

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

**DATE:** August 9, 2018

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Aronson and Rich Rita.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Margaret Turner, Vice Chair.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tom Gross, Wendi Rathgeber, Nancy Knight, Howard Abramson, Mark Decoteau, Jim Mayhew, Judy Rolfe and Sharon Charron.

**1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Mike Aronson.**

**2. Review Town Entrance Project**

Mark reviewed the project budget for the Town Entrance Project. The bids received for all of the work (sign, roadwork & engineering) presently exceed the \$250K budget amount by just over \$50K. At this time \$30-35K has already been spent on plans and design work. The road work bids far exceed the estimated amount from the engineers. The TCWG is recommending that the site work and the sign itself move forward and to hold off the road work at this time. The sign portion of the project could be done for \$126K, leaving the \$124K remaining which could be retained and added to further funding next year to complete the road and sidewalk portions. Tom Gross adds that it is important to keep the project forward and perhaps the remaining work could be bundled with other road work projects next year. Mike Aronson comments that assuming bids received now for future work now might create issues in the project budget. Nancy Knight adds that by holding off on the roadwork portion now, and putting it out to bid next spring, there will likely be more bidders as it will be the start of the roadwork season, rather than in the midst of it. Tom Gross asks that the Selectmen give approval for the sign portion of the project. Rich Rita states that the project passed by a very slim margin at town meeting and that there needs to be something deliverable on that to the voters. He adds by splitting the project into two will give that deliverable result to the voters, and the remaining funds could be encumbered for the remainder of the project. Mike is in agreement.

Rich Rita motions to approve the sign portion of the Town Entrance Project.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**3. Other Business**

Howard Abramson of Mountain Brook asked about the recent contamination issue at Corcoran Pond and expressed his concerns and asks if all single family homes are connected to the sewer system. It was explained that there are no homes which border Corcoran's Pond and the contamination was likely caused by algae growth in low water during the recent drought conditions and rain water run-off ground water which contained animal waste and/or decomposing vegetative matter. It could also be exacerbated by the ducks in the pond, warm

water temperatures and people swimming. Mark comments that he believes that this is the 3rd time in 18 years this has occurred. The water is tested 2-3 times during the summer and is done by the DES during the times it is most active for use, which is in the summer months for Corcoran's Pond. Tests were conducted on 8/6/18 allowed for the removal of the posted signs the flowing day on 8/7/18. Howard maintained concerns for people wading in Snows Brook, which is the runoff from the Pond. He had additional concerns for the potential failure of private sewer systems, of which there are a few still in town. None of these private systems are close to Corcoran's Pond or any of the drainage areas leading to or from the pond. Howard then expressed concerns about the electric resort boards and scooters being operated on trails and sidewalks and asked if there were any restrictions. Discussion followed regarding their use and at this time there are no regulations forbidding them. On Forest Service managed land they are allowed in certain areas with permission granted by the Forest Service. It was stated that gas powered vehicles are not allowed on any trails or sidewalks except by emergency personnel. Trails connecting to the USFS trails were also discussed and Howard stated that the Mountain Brook Association had recently installed a fence on their common property to restrict usage of the trail. It is their intent to leave the fence in place for the winter as well.

#### **4. Adjourn**

Rich Rita motions to adjourn the meeting at 3:23 pm.

Mike Aronson: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk /Town Office Assistant