

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

**DATE:**       **October 23, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Aronson, Chairman, Margaret Turner, Vice-Chair and Richard Rita (speaker phone).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mark Decoteau, Brooke Wakefield and Sharon Charron.

**1. The meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m. by Chair Mike Aronson.**

**2. Non-public Session**

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Upon return to the public session a motion was made to seal the minutes by Mike Aronson and seconded by Margaret Turner because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this Board. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**3.Privilege of the Floor I**

**None.**

**4. Approval of Minutes; 3 Sets**

• **9/26/19 Workshop Meeting**

Mike Aronson motions to approve the minutes of 9/26/19 Workshop Meeting as amended.  
Margaret Turner: 2nds. Motion was carried by a 2-0, with Margaret Turner abstaining.

• **10/09/19 Regular Meeting**

Margaret Turner motions to approve the minutes of 10/09/19 Regular Meeting as amended.  
Mike Aronson: 2nds. Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

• **10/17/19 Special Meeting**

The minutes were tabled for approval until the 11/06/19 Meeting.

## **5. Financial Update**

The Board reviewed the Financial report and there were no questions.

## **6. Calendar Review**

- Recommendation for Regular Selectmen's Meetings – November and December
  1. November 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>
  2. December 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>
- The next Regular Planning Board Meeting is November 14, 2019.

## **7. Department Heads Updates**

### **• Recreation**

Brooke Wakefield reports that Halloween events begin on Friday 10/25 with Pumpkin Carving. The Halloween haunted house/party is on Saturday afternoon 10/26 from 3:30pm to 5pm, followed by Trunk or Treat in Town Square from 5-7pm. Brooke has private hiking groups scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday this weekend for a new property owner and their guests. Brooke presented Margaret Turner with her 125 Redliner Patch and congratulated her on the accomplishment. Margaret is the second person, and the first resident, as well as the first female to get her patch and this is a great accomplishment. Brooke added that Margaret had a hip replacement in May and started hiking soon afterwards. She completed all but 2 hikes since May, which were previously logged, to earn her patch. Margaret kept a great log and has created a memoir of her hikes. It was suggested to do press release to the WigWag and the Record Enterprise newspapers, as well as to include the Redliner 125 Patch recipient list in the Annual Town Report. The boats should be placed in storage by the end of the week. Mark adds that there is a piece of the boat dock by the beach which will be used by the electrician to install the new lights on the bridge. Brooke adds that the Backpacker Magazine issue, with the write up on the 125 Redliner Patch on page 29, is now in circulation.

### **• Public Works/Municipal Services**

No report as Jim Mayhew is on vacation.

### **• Public Safety**

No report as Chris Hodges was occupied with business.

## **8. New Business**

### **• Vote on Arena Lease/Purchase Arrangements**

No motion was made and no vote was taken at this time.

### **• Discussion with High Country Property Owners**

There was no discussion with the Association as no owners were present. The discussion topic was to be the possibility of the Town taking over the internal way from Osceola Road turn-around to the end by the Sununu and Rothman properties. A letter was referenced from Jim Mayhew to Mark Decoteau regarding the condition of the of the road, the road criteria under Town regulations, and the present landscape plantings and rocks along the road edges. Jim's recommendation is that the HOA should first confirm the sub-grade construction of the road by excavating a series of test pits. Based upon the current existing conditions, Jim recommends that the HOA should bring the road to meet current Town road specifications and standards, with a 50' ROW, with a proper turn around and snow dumping areas, before placing their request before the Board. For the purpose of discussion, the Board discussed the differences between

maintenance of an easement and/or ROW and ownership by a deed. The Board and Mark were all in agreement with Jim's recommendation.

- **Request to Waive Interest Charges – 3 Pine Tree Way**

The request was made by Kristin Gohr, niece of the deceased owner of 3 Pine Tree Way (Marimargaret Roberts), to waive the interest on 3 Pine Tree Way for water/sewer/property taxes. Ms. Gohr was named the executor and just recently gained access of Ms. Roberts finances. Mike Aronson motions to approve the request, provided the principal amounts of the taxes are paid in full.

Margaret Turner: 2nds. Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **ZBA Alternate Appointment – C. Piekos**

Jean Mullen, ZBA Chair, has recommended both Cyndy Piekos and Barbara Prendergast to be appointed as Alternate Members of the ZBA, thus filling 2 of the 3 vacant alternant positions.

Margaret Turner motions to appoint both Cyndy Piekos and Barbara Prendergast as Alternate ZBA Members.

Mike Aronson: 2nds. Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **Residency List Review**

This agenda item is tabled to the next meeting pending further review and clarification of the list.

## **9. Old Business**

- **Review and Sign Tax Bill Warrant**

The 2019 Tax Bill Warrant was not ready, as the Town just received notification from NH-DRA of the tax rate as being set at \$14.14. The warrant will be printed and the Board notified to come to the Town Offices to sign it. Additionally, Mark presented the Board with the DRA Equalization Certificate for their signatures. This form is to verify that all property sales have been verified and returned to the State by the Town.

- **Transfer Station Rack Card**

The new informational card for the Transfer Station was shown to the Board and was well received. This will be distributed with approved building permits. The Transfer Station attendant will also be able to distribute to customers in person when they are disposing of items. The intention is to inform people of the fees, procedures and hours of the Transfer Station.

- **Well #3 Project Update**

Mark reports that Joe Ducharme is almost done with the list of improvements and options for Well #3 and it will be presented at the Board's November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The first water samples have been taken from well #3 after the well was recharged but those test results have not yet been returned.

- **Solid Waste Disposal Yearly Comparison**

The yearly comparison was reviewed and it was noted that the SW disposal increases mirrored the increases in resident population over the past few years. The termination of the recycling program is also contributing to increases in SW disposal. The Board is supportive of exploring new recycling options for the Town as many property owners and residents alike believe in recycling.

## **10. Board Concerns and Directives**

None.

## **11. Correspondence**

Mark provides correspondence from Health Trust regarding the 2020 rate structure and plans. There is a 6.9% increase in our group, which is comprised of all insured municipal and school participants in our SAU district. There is also an additional plan which should be considered, which is very similar in benefits at a slightly lower cost. The differences were not fully known at this time, but more information will be provided at the next Board meeting to compare against the current plan.

Mark informs the Board of receiving a settlement amount of \$1,154 from the Class Action Law Suit.

## **12. Privilege of the Floor II**

None.

## **13. Non-public Session**

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## **13. Adjourn**

Mike Aronson motions to adjourn the meeting at 3:57pm.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Charron  
Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant