

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

DATE: December 28, 2016

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynn Landa (Rey Center), Stacy Luke (Rey Center), Mark Decoteau, Chris Hodges, Jim Mayhew, Brooke Wakefield, and Sharon Charron.

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

2. Privilege of Floor 1

Lynne Landa, Co-Chair of the Rey Center Board, introduces herself and the new Executive Director of the Rey Center, Stacy Luke. Stacy comes from the Merrimack County Conservation District in Concord, NH and has an extensive background working with non-profits, science and nature-based education. Lynne asked that any questions or concerns regarding the Rey Center going forward be directed to Stacy as opposed to the board of directors. Stacy addressed the Selectmen and stated that she is excited to be in WV and is working with the current programs and will be adding new programs as well in the upcoming months.

3. Approval of Minutes 12/14/16 Regular Meeting

Bill Larsen motions to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Selectmen of 12/14/16 with minor changes.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

Mark Decoteau updates the board that the 4th qtr water/sewer billing will be done next week after the end of the month, and then final revenue numbers for 2016 can be completed. Based upon previous years 4th quarter billings, along with the recreation department holiday week revenues, he anticipates that the year numbers will be good.

5. Department Heads Updates

• **Recreation**

Brooke Wakefield reports that programs have been well attended. The family pickle ball night was a big success. The winter storm may cause cancellations of programs and if so, these will be communicated via the Recreation Dept page on the website and by email. Brooke and Nelson will be attending a conference the 2nd week of January. The afterschool program finished the year with a field trip to sky zone attraction in Nashua. The program had 5-8 kids participating regularly. The program will resume on January 3rd after the holiday break. The total number of kids in WVES at this time is 22, and in the high school was believed to be 14. The staffing during vacation week was very good with many staff returning to work.

- **Public Safety**

Chris Hodges reports that the town has had many visitors over the vacation week period. There have been a few injuries on the mountain, but at this time no slip and fall injuries reported in town. The department is preparing for the predicted snowstorm coming on Thursday and believes many people arrived early to get ahead of the storm. Concern was expressed for the predicted wind and heavy wet snow.

- **Public Works**

Jim Mayhew reports that his staff will be ready to work during the storm clearing roadways. The repairs on the plow truck have been completed and it is ready for use. The engine repairs were to one of the rocker arms which had let go, which Jim mentioned was an issue with that model of engine. For storm clearing, the main roads are concentrated on first, along with sidewalks, and then the secondary roads. He commented that heavy wet snow requires more plowing for lesser amounts due to the weight.

Mark comments that he received a call from DES regarding well #1. There has been a valve installed to isolate well #1 from the water system. There are still testing requirements if it will be kept as a drinking water well. It has been discussed previously to decommission well #1 after well #4 is online. Discussion followed that this was still the plan. Well #1 has very high iron levels, and this was the reason to close the well. To decommission the well, a letter needs sent to DES requesting to terminate the well's permit. The option of using the water for firefighting purposes was mentioned. Chris Hodges comments this is a benefit as it creates an easy way to fill trucks outside of the hydrant district, as opposed to pumping water from Corcoran's pond. Mark will draft the letter to DES for the board to review.

6. Calendar Review

Next Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for January 11th, 2017. The next January meeting is January 25th, 2017.

7. New Business

- **Polling Times – Town Meeting, March 14, 2017**

The polling hours at last Town Election was 12noon-5pm. There was not any feedback concerning these hours. We will confirm times with the Moderator and the Town Clerk, and report back to the board with any changes. The deliberative session would then begin at 5:00pm for Town Meeting following the polls closing.

- **Sign Equalization Certificate from NH-DRA**

The certificate was presented to, and signed by, the Selectmen.

8. Old Business

- **Request for Timber Tax Abatement**

After review by NH-DRA Timber Tax officer, Mr. Rick Evans, the town has been directed to the town to abate the amount of \$557.82 from the Timber Tax bill of \$2,011.12. This would result in the bill being reduced from the \$2,011.12 to \$1,453.30. This is based upon the timber purchase contracted amount as agreed upon between the USFS and WWSR.

Bill Larsen motions to abate the amount of \$557.82 for a portion of the Timber Tax yielding an amount due of \$1,453.30.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **Sign Assessing Contract**

The contracts are presented and signed by the Board. There are two contracts to be signed. The first contract is for the general assessing work, and the second contract is for the additional update being done in 2017, as discussed at the last meeting.

- **Water & Sewer Project Update**

- 1. New Building and Well #4**

Construction is progressing as planned, with no new updates at this time.

- 2. Well #2 and Well #3 Update**

There was no discussion to add under this agenda item for this meeting.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Privilege of Floor II

None.

11. Board Concerns and Directives

Margaret Turner will be submitting her intent for her position on the Board of Selectmen for the 2017 town elections.

12. Non-public Session

- **Discussion of Correspondence from Counsel**

The board goes into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) along with Town Manager Mark Decoteau and Sharon Charron. The Motion was made and seconded and with a roll call vote: Selectman Aronson – aye, Selectman Turner – aye, Selectman Larsen – aye, and the Board went into Non-Public Session at 3:31.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 3:40pm

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting at 3:41pm.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant