

**TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** August 30, 2017

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Aronson, Bill Larsen and Margaret Turner.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rich Rita, Wendi Rathgeber, Jim Mayhew, Mark Decoteau, Brooke Wakefield, Judy Rolfe and Sharon Charron.

**1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.**

**2. Lost Pass Road Plowing Update**

Mark informed the board that a meeting is scheduled next week with the Moose Run HOA concerning the plowing of the road. A fee of \$3,100 has been calculated for the services, and a Memorandum of Agreement will be presented for signatures. Mark was waiting on the confirmation of the liability insurance of the town with the plowing being noted as public safety concern for winter access for vehicles.

**3. Assessing – MS-1 Preparation Update**

The values are not yet finalized by the assessors. Mark will follow up by email later today if they are available. Based upon what the assessors have shared, in general terms the condo values are going up, and single family homes and vacant land values are going down. There are likely exceptions in both areas; where a condo could go down in value or a single family home could go up in value. Once the full report is received, the selectmen will be informed. Letters to the property owners will go out after Labor Day weekend, and appointments for property owners to review their assessments will be conducted the following week.

**4. Zoning Ordinance Question**

Mark informed the board that the golf course would like to place a trailer behind their maintenance building for storage of equipment. Whether or not this was an allowed use in their zoning district (REC) is what needs to be answered. Any use not specified within the zoning regulations, for each respective zone, is not an allowed use. Golf course is an allowed use in the REC zone, and it was questioned whether the storage trailer is an ancillary use for the golf course operations. Discussion followed concerning the location, visibility and the proposed contents to be stored. Concern was expressed to it being a trailer, as trailers are not allowed except for a limited time (7 days) in any zone in town, with exceptions as noted in the ZO. It was thought that trailer would be set on ground, without wheels similar to a container, but this was unconfirmed. The board felt that this needs to go through the site plan review process and be reviewed by the planning board and allow abutter property owners to express any of their concerns.

**5. Correspondence**

Mark comments that a letter was received from a resident regarding offensive content of a recent Shakespeare in the Valley performance. It will be placed on the agenda for Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> for discussion between the resident and the board. Margaret Turner added that this performance has been shown in cities across the nation to rave reviews, and that there were a number of other offenses not cited in the letter received which could have been mentioned, which are all part of Shakespearian themes. The town does provide financial support for the performances of Shakespeare in the Valley and has been doing this for years. It was noted that the board was against any censorship of content for the performances.

## **6. Department Updates**

- **Recreation**

Brooke Wakefield reports that boats are open through Monday, 9/4/17, and weekends only after that date. Numbers look good for camp this summer with only 8 weeks this summer, versus 9 weeks last year due to the way school ending and starting schedules. There was strong local attendance for from surrounding towns extending to the Plymouth/Holderness area in addition to the second homeowners in WV. The afterschool programs will resume on Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. Adult fitness programs will be starting up again soon as well and pickle ball has resumed 7 days a week.

- **Public Works**

Jim Mayhew reports that interviews are ongoing for the open position and was hopeful that the position will be filled from the applicants. The bid for the paving project on Greeley Hill Rd. came in just over \$53K for the entire road. A revised bid was also received for about \$48K, which removed the 1" topcoat application. Discussion followed concerning the need for a topcoat based upon the limited traffic and use of the road. Normal road construction calls for a 2" basecoat with the 1" topcoat. Topcoat is typically a smaller grain for tighter coverage to reduce the penetration of moisture. Concern was expressed by the board that the road will need to be repaired again in 5-6 years and wanted to eliminate this possibility. Mark recommended that the topcoat be eliminated saving \$4,600 explaining that the road didn't have enough use to warrant the topcoat layer, while Jim agreed that the topcoat could be eliminated although the topcoat layer is part of road building process. After further consideration, the board was in agreement with each other to include the topcoat on this road project.

Mark also commented that the Town Hall painting is planned to begin this week. The furnace at the Curious George Cottage is also scheduled for replacement which will likely cost \$3-4K.

Another subject discussed was the removal of the downed trees in the river. Margaret commented that the Bierbrier's may have contracted with someone to cut some exposed branches which posed a hazard to people wading in or crossing the river.

Another subject discussed involved the hockey academy, and ongoing discussions between them and the PRHS school board for schooling the athletes. It is the opinion of the school board that the town is not responsible for the costs of the tuition of high school students whom are not residents of the town. The school board is continuing to have discussions with the group and will keep the selectmen informed of any developments.

**7. Privilege of Floor**

Wendi Rathgeber was present to comment upon the Shakespeare performance which will be on the agenda formally for the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**8. Adjourn**

Margaret Turner motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:34am.

Bill Larsen: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant