

Waterford Selectboard SPECIAL Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
In-Person – Waterford School & Via Zoom

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Members in Attendance: Gary Allard, Michael Barrett, Robert Begin, Marcia Martel and Susan Hayes

Others in Attendance: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

Modifications to Agenda: Bill Willis addressed the Town regarding a need for two street names off VT Route 18 that have or will have three homes on them as required by the State of Vermont to have the roads named.

Mr. Allard addressed the issue of Waste Management to have their budget voted on by the supervisors and not the Towns as it has been done in the last couple of years. Mr. Allard wanted to let the Town know that it would have to be decided to have the Waste Management budget approved by ballot or the supervisors and suggested having it posted on the website to inform the Town.

Warner Hodgdon asked to have the cemetery pricing and policy posted on the website.

Approve Minutes to Last Meeting: Mr. Begin made a motion to accept the minutes and Mrs. Martel seconded. Ron Gray asked that there be a minor correction in reference to his name.

Modifications to Agenda Addressed: Greg Aldrich suggested naming one of the lanes Aldrich Meadow Lane and Ken Aldrich suggested Memory Tree Lane. Ms. Hayes made a motion for one of the lanes to be named Memory Tree Lane and Mr. Begin seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The other lane name was suggested by Ron Bessette as Riverview Lane. There was some discussion regarding it being close to another road in the Town and if it would present a problem for the Fire Department. Jeff Gingue said it would not. A motion was made by Mr. Begin and seconded by Mrs. Martel to use the name Riverview Lane. The motion was approved.

Adoption of Highway Codes & Standards: Mr. Allard presented the document for the Board to sign for the Adoption of Highway Codes and Standards. Mr. Begin made a motion to accept the document and Mr. Barrett seconded. The motion was approved.

Mowing Contracts – Sealed Bid Opening: Mr. Allard opened the bids for the mowing of the cemeteries and town office areas. The lowest bid, made by Ranney & Sons, was awarded the contract.

ARPA Funds: Roberta Gillott updated the new Board with the progression of the ARPA funds from when they were first established to the present date. Kandy Benedetti suggested digitizing

the land records and repairing the library porch with part of the funds. Mrs. Benedetti will work on getting quotes for the digitizing and present to the next Board meeting.

Assistant Treasurer/Bookkeeper Hiring Request: Ms. Gonyaw requested an assistant treasurer and appointed Marcel LaPierre. The Board approved the appointment of Mr. LaPierre to the position of Assistant Treasurer and after the meeting the Board held an executive session to set the salary of \$38.00/hr.

Highway: There was one bid for gravel prices. The Board requested to see more bids but there was no one there from the Highway Department so the approval of the gravel bid would be deferred to the next meeting.

Town Email (Microsoft 365 v. Google Workspace): Mr. Barrett presented the option of Microsoft 365 being cheaper and user friendly. A motion was made by Mr. Begin and seconded by Ms. Hayes to use Microsoft as the Town's new email system.

Festival Permits: There were three permits presented to the Board. The Northeastern Speedway Reunion to be held July 15-17. A motion was made by Mr. Barrett and seconded by Mr. Begin to approve the permit. The motion was approved. Second, was the Library Block Party for June 10. A motion was made by Mrs. Martel and second by Ms. Hayes to approve the permit. The motion was approved. The last one was for Mr. Mosholder to hold a wedding at the Pine Grove Picnic Area. After review of the permit, it was notice that there was no correspondence from Great River Hydro granting permission. A motion was made by Ms. Hayes contingent on the fact that Mr. Mosholder obtain written confirmation from Great River Hydro, seconded by Mr. Begin. The motion was approved.

Driveway Permits: There were three permits. The first was from Rebecca Koepl. As the Board did not feel the marking of where the driveway was and nobody was there to address where the driveway was the permit was put on hold. The next one was for James Gutro. Mr. Barrett made a motion to approve the permit and seconded by Mr. Begin. The motion was approved. The last one was from Cameron Corliss. Mr. Barrett made a motion to approve the permit and seconded by Mr. Begin. The motion was approved.

Dog Licenses: The Warrant was presented to the Board from the Town Clerk for signature.

Citizens' Concerns: The Board addressed Clem Gray's letter regarding the highway department. The Board discussed each issue of concern but after viewing them they thought it would be best that the highway department be present to have both sides.

Mr. Stahler addressed the issue of the roads getting wider in some areas. Mr. Allard stated that there needs to be caution of roads encroaching onto land owner's property.

Mr. Allard brought up the issue of the unapproved loans and how the Board would need a legal opinion to decide on the issue.

Ron Gray addressed the issue of the Delinquent Tax Collector's report on the website and how it should not have gone on there. Howard Remick stated that it should have gone in the Town Report and since it was not done in time that the report was sent to the website.

The next meeting will be the second Tuesday of June 14 at 7:00 pm. Ms. Hayes further added that there will be a working meeting on May 31 at 7:00 pm.

As there were no further questions or concerns, a motion was made by Mrs. Martel to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Begin. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNED 9:40 pm