

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

DATE: November 13, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Larsen, Mike Aronson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Margaret Turner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Stokloza, Krista Katz, Tim McLaughlin, Ray Kucharski, Pat Kucharski, Dave Noyes, Chris Hodges, Mark Decoteau, Tom Quackenbush, Carina Park.

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

2. Privilege of the Floor I

- Pat Kucharski addresses the Board concerning 3 items. The first is regarding the town's noise ordinance. She comments that in her neighborhood construction workers have been starting earlier than the 8:00am ordinance allows. Mark Decoteau replies that due to daylight constraints the workers, who are in process of installing the water meter pits, requested to start at 7am and to which the town agreed, in order to expedite the work. The second item concerns the noise levels of leaf blowers, as well as extending periods of time of usage, and requests that the town either ban or restrict extended duration and/or a certain noise discipline level. The BOS agreed to review this in conjunction with the noise ordinance. The third item is that she will not seek re-election as Town Clerk at the next Town election. Pat has served the Town of Waterville Valley for the last 10 years as Town Clerk and feels that she is ready to retire. Bill Larsen thanks her on behalf of the Board and the town for her many years of outstanding service to the community.
- WVBBS, represented by Peter Stokloza, speaks to agenda item 7-C., which is their request for an extension of temporary use of their rail/box venue. They are asking for an extension of their previous agreement which was that it was a temporary structure to be removed by October 31, 2013. Aronson asks Ray Kucharski, chairman of the Planning Board, what how the PB would like it handled: extension of current agreement as a temporary use or return to PB for a site plan review for a permanent location. Discussion involves outdoor trampolines, a master plan for the WVA campus, and establishment of a permanent location of all these structures. An extension of the temporary use is believed to be option, and will give WVBBS time to establish a permanent location on site.

Bill Larsen motions to extend the temporary use permit of the rail/box venue at the WVBBS/WVA campus until May 31, 2014 with the understanding that another extension will not be granted and a site plan review will be needed for this in the future.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

3. Approval of Minutes

Bill Larsen motions to approve the minutes of 10/23/13 as amended.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

We are 96.5% through the year, and overall we are doing well and are on target with budget. Mark noted that the Recreation Department is at 92% of projected revenues, and 89% of projected expenses which includes all seasonal camp & waterfront expenses. This is normal and he projects that they will be at or just above budgeted revenue by year's end. Mark also noted that the solid waste fees are ahead of the budgeted revenues at 30%. This is due to structural change in solid billing fees to a flat rate from a per dumpster tipping rate. Going forward, the 2014 budget will be adjusted to reflect this additional revenue.

5. Department Head Updates

- **Recreation Department**

Mark reports for Rachel and that Pickleball is doing great with high attendance and an additional court is being purchased to accommodate this interest. Bill Larsen has heard that there is a desire for the Rec Dept to be open on Sundays.

6. Calendar Review

- Next meeting will be moved to Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 3pm.
- 2014 Budget review with Dept Heads will be in the 2nd week of December.

7. New Business

- **Property Tax Levy Warrant**

The 2nd half 2013 Property Tax Levy Warrant is presented and signed by the Selectman.

- **2013 Ratio Study Summary Report**

Mark presents the state DRA 2013 Ratio Study Report for property sales. Our median ratio is at 91.5%. This means that from the 44 selected sales, out of 62 selected as valid, the properties sold for an average of 8.5% over the assessed value currently in our records. Additionally, this means that 71% of all property sales were higher than the assessed values. This is still within the state standard. Mark noted concern that the PRD (Price Related Differential) is slightly off the state standards and is consulting with Mark Neider (of the towns assessing firm) for explanation. Mark suggests that for the 2014 budget a statistical update might be considered. After discussion, it was thought best to leave this expense to FY2015 and to wait for the 2014 Ratio Study Summary Report next year as they could change.

8. Old Business

- **Water Meter Pit Project Update**

The project is behind schedule due the Federal Government shutdown in October. Currently the 3rd & 4th pits are being worked on now. Windsor Hill development has experienced some unforeseen issues in the installations. This relates particularly with the distance between the water & sewer lines, which according to town regulation should be 10' apart in separate trenches. In the Windsor Hill complex they are 18" apart and located in the same trench. This

complicates the installation because the water lines need to be moved to accommodate the 4' concrete vault pit for the water meters. Rural Development has approved the change order for Windsor Hill. Concern was expressed by Bill Larsen that the actual building experience is going to be larger than expected for this project. Mark is expecting to get another estimate from Dana White on these additional costs. It is not known at this time whether other condo complexes will experience similar difficulties.

9. Correspondence

A letter was received from the US Attorney's Office in response to the BOS letter requesting updates on the Stone Property Management case letting us know that the investigation is on-going at this time.

10. Privilege of the Floor II

Mike Aronson received an email from Wendy Rathgeber regarding ice time availability for WVES is very limited due to the Hockey Academy schedules. In the email she references an agreement between the Town and the Hockey Academy allowing for sufficient time for WVES skating programs. Mark will look into this further both the WVES and the Hockey Academy.

11. Board Concerns & Directive

Bill Larsen comments that Ray Burton passed away yesterday, November 12th, 2013. Bill comments that Ray was a true friend to the Town of Waterville Valley and its residents, and was an outstanding public servant. He will be greatly missed by all.

Action Items:

12. Non-Public Session

The 3 BOS members, Mark, and Carina go into non-public session at 3:47pm to discuss 3 domicile requests.

Those present come out of non-public at 4:15

Mike Aronson motions to approve the domicile requests for Whitney Diamond, Thomas Worobec, and Brandon Spinney.

Bill Larsen: 2nds.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Bill Larsen motions to adjourn the meeting.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote at 4:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Charron
Town of Waterville Valley