

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

DATE: July 9, 2014

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ray Kucharski, Bob Guilbert, Emily McPauls, Irit Levy, Jean Mullen, Bob Fries, Mark Decoteau, Tom Quackenbush, Sharon Charron.

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

2. Privilege of the Floor I

Ray Kucharski asks for clarification of extension of use for BBTS rail/box and trampoline venue, was it for both or just the rail/box structure? Discussion followed regarding the previous conversation of extension and the absence of the trampoline on the BBTS site plan application to the Planning Board though it is indicated on their submitted map. Ray questioned whether or not the trampoline should be a new application and noticed separately, and the BOS felt that was the case since it is not mentioned in the current application.

Emily McPauls of the Conference Center Coordinator ask for an extension of the noise ordinance from 10pm to 11pm for a function for 7/12/14 for inside the Brookside Bistro location in Town Square for a band. The BOS agreed with notice being given to the abutters, being the Snowy Owl Inn.

Bill Larsen motions to grant the Conference Center an extension of the Noise Ordinance to the Conference Center to 11pm for 7/12/14 for the function at the Brookside Bistro in Town Square.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Jean Mullen and Irit Levy of the Conservation Commission address the BOS regarding a Black Fly Control Proposal. Discussion followed regarding treatment in streams using BTI, a naturally occurring bacterial disease in black flies. They distribute an informational packet on the program (see packet). The main concern was the amount of streams that would need treatment, and whether or not it would prove effective. A former study by UNH was mentioned as taking place in WV 15 or more years ago and the results using BTI was ineffective due to the large number of streams feeding into WV. The BOS suggested that the Conservation Commission seek out Tim Kingston, a former WV employee who was involved with the UNH study. The BOS felt that if something was found to be a reasonable solution, with training and application cost estimates, that the BOS would recommend it to be presented at Town Meeting for voters to decide. Also suggested was the use of bats and swallows which do help in keeping black flies population at bay. More information is requested by the BOS and the CC agreed to pursue.

3. Approval of Minutes

Bill Larsen motion to approve the minutes of 6/18/14 as amended.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

No departments are unexpectedly overspent or behind. Rec Dept numbers are picking up overall.

5. Department Head Updates

- **Public Safety – Owners Letters on Property Maintenance**

The BOS reviewed and made edits to a letter which will be sent out regarding deficiencies in property maintenance relating to the zoning ordinance and the master plan. This letter will be going to the property managers and commercial businesses first, and to individual property owners as needed.

- **Recreation Department**

Mark reviewed the day camp numbers. It has been a slow start due to some kids still in school. Attendance is picking up each week. Overall in the valley, weekend have been busy and weekdays slower.

- **Public Work**

- **Dept of Public Safety – Signs/Zoning issues**

Chris has followed-up with the Zoning Violations. This includes property owners who had signs that were in need of being removed because they were non-compliant with the current zoning ordinances. If there is any property owner who still has a non-compliant sign in place, the BOS agreed to give them 2 weeks time to prepare a ZBA application, or take the sign down. As of today, there were no applications have been made to the ZBA concerning these properties and their signs. Also included in the follow-up were dumpsters which had no enclosures and they have been removed from their locations until an enclosure is constructed. Roper RE sign is allowed to stay up as their office is being relocated and only if their business is still being operated out of the office during the move. A discussion of signs belonging to businesses no longer in operation was begun. Of particular mention was the directional signs on Tripoli Rd and at the intersection of Rt 49 and Tripoli Rd. These list many businesses which are no longer operating. These were built by the mountain when Tom day was President of Resort, and he gave those to the town. They are located on either Forest Service property or state property. Mark will get in touch with the mountain to see if they will remove old businesses from the signs. Another discussion involved the drafting an agreement for the Town owned property and signs. This would involve Town leased property and long term (5yrs) sign permits. This was suggested to be put on the warrant for the 3/2015 Town Meeting.

6. Calendar Review

7. New Business

- **Heritage Commission – Bob Fries**

Bob Fries addresses the BOS regarding the preservation of the history of WV in pictures, videos, personal stories, printed papers etc in all forms. Bob expressed the need to capture and display

these items for others to enjoy and appreciate. He suggested two locations; the first being the property behind the current library, and the second being the Wyman's home (older red home on Boulder Path Rd.) Discussion followed concerning the donation of Wyman property/home for a tax donation and contacting the Wyman's to inquire with them. Also suggested was naming the restored building in the Wyman's name. Bob Fries asked for permission to contact the Wyman's and begin a discussion and the BOS were in agreement. If the Wyman's are not interested, he would like to return to the BOS with a proposal for pursuing a new building for the historical records and items of the town. The forming of a Heritage Commission would need to go before Town Meeting for a vote. Part of the discussion involved funding and getting gifts, either of property or dollars, from private citizens to a trust fund for the Heritage Commission, which would be tax-deductible. This would eliminate the need to set up a non-profit 501-C-3 foundation. The BOS asked to be updated on progress.

