

Waterford Board of Selectmen

Monday, December 14th, 2020

ZOOM (Virtual Meeting)

7:30 PM

Minutes

- Meeting Called to Order: Gary called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.
- Members in Attendance: Gary Allard, Fred Saar, and Bill Piper
- Others in Attendance: Candace Barrett, Mike Barrett, Daphne Bullock, Mike Keach, Lisle Houghton, Bill Willis, Marcia Martel, Steve Eddy, Jessy Pelow, and Abigail Bernier
- Annual Town Officers' Report:
 - Candace Barrett – Librarian: The library and its wireless internet are used every day. Candace requested a raise in appropriation (5% from last year's). Bill motions to waive the requirement to allow the vote for the raise in appropriations. Fred seconded the motion; all were in favor.
 - Mike Keach – Listers: Mike has already sent his report in to Jessy. They are already at 60 property transfers this year. The Listers have started conversation with Great River Hydro. GRH wants to postpone their meeting until after the holidays.
 - Mike Barrett – Planning Commission: The Planning Commission had no quorum in November. Mike has reached out to Irene, with the NVDA, to get some maps drawn up.
- Approval of Minutes: Fred motions to approve the minutes from November 09th. Bill seconded the motion; all were in favor.
- Budget Report: There was no budget report for tonight's meeting.
- Citizens' Concerns:
 - Sandy Lyon Cemetery Update: Sandy proposes to move her headstone and corner markers versus moving bodies. There has been no response from Mr. Weaver. Jessy spoke to Kristen Weaver. Kristen has the mapping of the cemetery worked out. She was going to try and attend tonight's meeting but could not make it.
 - Marcia Martel: Meeting minutes need to be posted within ten days.
 - Moore Taxes: David Taylor and Diane Moore have a homestead declaration penalty debt of \$487.48. They are requesting that the Selectboard waive the penalty. They filed electronically but the federal return was rejected, therefore the state return was rejected. By the times the taxes went through, they were

already past the deadline. They filed through the CPA. The selectmen want to wait and see if they can get more info. Fred will follow up.

- Dog Complaint Letter: Marcia Gray has made two complaints about two different dogs. Mr. Belknap's dog is not licensed. The Gray's need to be reimbursed \$654.50 for the vet and \$29.14 for a new mesh collar. Gary will call James Gingue (animal control officer). Fred said the sheriff should be called to accompany the animal control officer to impound the dog.
- Town Board Representative:
- Highway:
 - Sand and Salt Update: All set and ready for winter.
 - Driveway Permits 19-02 & 19-07: Two driveway permits. One driveway has two accesses. Gary will contact them and discuss the town's policies.
 - Other: They may be coming to do the well on Thursday, December 17th.
- Old Business:
 - Broadband Update: RDOF auctions took place and consolidated won some RDOF blocks in Waterford (STJ side of town). The feasibility study was completed. IN time, fiber can be extended to all homes in the northeast kingdom.
 - Personnel Policies Update: Any questions need to be sent in by December 23rd.
 - PO Box – Delinquent Tax Collector Update: Jessy asked Trent if he needed a PO box for delinquent taxes and he said no.
- New Business:
 - Sheriff's Contract: \$5,500 for the calendar year 2021 — 12hrs/month, 3hrs/week. Fred motions not to exceed \$5,500 for the calendar year 2021. Bill seconded the motion; all were in favor.
 - Australian Ballot for Town Meeting 2021/Town Meeting Location: If they choose to use the Australian ballot voting, they will have an informational meeting the night before. Fred motions that the selectboard have a combo in-person/zoom informational meeting, and to use Australian ballot voting for town meeting in March 2021. Bill seconded the motion; all were in favor. Gary can reach out to Fred and Clifton about a location for the informational meeting. Bill will talk to Mike Barrett about the OWL device for the informational meeting.
 - Tax Sale: Fred motions to approve Gary as a representative for the town and to attend the tax sale. The tax sale is on December 30th. One sale is at the Clayton Powers estate, the other is at Allen and Julia Whiting's (off E. Village Rd.), and the third is at another location.
- Adjournment: Bill motions to adjourn at 8:48 PM. Fred seconded the motion; all were in favor.