

Waterford Board of Selectman Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2022

In Person @ Union Baptist Church

7:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Members in Attendance: Fred Saar, Maurice Chaloux & Ron Gray

Others in Attendance: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

Modifications to Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes: October 11, 2021, November 8, 2021, December 13, 2021, January 10, 2022, January 24, 2022, February 7, 2022 and February 14, 2022. Marcia Martel stated that minutes from the October 11, 2021(no sign-in sheet was attached), November 8, 2021 (stated minutes were approved from October), January 24, 2022 (need to remove the Australian Ballot) these corrections still needed to be corrected.

Howard Remick asked about hard copies in the Town Clerk's office. Kandy Benedetti stated that copies of the minutes are in the computer and not printed out from a certain date as minutes to the meetings went online.

Gary Allard further commented that legally minutes are not required to adopt minutes. Mr. Allard suggested to come up with a policy regarding approving minutes. The past minutes would be hard to approve for the two new selectboard members as they may or may not have been in attendance. Mr. Chaloux suggested that the next Selectboard come up with a policy regarding approval of the meeting minutes. Mr. Saar stated that the Board would defer the approval of the minutes until a policy from the new Board was in place.

Town Boards: Michael Barrett presented an update for the Planning Board. The Board is in the middle of redistricting and next meeting is March 16, 2022.

Mrs. Martel asked if the ARPA Board would be able to present collect suggestions from the Town at Town Meeting. Mr. Saar suggested doing a questionnaire. Mrs. Martel further added that when the funds have been decided on would the Selectboard be voting on the ARPA funds. Mr. Saar stated it would be up to the new Selectboard.

Citizen's Concerns:

Driveway Permit for Nicholas Bullock. Wade Ballargeon stated he went to look at the driveway and had a few concerns regarding location. Mr. Ballargeon suggested have the bank from the adjoining property owner be shaved down. He further commented that a culvert would need to be put in. Daphne Bullock was concerned about water running down on her property. Mr. Ballargeon stated that there was enough pitch. Mr. Chaloux asked if the culvert would be added to the permit. Mr. Ballargeon stated he would put a copy of the state standard with the permit. Mr. Chaloux made a motion to that the driveway access permit. Mr. Gray had a comment regarding cutting into the bank and the abutting property owner. After further discussion with Lisle Houghton, Mr. Gray seconded the motion and the permit was approved.

Mr. Remick brought up the status of the audit. Heather Gonyaw stated that it has been completed and reviewed the findings. Mr. Saar stated that the findings would be posted to the Town website. Ms. Gonyaw stated that there were no findings of any missing money.

Old Business:

Town Pre-Meeting was presented by Mrs. Benedetti. The meeting will take place on March 29, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Waterford School. Mrs. Benedetti also mentioned Town Meeting will be held on April 5, 2022 at 5:00 pm at Waterford School. The School District Budget Vote will be held on April 5, 2022 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and absentee ballots can be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office. As far as the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management the budget has already been approved therefore there will be no items on the ballot.

Highway Department:

Next was the Vehicle Use Policy. Mr. Chaloux commented about the inquiry of citizens in the Town regarding highway people taking vehicles home with them. In Mr. Houghton's absence Mr. Ballargeon has been taking the Town truck home. Clem Gray asked why the distance as Mr. Ballargeon lives in Newbury and who authorized it. Mr. Chaloux stated that has been the policy for a while. Mr. Gray asked where the policy was that stated that. Mr. Houghton stated that since Mr. Ballargeon is the acting foreman it comes with different responsibilities. Mr. Gray further commented about the distance, gas prices and other crew members getting paid for mileage. Mr. Saar suggested that the new Board enact a policy. Mr. Allard stated that a policy had been drafted but it was never enacted. Mr. Saar stated it was sent to an attorney and never got

back to us. Mr. Allard stated that Mr. Saar inquired about the RTC policy. Mr. Allard asked if we were paying this attorney. Mr. Saar stated that the Town was not. Mr. Allard suggested a follow-up with the attorney to see the status of the policy. Mr. Saar stated that the Board should meet twice a month so things would not fall through the cracks. Mr. Ron Gray further commented about abiding to the current policy. Mr. Clem Gray stated that there should be a radius and Mr. Remick further commented about the Town of Lyndonville does have a radius.

Other Items:

Mr. Remick inquired as to how the Tax Collector was doing. Gib Trenholme gave a brief description of the progress and within a week he should be caught up. Mr. Trenholme stated that he would like to present to the new Board a proposal for an audit. Mr. Trenholme further commented on the issues that he has found and is in the middle of trying to figure out the situation that was left to him. Once he finishes the review he will present to the Board. Mr. Remick stated if there were anymore checks that were found that were not cashed. Ms. Gonyaw explained that they were checks to the Town and have now been deposited. Mr. Gray stated that the audit that took place was for 2021. Ms. Gonyaw stated it was for 2020, as Mr. Trenholme is asking for an audit to bring the Town current. Josh Oakley asked about what was being looked into. Mr. Trenholme stated that once he was finished reviewing the items, he would report back.

Mr. Houghton asked if the tax collector received reimbursement for mileage. Mr. Trenholme stated he did when he was conducting Town business. Mr. Allard stated that Mr. Trenholme's circumstances are different as he is paid from the collection of the delinquent taxes. Mr. Saar stated that reimbursement for mileage for the Selectboard was discontinued as they felt it was part of the job.

Mr. Clem Gray stated that the Town should put a time clock in the Town Garage and Town Clerk's office with a fingerprint identifier. Mr. Saar stated that it would be presented to the new Board.

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

ADJORNED at 7:40 PM

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Project:	Waterford Selectboard Meeting	Meeting Date:	03/14/22
	MONTHLY MEETING	PLACE	Union Baptist Church

SIGNATURE	PRINT	SIGNATURE	PRINT
	Howard W. Remick		Josh O'Malley
	Heather Gonyaw		Gary Allen
	Marcia Martel		Helen Pike
	FRANK BULLOCK		James Hammond
	Daphne Bullock		Kandy Benedetti
	Ron Gray		
	Justin Stahler		
	Herb Nutter		
	Duane Koa		
	Debbie Allet		
	Clem AFAY		
	Michael Barrett		
	Lisle Houghton		
	Kathenne Fiegenbaum		
	Maria Dantas		
	Gih Treholm		
	Wade Baillargeon		
	Marcel Isorene		
	Hannah Fenoff		

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James Hammond