- **Proposal for Solid Waste RFP Preparation**

Mark updates the BOS on preparing a RFP for Solid Waste Disposal, and has sought out the assistance of Craig Musselman of CMA engineers who has an extensive background in solid waste disposal systems in NH. He will be of great assistance in preparing the RFP and evaluating our current solid waste disposal processes in WV. Mark asks for authorization to enter into a contract with Craig for \$4,500.

Bill Larsen motions to authorize Mark to sign into a contract with Craig Musselman of CMA Engineers for a not exceed amount of \$4,500 for the purposes of consulting on solid waste.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- **Proposal from BCM Environmental re: Northern Pass**

Mark briefly describes that this is a coalition membership with neighboring towns in regards to Northern Pass Project. Also discussed was whether or not this has any impact to WV, and whether or not the town would want to join the coalition. It was thought it was best to place these questions on the 2015 warrant and give the voters the opportunity to state whether or not they support the Northern Pass Project, and additionally would they support financial assistance coming from the Town to support the coalition.

- **Conference Center Sign Permit for Various Wedding Dates**

Mark had previously approved the first 2 dates. There are many more listed. The BOS agreed it would be OK only if providing only directions to the wedding site (Osceola Arbor). This brought about another discussion on political signs the rumored Kelly Ayotte rally. Mark to check on the State regulations concerning political signs on private, town, and state properties.

- **Review and Sign 2nd Quarter Water/Sewer Bill Commitment**

The warrant is presented and sign by the BOS.

8. Old Business

- **Updates on Capital Projects**

- 1. DPW Garage**

Construction of the building is on hold as the contaminated soil is removed. Mark states that the cost of the soil removal is being discussed with DES and whether or not the State OOD Fund

(Oil Discharge, Disposal & Cleanup fund) can cover some or all of the costs. These discussions are ongoing with DES.

2. Water Line Installation

Trees are being trimmed and materials are being stockpiled near the site. The Forest Service has been involved with the marking of trees for cutting and trimming. Trail closure signs are ready to go in place according to the trail closure plan.

3. Water Meters

Water meter pits are almost done. Forest Knoll I & II will be installed 7/17 and will require that water is shut off to those associations for the whole day of the install. Property managers and associations have been notified and notices will be left on every door as well. Interior installations have been going well and so far there have been no issues. Mark states that we are beginning to coordinate with our billing software and our meter provider to begin testing the radio read system. Mark presents an average usage from past years for commercial properties and proposes using these averages for the commercials in the interim one year period as we are gaining current accurate usage with the new meters. Bill Larsen suggested using the meters but including a not to exceed number representing the last few years average.

- **NHMA Policy**

Mark presents information in the NHMA Legislative policy meeting, and will forward to the BOS by email as well. Specific items mentioned include the Right To Know Law and the Public Notice Requirement potential changes from paper notice to electronic notice. There is a deadline of August 5th.

9. Correspondence

- **Time Warner Cable Project at Ski Area**

The project involves running a cable to the summit of Mt. Tecumseh. The question asked by the BOS is how does this impact cable service to Waterville Valley? Positively, negatively or none at all?

10. Privilege of the Floor II

None.

11. Board Concerns & Directive

- Mark presents letter from DOT for BOS's signatures regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan grant update.
- Mark presents a list of water/sewer delinquencies greater than \$500 and asks for directions from the BOS as to what type of action to be taken. Discussion followed whether or not to shut off the service. Liens have been placed on these properties. Residences that are condo/town homes might share water lines, and it wouldn't be possible to isolate one unit in a building unless there is a separate line. Commercial and residential properties have different processes for termination of municipal services. The lien dates were also discussed. For the commercial properties, shutting off these services would virtually close the business. The BOS were unsure if they would actually proceed to shut off their services. The BOS requested Mark to stress to the commercial properties the position they are placing the BOS in and they are forcing them to make a decision they really don't want to make, but if they have to, they would regretfully have to make that

decision. The BOS would like to have dialogue with the commercial property owners responding to this issue before they have to vote on it.

Action Item List:

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13. Non-Public Session

The 3 BOS members go into non-public session, along with Mark & Sharon, to discuss a domicile request at 4:40pm.

The BOS come out of non-public at 4:45pm.

Bill Larsen motions to approve the domicile request for Dorothy Nazarian.

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote at 4:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron
Town Clerk Assistant
Town of Waterville Valley