

Waterford Selectboard Regular Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 6 pm
Davies Library

In Attendance: Warner Hodgdon, Sue Hayes, Ron Gray (Members Gary Allard and Kevin Gillander were not in attendance.)

Attendee Sign-in Sheet Attached

Call to Order – Warner Hodgdon, Vice Chair of the new Selectboard, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Citizen's Concerns

- David Morrison wanted to thank the Town and all of those involved for the nice meal before Town Meeting. He also wanted to recognize the passing of Kate Piper because she did a lot for the Town and she will be missed.
- David Morrison also mentioned that if he was Town Meeting Moderator, he wouldn't have allowed an Amendment to the Article concerning ATV policy. He hopes that the ATV issue will be resolved. Warner Hodgdon stated that it will be a priority for the Selectboard this year.
- William Jones stated that voters at Town Meeting were displeased with a lack of transparency and asked if Selectboard meetings are recorded, and if not, they should be. The answer was that they are not currently recorded. Internet issues preventing streaming/recording of meetings have now been resolved and it should be reconsidered.
- Clem Gray asked the Board what were its intentions in the ensuing year. Warner Hodgdon answered that the Selectboard members will bring their priorities to the next meeting. Some that have been discussed: Garage repairs, ATV, recycling facility, revision of older policies and determination of which policies should be available on the Town website.
- Howard Remick asked to be included in an Executive Session of the Selectboard regarding a personnel issue when the full Board is back. He clarified that it is not an employee issue but a general personnel issue.
- David Morrison asked about Working Meetings vs Regular Meetings of the Selectboard. Warner Hodgdon stated that Citizen's Concerns are not usually addressed in Working Meetings because the Board wants to reserve the time for working on issues. Sue Hayes stated that the new Selectboard has agreed to reserve the 4th Monday of the month for Working Meetings, but will only schedule them as needed. Regular Meetings will continue to be scheduled on 2nd Mondays.

Meeting Minute Approval

- Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12th and Pre-Town Meeting Minutes of February 27th could not be approved due to a lack of quorum of meeting attendees. Minutes will be tabled until the next Selectboard meeting.
- Sue Hayes made a motion to approve of the Special Meeting Minutes of March 7th. Ron Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

2024 Town Appointments

Town Grand Juror – Sue Hayes made a motion to reappoint Beth Kanell. Ron Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

E911 Coordinator – Ron Gray made a motion to reappoint Taran Gillander. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Animal Control Officer – Sue Hayes made a motion to reappoint James Gingue. Ron Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Cemetery Committee – Sue Hayes made a motion to reappoint all current members: Jen D'Agestino, Mark Harpin, Jim O'Malley, Ashley Whitehill and Deb Benoit. Ron Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Tree Warden – Warner Hodgdon made a motion to reappoint Matthew Lewis. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Health Officer – Sue made a motion to nominate Reinette Hutchins. Ron Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Ron Gray made a motion to reappoint Bill Vinton. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Energy Coordinator – Sue Hayes made a motion to nominate Ron Gray. Warner Hodgdon seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Green Up Chairman – Sue Hayes made a motion to reappoint Robin Migdelany. Warner Hodgdon seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Conn. River Joint Commission – Sue Hayes made a motion to reappoint Roberta Gillot. Ron Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Communication District Representative – Sue Hayes made a motion to reappoint Mike Barrett. Ron Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Communication District Representative Alternate – Sue Hayes made a motion to reappoint Bill Piper. Warner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

CALEX Representative – Ron Gray made a motion to reappoint Roger Leroux. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

NVDA Representative – Sue Hayes made a motion to nominate Marcia Martel. Ron Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. (*Update – Marcia Martel declined the position. It will need to be filled at the next Selectboard meeting.)

NVDA Representative Alternate – Warner Hodgdon made a motion to nominate Kevin Gillander. Ron Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

NEKWMD Supervisor – Sue Hayes made a motion to reappoint Rick Stodola. Ron Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

NEKWMD Supervisor Alternate – Warner Hodgdon made a motion to reappoint Clem Gray. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

NEKWMD Supervisor 2nd Alternate – Sue Hayes made a motion to reappoint Howard Remick. Ron Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Development Review Board – Sue Hayes made a motion to reappoint both Tom Thomas and Ann Fielder. Ron Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Planning Commission – Sue Hayes made a motion to reappoint Maria d'Antos. Ron Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

2024 Selectboard Priorities

- Some of this was discussed earlier during Citizen's Concerns. Each Selectboard member will identify their Top 5 issues prior to the next Selectboard meeting in order to develop a ranked priority list for the Board.
- Warner Hodgdon also stated that Gravel would have to be a priority. He would like to see a specification and a contract put out to bid. Sue Hayes stated that she would help put a contract together if Warner would prepare the specification. Talk of gravel led to a discussion of the Town's responsibility to fill in the large pit left by the Town's prior gravel excavation.

Agenda Items for next Regular Meeting, April 8

- Approve tabled and prior meeting minutes.
- Approve Town Meeting of March 5th minutes.
- Citizen's Concerns
- Open contract bids for Town Mowing
- Unveiling of Selectboard Priorities for 2024
- Executive Session – asked for by Howard Remick
- Green Up Discussion, Possible Action. Invite Robin Migdelany to attend.
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Meeting Adjournment - Sue Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Gray seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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Sign In Sheet

Name

Signature

Clem Gray
Deb Benoit
Howard Remick
David Morrison
Deborah Caldwell
William Jones
Kathy Hodgson

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David E. Morrison
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