

**WATERVILLE VALLEY, NH  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** April 22, 2014

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mark Decoteau, Jim Mayhew, Dave Noyes, Chris Hodges, Tom Quackenbush, Rachel Gasowski, Sharon Charron, Irit Levy

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

**2. Privilege of the Floor I:**

1. Ray Kucharski wants to know why we have fewer dumpsters during the week lately. Jim explains that they are in the process of rotating dumpsters so that they are filled and used more efficiently. Discussion continues as to how make better use of the recycling dumpsters - Ray remarks that the recycling dumpsters are often filled. The Board suggests that we perhaps use poking sticks. Jim reminds us of the bear issue that is unique to our town. The Board asks what other towns are doing. We need to make the dumpsters more user friendly - the doors are too heavy and difficult to open. The Board says they will check into how to make the recycling dumpsters more user friendly. The feedback is that folks want side-loading dumpsters and not the top-loading ones.

2. Ray also wants to know if the town can pave the area from the bridge over the dam to Golden Eagle back entrance. The beach portion belongs to the town; the muddy area needs paving. The Board agrees that we will investigate what repairs can be made.

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes April 9:**

The Board reviewed and edited the minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the regular meeting of April 9, 2014 as amended. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**4. Financial Update:**

Mark: There are no changes since the last meeting. A few projects are coming up. Departments are doing well....no major expenditures. We have confirmation that \$16,000 will be forthcoming from the health insurance as a rebate from 2011 and 2012.

## 5. Department Head Updates

**Public Safety:** We received good feedback from coffee with a cop from the National Institute of Justice who conduct the survey. We submit the feedback to them.

Residents can give feedback to the DPS on their website. All are welcome to respond on line.

June will be the next Coffee with a Cop. The Board suggests that Chris or Dave bring up the dog issue with more of the residents. The topic comes up and it has been mostly constructive.

The Board asked if there were any more break-ins. There were none, but the Department continues to investigate the previous break-ins.

Chris and the ambulance: The DPS committee looked at three ambulance company bids. One bid was \$220,000; one was \$183,055 and the third from Horton was over \$230,000. The DPS recommends that the Town go with the PF Custom bid of \$183,055 for the new ambulance. They are out of Sugarloaf, ME. While this was \$3,000 more than budgeted, the balance can be made up from the vehicle maintenance lines in the Public Safety budgets.

The Board wants asked if there will be additional costs with this purchase. Chris is considering a power cot which does the lifting of the patients, and saves the firefighters from injuries, but at 17,000 additional, it is not something we will look at this year.

Margaret moves that we purchase the new ambulance for \$183,055.00 with the \$180,000 from the town meeting approved appropriation and \$3,055 from the Public Safety operating budget with a Second by Mike. The motion is unanimously approved by voice vote.

Chris had the annual test on the ladder truck. There is a hydraulic leak on the ladder; the truck will be out of town for a few weeks for repair. Plymouth will be on call during that time. The repair will be paid for out of the vehicle repair line of the operating budget.

The Citizens Academy starts Wednesday nights: May 7 - June 4 6 - 8 pm

This year, an interactive station tour will be included; we will bring back the fatal vision goggles, meth lab lecture, and Kevin Pearce will also do a presentation on dive team capabilities and perform a river/pond dive. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Public Works:** Jim Mayhew provided a Water and Sewer project update. The Rural Development Office has approved our bid package for the water line and the well. Legal counsel said we have all the easements in place. The special use permit is in place, so the bidding can start for that portion of the project by end of April, to be awarded at the June 11 meeting. On the meter pits, construction is completed at Mad River and now working at Windsor Hill. Although the mud there makes it quite difficult for placement of the wells, it is going well. The work should be done by next week. The next worksite will be at Osceola, Tripyramid and Tecumseh for the double meter pits. At this rate, they should be done by July 4. Yes, they are putting the meters in as they work.

On the inside installations, we had a non-mandatory contractor meeting last week....no one showed up. Two companies have pulled packets from the distribution center that we use. The bids are due on April 30 and these two companies have said they will bid. They will need to

install about 300 meters. We are requiring that these installers have a licensed plumber overseeing this work. If we are dissatisfied with the two bidders, we may discuss an option with the Rural Development Office which includes using a construction contractor along with licensed plumbers. Or, we would try to get Rural Development to agree to the Town being the contractor and using plumbers who have worked within our condos. We have not yet gotten feedback on that option. We previously discussed a potential problem - that of an owner not allowing us access for the installation of the meters. The Board would want to know why this owner doesn't allow access. We may need to refer to Rural Development for assistance if we have an issue with a respondent as this is a mandatory part of the overall project.

The Board asked if there would be any holdup if we don't get a bid now. There will be no holdups as Rural Development needs to close the loan portion of the funding by mid-October. We have a cost estimate of \$700,000 for the well and water line portion of the project.

So far, we have about 100 respondents to the information survey that we have mailed and distributed via email. The Board says they did not receive any surveys yet. Single Family Homeowners will be getting surveys in the mail soon; so far, only condo owners have received surveys regarding the meter installations

Roads: Jim says that the roads are somewhat improving, as the frost heaves are settling down now. There are a few potholes that need fixing and the department will get to those as soon as the weather allows. The Noon Peak area that has not been paved is in rough shape but the upper part that was redone last year is better than in previous years. The snowmaking machine made some grooves on the bridge and where he turns on West Branch Road. We have an agreement with the mountain that the snowmaker will not use the bridge. The Board noticed that they groomed the path below High Country which is not a regular route. Jim never saw evidence that the snowmaker was on the roadway but this needs to be watched. There is some damage by Lost Pass Road. Potholes will be repaired.

We will do an inventory and evaluation of pavement on all of the roads this summer.

## **6. Administration/Calendars**

Margaret Turner leaves April 29 and returns May 21.

The next BOS meeting is May 14.

Bill Larsen may be absent May 28, but can phone in.

Sununu will be talking about the bus system on May 14.

## **7. New Business**

The Board approved the Town Manager sending letters to our Federal and State Legislative Delegation members regarding the Town Meeting vote on Gerrymandering and voter influencing in March.

The Board next considered a sign request for the Conference Center: It was moved and seconded to approve the sign request for the Gordon Research Conference; the sign will be the same as before. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

## **8. Old Business**

There were no votes taken on any of the discussions in the Workshop conducted just before this meeting. The Board directed that the Town Manager seek estimates on private trash pick-ups in lieu of the Municipal Services doing the work. The Board wants to have several cost estimates from different firms and what that service would look like.

## **9. Correspondence**

None

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

None

## **11. Concerns and Directives**

None

## **12. Non-Public Session begins at 3:46**

At 4:15, the Board came out of non public and returned to public.

It is moved and seconded to Move forward with a lien process on all overdue Water & Sewer accounts to the fullest extent allowed by law. The motion passes on a unanimous voice vote.

The Board directed that the Town Manager continue discussions with property owners who continue to be delinquent on taxes and work with them to get their accounts paid in full or enter into written payment arrangements.

With all tax, and water/sewer bills the Board wants to be clear with all property owners that they are going to become more aggressive in the collection of overdue accounts.

It is moved and seconded to adjourn at 4:22 p.m. The motion passes on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irit Levy  
Minutes Secretary