

- **Public Works**

Jim Mayhew reports that the storm cleanup went very well with all employees and equipment working well.

- **Public Safety**

Chris Hodges reports the department is busy digging out the 82 fire hydrants, with the assistance of public works crews after roads and sidewalks are done. Other normal year-end activities are taking place; reports and inspections. During the repairs to Engine 2, additional work was determined to be needed. All are necessary repairs and amount to \$5K in total. This will still

fall within the current 2017 budget and Engine 2 is expected to be back in service in 2 weeks. Campton/Thornton Fire Dept. is currently backing up WV on all calls.

6. Calendar Review

- **December Selectmen's Meeting Schedule**

The next regular BOS meeting will be postponed Thursday, January 4th at 3pm. The employee Holiday Lunch will be Dec 22nd at the Silver Fox 11am.

7. New Business

- **Music Festival Proposal**

Chris Bierbrier, WV resident and Rey Center Board, and Deb Kosits, Director of the NH Music Festival, introduce themselves and review the proposal for a July 4th concert in WV (see handout/proposal distributed). The proposal involves the financial breakdown of costs and support already pledged, event logistics, organizational responsibilities, venue and schedules. NHMF would have a trailer which unfolds into a stage with electrical and lighting needed for the performance. NHMF wishes to expand their concert locations and believes WV is a great location for a July 4th concert and wish to create an annual event. They will need to know by 1/5/18 if the town is interested in such an event. The BOS had concerns with the 1st year being in 2018 and with July 4th falling on a Wednesday, the venue of Packard's Field if rain precedes the event, and an alternative venue in the event of rain. The mid-week date of July 4th in 2018, being a Wednesday, was the greatest concern for starting a recurring event in a year when attendance is typically lower. There is a better turnout for fireworks if the 4th falls on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday, or Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday are typically the lowest attendance followed by Thursday. Moving the date of the fireworks was also discussed, but the town is hesitant to do this as once we move from the 4th date, it's unlikely that we'll get it back. WV fireworks have always been on the 4th itself, regardless of the day of the week. It was suggested to look towards 2019 if NHMF wished to pursue the event, and also gives more time to raise funds at town meeting. Chris and Deb also mentions that NHMF would also be looking towards additional funding support from WV Resort, WVRA and the WV Foundation, in addition to the town and local private donors. It was also suggested to seek out if any state funding options would be available. Mark and Brooke agreed to approach the WVRA at their next meeting about the idea. Mark suggested, and the BOS members were in agreement, that the town financial support be in the form of a warrant article for the 2018 Town Meeting to let the voters decide, as was done for the 50th Anniversary event last summer. Overall the BOS was receptive to the idea. The amount requested for town support was a minimum of \$10K.

- **Resort Bus System Discussion**

Mark comments that the WVRA and lodges have reviewed and signed the bus agreement. There is an increase of about 5%, which is less than \$2K annually. The agreement is a 1-year agreement. Mark asked Brooke if the Rec Dept had received a new rate sheet, and she had not. Mark will ask the Resort if these can be sent on to Brooke for planning events.

8. Old Business

- **Corcoran Pond Dam Update**

Mark reported that DES Dam Bureau and engineers from Haley & Aldrich were in town last to inspect the existing conditions and overall it was a good visit. Haley & Aldrich engineers have

ideas to potentially shrink the footprint of the articulated concrete block and DES personnel were receptive to the ideas. Additional flow calculations will be forwarded to DES. The budget was discussed briefly with Haley & Aldrich engineers and based upon similar projects they believed the approximate costs of \$500K are realistic. By January 19th we should have a budget estimate, which is before the public hearing on the bond issue. The areas to be armored are on the grassy slopes on both sides downstream of the dam itself. The beach area will not be impacted during or after construction. The articulated block will also be covered with grass and sod and will not be seen. Discussion followed regarding additional improvements to upgrade the bridge decking and railings, partly due to regulations, but also to improve the aesthetics of the area. DES has also agreed that the Selectmen can wait to sign the Administrative Order by Consent until after the 2018 Town Meeting vote is done. Overall Mark reported that the meeting and the visit the engineers and DES was very positive.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Privilege of Floor II

None.

11. Board Concerns and Directives

None.

12. Non-public Session

None.

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting at 3:44pm.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant