

Waterford Selectboard Regular Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2023 @ 6 pm
Davies Library

In Attendance: Mike Barrett, Rob Begin, Sue Hayes, Gary Allard, Warner Hodgdon
Attendee Sign-in Sheet Attached

Call to Order – Mike Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Highway Department Update (Informational)

- Jim Hayes provided a cost estimate for extensive repairs to the Town Garage. Estimate totaled \$156,289. Additional work required would cost approximately \$20,000. There is a 5-week lead time for rafters. There was a discussion on funding the amount above budgeted maintenance funds with ARPA funds. Include on next meeting agenda for action.

Remick Road Wash Out (Action)

- Gary Allard made a motion to put Jim Hayes in charge of the action to tear down the garage owned by Brian and Jackie McLaughlin. Rob Begin seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.** Owners will sign approval letter for the town to demolish the existing garage. Chris Brimmer should be consulted about rebuilding a smaller garage set further back from the road in the same footprint.

Appropriation Request (Discussion)

- NEK Human Services wanted to know the date for submission of appropriation requests. Requests are needed by October 1st for budget planning. Discussion on requiring petitions and/or requiring attendance at Town Meeting to explain the appropriation was held. Include on September Regular Meeting agenda for action.

Establish ATV Policy Working Group (Action)

- Mike Barrett and Sue Hayes will lead a working group that includes Howard Remick and Gerard Jones. Andre Gingue and Jennifer Smith will be invited to join. The group will meet Thursday, August 17th at 6 pm at the Davies Library to develop an ATV survey for the town.

Establish Road Policy Working Group (Discussion)

- Gary Allard and Warner Hodgdon will lead a working group at the next working meeting on August 28th. The Town's current traffic ordinances can be sent to VLCT for legal review. Upgrading some Class 4 roads to Class 3 in order to receive state funding should also be reviewed.

Short Term Rental License (Discussion)

- Discussion on license fee and possibly adding 1% Local Meals tax was deferred to September regular meeting in order to get legal opinion on how to proceed.

Authorize Application for Municipal Planning Grant

- Chris Brimmer is currently working on a planning grant. Approve at next meeting.

Fire Department Update (Informational)

- Colin Fucci, Waterford Fire Chief provided update. This year's vehicle maintenance budget has been spent, approximately \$11,000 additional funds are needed for necessary repairs to the tanker, rescue and forestry trucks. A pump rebuild of Engine 1, estimated at \$13,000-16,000, is required as soon as possible, it can possibly be pushed to next year.
- 105 calls year to date
- Need EMT and EMR recruits! Will conduct an EMR class with CALEX.
- Flooring and painting projects are complete. Should have an energy audit of the building.

Citizen's Concerns

- Howard Remick discussed town gravel rights. More work needs to be done to verify the town's gravel rights on 535 acres. Mike Barrett will reach out to the town lawyer, Jaime Murphy, to look into this matter further.
- Update on Cemetery Committee? They are ready to start meeting and a page on the town website needs to be created.

Agenda Items for Working Meeting, August 28

- Approval of Town Garage repairs, funding source.
- Approval of Municipal Planning Grant Application.
- Split into Working Groups – ATV & Road Policy

Executive Session – 1 V.S.A. § 313, Personnel

- Rob Begin made a motion to enter executive session inviting Jim and Kris Hayes. Warner Hodgdon seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.** The group entered executive session at 7:52 PM.
- The group exited executive session at 8:32 PM.

Personnel Actions

- Gary Allard made a motion to hire Karl Sjolander as a Road Crew Member. Rob Begin seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.** Hire is contingent upon a successful background check and drug test.
- Rob Begin made a motion to hire Hannah Demers as Town Board Administrator. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**
- Rob Begin made a motion for Waterford to join the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) Plan B on October 1, 2023. Gary Allard seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.** Sue Hayes will make necessary changes to the retirement section of the Personnel Policy for board approval in September.

Rob Begin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Allard seconded the motion. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

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Sign In Sheet

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Signature

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Marcia Martel

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Brian M. Hurlin

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Howard Remick

Howard W. Remick

Jim Hayes

Jim Hayes

Kris Hayes

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GERARD JONES

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