

Waterford Board of Selectman Special Meeting

Monday, February 7, 2022

In Person @ Union Baptist Church

6:00 PM

- Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 PM
- Members in Attendance: Fred Saar & Warner Hodgdon
- Others In Attendance: See Attached Sign Sheet
- Modifications to Agenda:

Kevin Gillander asked if a line for Citizens Concerns could be added, as agendas had always had in the past.

Fred said yes and did they want at beginning or end of the meeting.

Under modifications Maria Dantos would like to add to the 2/14 meeting agenda

1. Special Budget meeting that was to be set up that has not been.
2. Highway Equipment purchase (NVDA grant) as it was left hanging at a prior meeting.

Maria Dantos would like amends made regarding the appointment of Gib Trenholme. Fred gave her the floor.

Maria Dantos would like to continue with the non- appointment of Gib Trenholme as delinquent tax collector. She reviewed what was presented at a prior meeting (January 10<sup>th</sup>). She asked Warner Hodgdon why he did not ask more questions before agreeing to bringing in house after only being on the Board for 1 week. He stated he had talked to people prior to the meeting (none of them Selectman) about bringing the delinquent tax collector in house. He stated he had no idea who they planned to appoint. After 25 minutes of having the floor Maria Dantos started to play a video of the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Selectboard meeting. Heather Gonyaw stated Maria had the floor long enough. Maria told Heather she had the floor. Heather stated she was not going to be spoken to like that and left the meeting.

After the presentation she asked if they were going to appoint Gib Trenholme to fill the vacant position. Fred stated not tonight. She asked if they would go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the appointment of Gib Trenholme now the position was empty. Fred said they would consider it.

The meeting got contentious, and James Hemond took the floor, stating that everyone needed to calm down.

Moving on to appointments.

- Roberta Gillott stated that the appointments at the last meeting were made without everyone in town knowing that was going to happen. James Hemond read the VLCT

about filling vacancies. He suggested that post the vacancies, advertise, and make appointments at the Selectboard meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Howard Remick said that office is a mess and vendors have not been paid for 2 months. There was much discussion about making the appointments and following the VLCT ruling.

Kathy Hodgdon stated that she had no idea appointments were going to be made at the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting as well and did know of someone who was interested in the Treasurer position as he had approached them in Town the day before when we were pumping gas. Marcel Lapierre was introduced, gave a brief history list of his experience.

Tom Lawrence stood up and introduced himself and explained why he wanted to be the Selectman until Town Meeting. Roberta Gillott. said Selectboard had said they were not going to fill the Selectman vacancy until Town Meeting. Warner explained that now that the Town Meeting was being pushed out it had become obvious that they needed a third one. If one of them was to get sick or something happen the Town could not do anything with only one. Also, the Town Clerk & Treasurer had resigned since that was said. With all the things going on they need 3 Selectman to make this Town run. You cannot have two and when a vote is needed if they disagree a decision cannot be made. They had not discussed it Warner had sent the agenda addition to Fred to add and had not had any discussion regarding this item. He felt it should be someone that was not a candidate as they would be bias. meetings should be appointed not him as he had only been to two meetings in the last 3. She suggests

Kevin Gillander, he turned it down and said move forward with appointments.

Warner explained that the VLCT said appointments could be made even before the vacancies were posted and the notice would be posted within the 10 days.

Marcel said they could hire the two people and appoint them at the next meeting. The consensus was go forward with appointments and correct mistakes going forward. Warner will post the vacancies and advertise them.

#### **Appoint Heather Gonyaw & Kandy Benedetti as the Town Officials to sign checks.**

Marcel said they could be authorized/appointed to sign checks as employees of the Town. Fred Motion and Warner seconded it.

#### **Town Meeting date & format & Voting**

Maurice Chaloux said would be in Town April 5<sup>th</sup> so the meeting can still be held that day at 5:00 at Union Baptist Church. Fred was going to check with the school if could be there, but people thought the Church was good.

Election of Officers must be Australian Ballot. Town Meeting will be April 5<sup>th</sup>, in person. Fred made the motion and Warner seconded it.

**Authorize Caledonia Cooperative School District to Mail annual meeting ballots:**

Fred made the motion and Warner seconded to allow CCSD ballots be mailed to all registered voters.

Kathy Hodgdon asked if Kandy Benedetti introduce herself and tell people her experience for the Town Clerk position.

Maria asked if the Delinquent Tax Collector could be added to the open vacancies. It will be.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

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	Howard W. Remick		MAURICE CHALOUX
	Debra Allard		Justin Stolle
	Maria Dantos		Duane Keah
	Gary Allard		Gib Traylor
	John Gillo H.		
	ROBERTA GILLET		
	James Hammond		
	CLEM GRAY		
	Herb Nutter		
	Heather Conyon		
	THOMAS LAWRENCE		
	Marcia Martel		
	Kandy Benedetti		
	Roy Gray		
	BRYANT FLEMING		
	Lisle Houghton		
	Rene Gillan		
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	Michael Jones		
	Kathryn Fine		
	Marcel Lapierre		
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