

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

DATE: July 10, 2013

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: John & Fred (Hockey Academy), Cyndy Piekos, Rachel Gasowski, Chris Hodges, Jim Mayhew, Sharon Charron.

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

2. Privilege of the Floor I

Chairman Larsen speaks to John and Fred of the Hockey Academy about the current status of Ice arena, programs, and if there was anything the town should be aware of as far as needs of the facility. John and Fred said that overall things are great. They expressed the need for some capital improvements, i.e. locker rooms, due to the addition of another team, as well as general maintenance. There was a recent \$6K repair to one of the pumps. There is also a need to do an overhaul on the compressors. This is normal general maintenance. This will cost approximately \$24K. The BOS expresses that funds were set aside in anticipation of repairs a few years ago per the lease agreement. Recommendations and a quote for the servicing will be forwarded to the Town for review. Unless an emergency occurs, it will likely be done next spring when the rink closes down. A discussion took place concerning the lodging of the Hockey Academy team members, and the staffing and supervision by the coaches. They are looking at renting additional condominiums beside the unit they rent at Town Square.

On a separate note, the Co-ed Broomball League would like to construct a trophy case in the ice arena and is asking for permission. John and Fred both said that a trophy case would be not a problem.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mike Aronson motions to approve the minutes of 6/26/13 as amended.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

We have collected approximately 89.2% of the 1st half property taxes, which were due on 7/1. This is a little ahead of past years at this same time. All departments look good on their budgets, and even ahead in revenues in some departments.

5. Department Head Updates

- **Public Works**

West Branch Rd. & Tripoli Rd. paving projects are both competed. Surveying is taking place currently to create as-built plans. Noon Peak Rd. repairs/improvements have started. There was a discussion of the recycling program costs and how the additional

trips for recycling will impact the trash truck. There was a request from Village Condos about having a recycling dumpster placed on site. Discussion followed as to the current set up and why a recycling dumpster is needed. They currently collect their own recyclables and bring them over to the transfer station for disposal. The drive within their property to a placed dumpster, versus coming to the transfer facility, is virtually the same distance. It was felt by the BOS that they (Village Condos) needed to come in and explain why a recycling dumpster on site at their property is needed.

- **Recreation Department**

The Recreation Dept. supplied some summer camp numbers, week #1, 94 total. The Summit Teen program is doing very well as for attendance. The Wings & Peak program numbers are a bit down, likely do to some kids moving up to the Summit program and school was still in session in some NH & MA towns through the end of June. 2nd week numbers were steady with past years. July 4th celebrations went well with the Carnival with 230 wrist bands being sold. Adult programs which are ongoing include a Board Game night, Dirt Divas Mountain Bike Group Ride, Craft/Stitch Hour, Tech at the Rec., and upcoming field trips. Mike Aronson asked about any camp participants being from resort guests, and the answer was yes that there were some. It was also mentioned that the mountain purchased as bounce house, as opposed to using the recreation department one. Ugotta Regatta is scheduled for July 20th. The new paddle boards are getting lots of use on Corcoran Pond.

- **Public Safety**

July 4th was a busy day for staff with the parade, road closure, and fireworks while managing 2 evacuations from Welch Mt. and Snow's Mt. But it all went well. Good overall feedback on the fireworks. Only downsides mentioned were the heavy air held the smoke down low, and that the band in Town Square played through the fireworks display which some people felt was distracting. Upcoming event of a "Coffee With a Cop" on Friday 7/12 from 8:30-10:00am and hoping to get some additional guests from Fish & Game and other local law enforcement agencies.

6. Calendar Review

Next meeting is July 24th.

The August meeting will be August 21st instead of 8/14.

7. New Business

- **Tent Permit – Skateboard Park**

BOS reviews an application for a tent permit for the skateboard park. Discussion follows with regard if this location conforms to current use. It was suggested to include tent usage in their annual review when it occurs.

- **Noon Peak Intersection Repairs**

Mark Decoteau & Jim Mayhew speak to the BOS about the intersection of Noon Peak Rd. and Boulderwood area. This is town owned road which directly abutts the portion of road being repaired by Noon Peak Association. Needed repairs include replacing 2 water shut-offs, sub-grade work, and paving. A discussion of the bid proposal submitted by Dana White, who is doing the road repairs from the Noon Peak Association, and further explanation of the repairs. There is funding available in the summer road repairs budget due to under spending of the Tripoli Road Project.

Bill Larsen motions to spend up to \$9,000 at the intersection to Noon Peak at the intersection of Boulderwood & Noon Peak Condo's.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- **Corcoran Pond Deck Modification**

Rachel Gasowski explains that the pond level balance between recreational use and the need to drop pond levels for rain flow. She describes a floating adjustable dock design that would accommodate launching boats when the water level is lower. Rachel is working on the price quote with the same company who built the current dock.

Bill Larsen motions to authorize up to \$6,000 for the construction of a floating dock.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- **Water and Sewer 2nd Quarter Warrant**

The 2nd Quarter Water & Sewer Warrant is presented and signed by the BOS.

8. Old Business

- **Striping on W. Branch Road and River Road**

W.Branch Road has been striped and the stop bars put in. Bill Larsen asks about a speed limit sign on Tripoli Road. The new striping on the large curve on W. Branch Rd. has improved the traffic flow and is keeping cars controlled. Additional signage along Tripoli and W. Branch will be placed as needed after a Public Safety review.

- **SPM Parcel Clean-up**

Mark comments that we are trying to work with the trustee in addressing the needed clean up of the property. Photos have been sent to the trustee. We are still waiting on their word to be able to take action.

- **DPW Garage Bids Follow Up**

Mike Aronson reports from the Building Committee that the bids were all higher than anticipated and at the next meeting he hopes to have adjusted amounts to present for discussion.

- **Like Father, Like Son Site Plan Application to Planning Board**

Bill Larsen bring up the application to be sure there were no issues pertaining to the proposed use. The proposed use and the current are one in the same, unless a building or other type of pad is constructed.

- **TY 2012 Abatement Requests**

The BOS review the TY2012 Abatement Requests and the recommendations from our assessor Mark Nieder. Discussion was held concerning these properties and the attached summary of the 10 applications. The applications were separated into land only and those with buildings. Questions arose regarding what the current list prices are for the lots. Need to make sure they aren't listed for more than what is appraised. This will need to be verified either way. The golf course lots (2) were also reviewed. Due to Mike Aronson being an employee of the golf course, he recuses himself from voting on these particular

applications. After discussion, it was felt that a conversation with our assessor, Mark Nieder, was needed to explain his recommendations. One property on Moose Run had a partially constructed home, and the recommendation was to reduce it by 25% for 2012, which also was discussed.

Bill Larsen motions to grant the abatement request of BRFN Investments for the TY2012 to the revised assessment of \$763,600.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bill Larsen motions to deny the requests for the TY2012 Tax Abatements from the following applications; C & A Realty Trust, Daniel & Diana Cooney, Boris & Tatyana Shapiro.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

9. Correspondence

- **Broomball League – Trophy Case Donation**

The broomball league is soliciting donation for the construction of a trophy case in the ice arena.

Bill Larsen motions to donate \$100 to the Broomball League trophy case.

Mike Aronson; 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

10. Privilege of the Floor II

None.

11. Board Concerns & Directives

12. Non-Public Session

The 3 BOS members & Mark Decoteau & Sharon Charron go into non-public at 4:50pm.

Out of non-public at 4:55pm.

Bill Larsen motions to approve the Domicile Request of Sean Stout & his 2 children.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Charron
Town of Waterville Valley