

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

DATE: November 6, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Aronson, Chairman and Richard Rita.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Margaret Turner, Vice-Chair.

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Coleman, Randy Breeckner, Reggie Breeckner, Barry Fish, Mark Decoteau, Chris Hodges Jim Mayhew and Sharon Charron.

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

2. Privilege of the Floor I

Randall Breeckner, resident and President of the Mountain Meadow HOA and Mountain Garages Association, addresses the Board regarding the dumpster located between the garages and the Mountain Meadow Condos. His concern is that people are using the dumpster that are not property owners at either the garages or the condos and causing additional fees from items not allowed in the dumpster (TV's and other electronics), as well as excessive trash outside of the dumpster. Discussion followed as to who is responsible for the dumpster - the Town or the Association. According to the current ordinance the Association, where the dumpster is located, is responsible for the policing and maintaining their dumpster, including picking up trash outside of the dumpster. The Town offered the suggestions of either removing the dumpster or suggested the Associated place signage on the doors stating that the dumpster is to be used solely by the Mountain Meadow HOA. It was believed that in this instance, individual(s) are purposely evading fees charged for these items at the Transfer Station. Public Safety Officers will be asked to be alert for individuals dumping large items, especially after the Transfer Station is closed at the end of the day. This continues to be a town-wide issue with WV employees bringing their trash from outside of WV to dispose of on their way to/from work. The Town has gone as far as installing cameras at the dumpsters at the Transfer Station in an effort to deter individuals from illegal dumping after hours as well.

Barry Fish, of Flat Mountain Rd., asked if the new lights on Corcoran's Pond Dam Bridge meet the Town's Dark Sky requirements for lighting. The Board is aware of the light's brightness and understand that the lights are not compliant with the Town's dark sky regulations. The Town is working with the electrician to determine if lower wattage bulbs could be used. However, due to the Administrative Order to complete the work on the CC Pond Dam by 12/31/2019, the lights have to stay in place for the final inspection and the Administrative Order to be lifted.

Randall Breeckner expressed concern over the rusty railings on the West Branch Road bridge. Jim Mayhew is aware of their conditions and stated that some were replaced this year and the others are slated for replacement in 2020.

3. Approval of Minutes; 2 Sets

- **10/17/19 Special Meeting**

Mike Aronson motions to approve the minutes of 10/17/19 Special Meeting as amended.

Rich Rita: 2nds. Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- **10/23/19 Regular Meeting**

Mike Aronson motions to approve the minutes of 10/23/19 Regular Meeting as amended.

Rich Rita: 2nds. Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

4. Financial Update

The Board reviewed the Financial report and commented that things hadn't changed much since the last report and there were no questions.

5. Calendar Review

- Recommendation for upcoming Selectmen's Meetings – November and December
 1. BOS Regular meeting November 20th
 2. BOS Regular meetings December 4th & 18th
 3. The week of December 9th there are budget meetings with Dept Heads.
- The Planning Board Public Hearing on proposed Zoning Ordinance changes is 11/06/19 is at 6pm. The next regular meeting of the Planning Board is 11/14/19.

6. Department Heads Updates

- **Recreation**

No report, Brooke was absent.

- **Public Works/Municipal Services**

Jim Mayhew reports that the 1st load of salt was delivered and there is a possibility of snow for tomorrow with up to 3-6". All equipment is in good working order and employees are doing well,

- **Public Safety**

Chris Hodges reports that the Dept is busy preparing vehicles and equipment for winter weather, as well as completing year-end training requirements. There is an additional item for discussion in non-public session.

7. New Business

- **Transfer Station Fee Schedule Review**

The Board reviewed the rates from surrounding Towns for Transfer Station fees and noted that WV's rates are lower. Freon containing units, and the fees to dump them, as well as the fees to haul them away were discussed. Jim stated that the freon units (refrigerators) have the freon removed by a contractor through NRRA. There needs to be at least 50 units for this service. The empty units are then deposited into our metal container. This ends up being a revenue neutral item. Propane tanks (20lbs) were also discussed and the Town currently charges \$4/tank and there was no need to increase this fee. Compost fees were mentioned and it was proposed to change the rate from \$15 for a car/trunk load to \$15/day for the same car/truck. The Board was in agreement.

A motion was made by Rich Rita to change the compost fees to \$15/day for the same car/trunk load.

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

- **Review and Sign Abatement Request – Town of WV**

Mark informs the Board that the Tax Exemption status indicators for the lots acquired by the Town from the Waterville Company Inc. this past year were not activated and as a result tax bills were generated for these parcels.

A motion was made Mike Aronson to abate the property taxes for the Town owned parcels taxes for 2019 for \$1,251 in total.

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

- **Insurance Review**

Mark reviewed the insurance quotes for Property & Liability, Unemployment Compensation, and Worker's Compensation. There are 2 quotes to compare; one for our current insurance provider, Primex, and a second from Travellers. Mark provided the recommendation to go with Travellers policy, which offers a cost savings of \$4,437.00 to the Town. The coverages have been compared against each other and the Travellers policy offers the same coverages as Primex. Mike Aronson motions to accept the insurance proposal from David & Towle Agency for Travellers Insurance for the Town's Property & Liability, Unemployment Compensation, and Worker's Compensation insurance policies.

Rich Rita: 2nds. Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

8. Old Business

- **Review and Sign Abatement Form – M. Roberts**

This abatement was approved at the Board last meeting with the condition that the principal amounts were paid in full. The condition has been met at this time. The Board signed the Abatement Form presented for the late Marimargaret Roberts property, now overseen by her estate administrator, Kristin Gohr.

A motion was made Mike Aronson to abate the interest on property taxes for late Marimargaret Roberts property for \$26.84 in total.

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

- **Residency List Review**

The list will be reviewed in non-public session.

- **Health Insurance Review Questions**

- **Energy and Community Power Group Update**

Mark reported that the group has met twice, and has another meeting in the near future. The group is looking at several different private and public options for renewable energy sources. The group has been brainstorming and has had good meetings thus far. Linda Coleman, of Windsor Hill Association, asked to be included in the discussions as WH-HOA is considering installing electric car charging stations on their property.

9. Board Concerns and Directives

Mike Aronson recommends instituting a methodology of inspecting properties at the time of a property transfer to confirm and/or reassess the water and sewer points established for the property for quarterly water/sewer billings. Mark clarified that the scoresheet for the point system was updated in the Water/Sewer Regulations to make it clearer to identify between different types of fixtures and their point allowance on the scoresheet. Mark suggested that we ask town counsel if there is a way to do home inspection requirement for water/sewer fees. He added that due to the nature of our billing using a point system to establish the rates, that this would be similar to a property value re-assessment for property taxes. If a reassessment was not done within a certain time frame, the flat fee would be increased until the inspection was

completed. The Board agreed that getting inspections done was a good idea to be sure that the correct fees for water/sewer usage are being applied in consistent manner.

10. Correspondence

None.

11. Privilege of the Floor II

None.

12. Non-public Session

The Board goes into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant, and (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even when legal counsel is not present. The Motion was made by Mike Aronson and seconded by Rich Rita, followed by a roll call vote as follows: Selectman Aronson – aye, Selectmen Rita – aye and the Board went into Non-Public Session at 3:44pm. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 3:57pm.

Upon return to the public session a motion was made to seal the minutes by Mike Aronson and seconded by Rich Rita 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.

13. Adjourn

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

Rich Rita: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Charron
Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant