

**WATERVILLE VALLEY, NH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
WV Town Offices Meeting Room**

DATE: June 17, 2015

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Decoteau, Chris Hodges, Dave Noyes, Sharon Charron, Jim Mayhew, Jan Stearns, Richard Rita, Wendi Rathgeber, Al & Dorothy Larsson, Harry Notowitz, Terry waite, John Recine, Irit Levy.

1. The public hearing meeting was called to order at 3:05pm.

2. Public Hearing – Town-wide Speed Limit & Pedestrian/Bike Road Markings

The public hearing was opened at 3:05pm.

PRESENTATION: Chris Hodges gives the presentation on the proposal for lowering the speed limit town-wide to 25mph, and reviews the proposed signage and road markings for bicycle traffic, and recommendations for pedestrians on sidewalks. He stresses that lowering the speed limit is critical for making the plan work of getting bicycles off the sidewalks. Proper signage and road markings which remind motor vehicles to share the road with bicycle traffic is part of the plan. For example, the signs would be, “Bike Route” and “Share The Road”. Additional road marking depicting pictures of bicycle stenciled on the road way were also shown. These would be strategically placed near curb turndowns and intersections. Additionally, the Valley trail along Snow’s Brook would be upgraded o make biking it easier, as it is rough in some spots now. The proposal is also inclusive of an informational campaign by the WV Resort in promoting bicycle and pedestrian travel. The WV Resort had committed to a minimum amount of ledge pack stone to improve the trail this summer, and more grading and material in the future. The proposed plan would be a temporary trial for this summer, and will be reviewed prior to winter as to its effectiveness. The recommended date to start would be 8/1/15, as time is needed to install signs, and stencil the road markings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Comments include concern about the size of stencils (needs to large enough to be visible), locations of speed limit signs and possible speed board relocation, and recommended other road markings (for example “SLOW” or arrows or “sharrows”).

Public Hearing is closed at 3:20pm. The BOS discusses a motion, and decide to delay any motion until their next meeting on 6/24/15 to allow for additional public comments. Chairman Aronson comments that there are no additional appropriations needed, and the current budgets will be used for the necessary supplies.

Bill Larsen motions to order the necessary materials relating to decreasing the speed limit (signs, stencils).

Mike Aronson: 2nds

The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Public Hearing – Supplemental Appropriation for Rural Development Water & Sewer Project

The public hearing is opened at 3:27pm.

PRESENTATION: Mark Decoteau gives a presentation on the final phase of the water and sewer project and the need for the supplemental appropriation in order to complete the project. He reviews the whole project, and the final phase consists of connecting the new water well (well #4) to the water treatment and distribution system of the town. He reviews the budget, the project timeline, Rural Development grant funding and loan, and ineligible costs incurred by the town. Due to project costs which were non-reimbursable, there is a balance of \$306,958 available in the grant funds for the project. Rural Development has asked the Town to determine if they will make the appropriation of the balance as soon as possible. The additional funds will allow preferred work on the final phase of the project. All of the money of this appropriation will come from the remaining Rural Development grant amount. There will be no additional Town property taxes as a result of this appropriation. Mark additionally outlines on maps presented the locations of well #4, and wells #1-3, the treatment and storage locations, and reservoirs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments or questions.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Bill Larsen questions if Rural Development is willing to assist with funds to do the repairs needed on the low pressure sewer line on River Rd. and W. Branch Rd., which were part of the project. Mark answers that they have been asked, but we do not yet have their response, but they haven't said no. Bill expressed concerns over additional DES testing requirements if we are approved for the additional funds.

Bill Larsen motions for the BOS to sign the letter to DRA requesting an emergency appropriation of \$306,958.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Public Hearing is closed at 3:56pm

3. Other Business

None.

Mike Aronson motions to adjourn the meeting.

Bill Larsen: 2nds.

The meeting was adjourned on a unanimous voice vote at 3:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Charron
Town Clerk Assistant
Town of Waterville Valley