

Waterford Board of Selectman Special Meeting

Monday, February 21, 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-In Sheet
- Modifications to Agenda: Add Gilbert Trenholme to Delinquent Tax Collector checkbook, assign Dan Sherman to RCT Board & Rabbit Hill Inn Liquor License
- Citizen's Concerns: Mr. Kevin Gillander, Ms. Kathy Goslant and Mrs. Marcia Martel all requested to bring up items at the end.

Town Official Appointments:

Selectman:

The Board presented the list of six names who wanted to fill the position of Bill Piper and Warren Hodgdon for the interim positions until Town Meeting on April 5, 2022 – Maurice Chaloux, Ron Gray, Duby Thompson, Michael Barrett, Josh Oakley and Antonia Morris. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Barrett will both be running for the position on Town Meeting. The Board felt that it would be an endorsement of the candidates to appoint them now therefore their names were taken off the list.

The first candidate was Maurice Chaloux, who introduced himself and gave a brief description of why he wanted to fill the interim position. Next, was Ronald Gray, who also introduced himself. The next person was Josh Oakley who gave a brief description of why he wanted the interim position. Antonia Morris also expressed an interest but stated she also wanted to be elected to the position in April. As the Board decided they would only be approving people for the interim position, Ms. Morris decided to wait until April.

The Board decided to select two of the three candidates for the interim positions. Mr. Hodgdon made a motion to appointment Mr. Chaloux for the interim position of the vacancy of Mr. Piper and Mr. Saar seconded the motion, it was adopted unanimously.

Town Clerk, Kandy Benedetti administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Chaloux. As of Mr. Chaloux's appointment the resignation of Mr. Hodgdon became effective.

Next Mr. Chaloux made a motion to appoint Mr. Gray for the interim position on the Selectboard vacated by Mr. Hodgdon. Mr. Saar seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Town Clerk, Kandy Benedetti administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Gray.

Next, Mr. Saar introduced the Treasurer – Heather Gonyaw to present the proposed 2022 Budget.

Ms. Gonyaw presented the 2022 Town Budget starting with the Selectboard.

Mr. Gary Allard had concern over the well that was supposedly budgeted in 2019 and why it showed up in 2021. Ms. Gonyaw stated she would look into the matter.

Ms. Gonyaw continued with the Town Office Building and stated the porch repair was in the 2022 budget line item for Repairs & Maintenance.

Ms. Gonyaw continued with the Town Clerk and Treasurer office.

Next was the Elections Budget and it was noted that there were going to be two held this year.

A concern was voiced regarding the Delinquent Tax Collector's salary and how it was calculated. Mr. Trenholme elaborated on how the amount was calculated.

Ms. Gonyaw continued with the budget review of the Highway Department.

There was a concern regarding the overtime and construction materials. Mr. Lisle Houghton explained how the overtime was calculated and the increase this year for reserves and materials.

There was further discussion regarding the town's projects and leasing of trucks.

Next there was a discussion regarding the town Reserve of \$625,000 and Mrs. Sandra Lyon's explained the accounts that are within the Reserve.

Ms. Gonyaw concluded with the presentation of the 2022 budget. Mr. Chaloux made a motion to accept the 2022 budget with the modifications discussed and it was seconded by Mr. Gray. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Saar continued with the modifications to agenda items.

First was adding Mr. Trenholme as a signatory to the delinquent tax collector checking account at Passumpsic Bank Account #xxxxxx1282, upon a motion made by Mr. Chaloux and seconded Mr. Gray. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The next item was the renewal of the liquor license for the Rabbit Hill Inn. Upon a motion made by Mr. Chaloux and seconded by Mr. Gray. The motion to renew the liquor license for the Rabbit Hill Inn was unanimously approved.

Next was the appointment of Mr. Sherman to an open voting seat for the RCT, upon a motion made by Mr. Chaloux and seconded by Mr. Gray. It was unanimously approved to appointment Mr. Sherman to the open voting seat.

The next item on the agenda was Citizens' Concerns.

Ms. Goslant recommended increasing the number of the Board of Selectmen from three (3) to five (5) members as well as the Selectboard Meetings following Roberts' Rules. Upon a motion

made by Mr. Chaloux and seconded by Mr. Gray to put an item on the Warning to add two Selectboard members for one-year terms. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next Mrs. Martel inquired as to why the minutes to previous meetings have not been approved at the beginning of the meetings. As there should be a correction to the minutes that stated that the Town Meeting was going to be Australian Ballot when it should be corrected to state in person paper ballot. Mr. Saar duly noted the correction.

Mr. Dwyane Keach raised a concern about the condition of the Town Garage. Mr. Houghton was not sure where the repair money for the garage went as and it was noted it went to the Reserve Account. Mr. Chaloux made a motion to add \$25,000 to the budget for the repairs to the Town Garage, and it was seconded by Mr. Gray. A motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Goslant raised a concern if Mr. Chaloux being on the selectboard and Moderator would be a conflict. Mr. Chaloux confirmed that there would be none.

Mr. Remick asked about the tax payers that were still owed money from overpayments. Ms. Gonyaw stated that checks would be going out this week.

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 7:37 PM

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

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SIGNATURE	PRINT	SIGNATURE	PRINT
<i>Marcia Martel</i>	Marcia Martel		
<i>Gijs Trebolle</i>	Gijs Trebolle		
<i>Clem Gray</i>	CLEM GRAY		
<i>Herb Vutter</i>	Herb Vutter		
<i>Antonia Morris</i>	Antonia MORRIS		
<i>Sandra J. Lyon</i>	Sandra J. Lyon		
<i>Howard W. Remick</i>	Howard W. Remick		
<i>Lisle Houghton</i>	Lisle Houghton		
<i>Mark Harpin</i>	Mark Harpin		
<i>Bob Gray</i>	Bob GRAY		
<i>Josh Oakley</i>	JOSH OAKLEY		
<i>Kathleen Hodgdon</i>	Kathleen Hodgdon		
<i>Kathy Costant</i>	Kathy Costant		
<i>Kevin C. Gillander</i>	Kevin C Gillander		
<i>Helen Pike</i>	Helen PIKE		
<i>Wade Baillargeon</i>	Wade Baillargeon		
<i>Mary-Em Saar</i>	Mary-Em Saar		
<i>Angela Daniels</i>	Angela Daniels		
<i>John</i>	John Elliott		

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	RICHARD STODOLA		
	Debra Allard		
	Gary Allard		
	JENNIFER SMITH		
	Arthur Weber		
	Darcy Thompson		
	Maria Deutos		
	Marcel Lapierre		
	Deane Kwo		
	Susan Stoller		
	Elke Billig		
	Kathleen Fiegerbaum		