

Waterford Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, August 5, 2019
Town Clerk's Office

Attendees:

Selectmen: Gary Allard, Fred Saar, Bill Piper

Road Foreman: Lisle Houghton

Town Clerk: Jessy Pelow

Treasurer: Steve Eddy

Citizens: Howard Remick, David Morrison, Bill Willis, Louis Brach, Marcia Martel, Mike Keach, Charlie Lawrence, Bruce & Debbie Hazen

Opening: Bill opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

Modification of Agenda: "Lower Waterford Church" added under old business.

Approval of Minutes: Gary made the motion to approve the July 8th and 19th minutes. Fred seconded. All approved. The minutes and orders were signed.

Budget Report: Steve presented budget report to date.

Citizens' Concerns: Selectboard received a letter of complaint from Vanderbilt regarding the Delinquent Tax Collector form letter and how it is very curt. Gary explained that this form letter is standard for the delinquent procedures.

Letter was received from Diane Price regarding Rick Powers delinquent taxes and current taxes. They have requested a Board of Abatement meeting. Jessy will set up a meeting.

Highway Cell Phones: Selectboard authorized Steve and Jessy to figure out the cost and what options are available.

Spill Bucket Replacement: Fred made the motion to accept the proposal from FPH Tank Installation and Service for \$4,500 that covers the removal of existing damaged spill bucket, installation of new spill bucket, restoration of concrete area and disposal of waste material. Gary seconded the motion. All approved.

Ben Lyon Pond Update: Ben was not present. Selectboard will discuss at their September meeting.

Municipal Roads Grant-In-Aid-Program: Complete. Removed from agenda.

Disposal of Old Truck: Selectboard told Lisle to put out to bid for the old highway truck. Lisle will collaborate with Jessy to coordinate.

Gravel Pit Update: Fred noted that there is a map provided by NVDA that shows State gravel areas. He will pull together the information for discussion at their September meeting.

Replace Mower: Lisle informed the Selectboard that the highway mower will need replacement by next spring. Replacement parts needed for the current mower would be around \$4,800. Selectboard told Lisle to get a quote for replacement cost.

No Parking in R.O.W.: Gary will gather information for a potential ordinance.

Planning Board Appointment: Fred made the motion to appoint Mickey Esposito to the Planning Commission effective immediately. Gary seconded the motion. All approved.

Status of Proposed Zoning Bylaw Changes: Fred spoke with Mike Barrett and told Fred to hold off a couple months for attending their meetings so he can get the board organized.

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Town Survey-Strategy & Projected Cost: Fred made the motion to approve the proposed letter and postcard mailing. Gary seconded the motion. All approved (See attached)

Advertising Town Meeting- date, time, location, agenda: Removed from agenda until October.

Broadband Update: Bill Piper reported that the potential communications union district is compiling information for what's needed to present at Town Meeting.

Black River Design Update: Fred will reach out for a status update.

Cemetery Sexton: Jessy has communicated with Kris Gingue who is interested. Jessy will invite her to the September Selectboard meeting for detailed discussion.

Village Designation for Lower Waterford: Fred reported that he met with Kate Piper and Robin Migdelany on the Village Center Designation. Everything they have learned is positive and they have not identified any negative issues. Fred, Kate and Robin plan to meet with Irene Nagel from NVDA in early September to discuss the application process and ask questions. That meeting will be followed by a visit from the State coordinator for the application process.

Lower Waterford Church: The USDA grant has been approved. Fred will work with the church committee to determine the next steps.

Junk Ordinance: Hazens reported that their abutting property owners are encroaching the Town right of way with multiple vehicles making it difficult to travel on Blodgett Farm Road. They also feel that the property is violating the junk ordinance. Selectboard stated that the Zoning Administrator, Chris Brimmer, informed the Selectboard that he monitors the property weekly and that their property complies with the junk ordinance. Gary explained to the Hazens that the Selectboard is in the process of developing a right of way policy that should take care of the issue.

Policy for Complaints: Fred will draft a policy for complaints.

NEKWMD Representative: The Town needs a NEKWMD representative. Bill Piper mentioned Rick Stodola and will touch base to see if he is interested. Jessy will also post to the town Facebook page, webpage and front porch forum.

Dave Morrison: Dave will discuss a topic of interest at the September Selectboard meeting.

Adjourn: Gary made the motion to adjourn. Fred seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Approved:

Date:

Jessy Pelow

Town Clerk

Dear Waterford Resident,

At the Town Meetings in 2018 and 2019 there were discussions related to what time the meeting should begin. Historically, the meeting has started at 9:30am but some attendees believe that having the meeting at another time would make it easier for residents to attend.

At the Town Meeting on March 5, 2019 the following motion was passed:

“The Selectmen shall survey all registered voters of the Town of Waterford in the 2019 calendar year to determine the favored time for the annual Town Meeting and shall set the time with consideration of the survey results within the legal limits to allow the voting and meeting to be the first Tuesday in March in 2020.”

We have identified the registered voters in Waterford, and we are enclosing a postcard to gather information on your preferred time to start the meeting.

Town Meeting is held each year on the first Tuesday in March and is an opportunity for residents to hear information about the previous year's activities and plans for the coming year. The residents also elect Town Officers (Selectmen, Library Trustees, Justices of the Peace, etc.) and recommend appointments to the Development Review Board and the Planning Commission. Most importantly, voters approve the appropriation requests for the Fire Department and local non-profit organizations, and vote on the Town Budget for the year.

Please take a few minutes to indicate your preference for a starting time on the enclosed postcard. The postcard is pre-addressed to the Town and the return postage is paid.

Your input is very valuable for establishing the starting time for the annual Town Meetings.

Sincerely,

Bill Piper
Chairman
Waterford Selectboard

Postcard Text

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I would prefer the annual Town Meeting begin:

In the morning In the afternoon In the evening

Comments: