

Waterford Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 13, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Davies Library

In Attendance: Gary Allard, Sue Hayes, Warner Hodgdon, Ron Gray, Kevin Gillander.
Attendance list attached.

Gary Allard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Modifications to Agenda

- Gary Allard announced there was a technical glitch and the meeting was not warned properly, so no action will be taken.
- Gary Allard added a brief presentation by Jocelyne Barrett to the agenda. She is the property tax coordinator of Great River Hydro and she lives locally. She read a letter on behalf of Great River Hydro announcing they have donated \$2,000 to the roadside sign replacement project for the town of Waterford.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- There were no corrections to the minutes of the April 29, 2024 meeting. The minutes will be approved during the next Selectboard meeting.

Citizens' Concerns

- Dave Morrison voiced some comments and concerns. In response to a citizen's comment in a previous meeting, he does not believe a ballot item concerning the ATV ordinance should be added to the ballot this November. He expressed his gratitude to Road Foreman Jim Hayes for doing a great job fixing local roads, and he believes focusing on ditching will be helpful when fixing other road issues, like width.
- Jen D'Agostino, Cemetery Committee Chair, requested that relevant papers and files be stored in the Town Clerk's office to give the committee better access.
- Sukey Watson read a statement sharing her experience with incurred expenses from overshadowing on her property. She explained that the neighboring house was placed 14 feet from her property line instead of the 50 feet required by the permit. She hired a lawyer and resurveyed her property to deal with the issue. She raised attention to this issue because she is concerned similar problems could cause legal trouble for the town. She urges the town to take zoning codes very seriously and make sure they are followed through.

Road Name Change (Discussion/Action)

- Town Clerk Deb Benoit reached out to all interested parties of the private road and got approval for the new name to be Majestic View Drive. The name change will be approved during the next Selectboard meeting.

Mowing Contract (Discussion/Action)

- Jesse Kittridge sent the only bid received. The contract is for \$6,330. The expense is a little higher than last year because a few extra responsibilities were added. Sue Hayes will call to inform him that he won the bid, but the contract cannot be signed until the next Selectboard meeting.
- Jen D'Agostino asked Sue Hayes to inform the Cemetery Committee if Jesse agrees to begin mowing before Memorial Day.

Planning Commission Town Plan Update (Discussion/Action)

- No Planning Commission members were able to attend.

NVDA Appointments (Action)

- Nominations will be appointed during the next Selectboard meeting

Letters (Discussion/Action)

- Town Constable Tom Thomas spoke to a Sheriff and learned that speeding tickets don't earn a significant amount of money compared to their cost, so he didn't think it would be cost-effective to pay law enforcement to deal with enforcing the ATV ordinance. The Sheriff had ideas of how to work with existing infrastructures to enforce the ATV ordinance. He will continue to look into it.
- Zoning Administrator Chris Brimmer and citizen Gwen Chisolm both sent letters to the Selectboard regarding an incident surrounding the contested appeal of a denial of permit by Adam Teal. Gary Allard has responded to both letters and invited both parties to participate in a mediated discussion if either wishes to take further action. Warner Hodgdon suggested documenting the conversations Gary Allard had with each party to ensure there is a clear paper trail of action taken. Following normal procedures, the Development Review Board is now responsible for handling the appeal, so the Zoning Administrator is no longer involved.

Additional Transfer Station Activities (Discussion/Action)

- The library requested to provide the transfer station with a small selection of free books to give out. Supervisor Clem Gray said that won't be a problem, they can find a spot to set it up.

Crushing Bids Update (Discussion/Action)

- The draft contract of the bid was shared with Selectboard members and Road Foreman Jim Hayes. Sue Hayes asked to include specific language to make it clear that the town is only buying 10,000 yards.
- Jim Hayes suggested considering the size of the jaw used for crushing since a bigger jaw means less waste. He recommended once all bids are received to find out what equipment each company uses before the final decision is made.
- Kevin Gillander noted a typo on page 5 article 16 section 1.
- Warner Hodgdon asked what deadline to attach to the bids, and Jim Hayes reminded them time is of the essence. The Group agreed on a June 1st deadline to receive bids. The Group decided Ron Gray and Warner Hodgdon will make phone calls to the three companies suggested by Jim Hayes and put an ad in the paper.

Marchl Driveway Permit (Discussion/Action)

- Jim Hayes met with Mr. Marchl and surveyed the driveway. He went over the specs with Mr. Marchl who agreed. The driveway doesn't need a culvert because it has a downhill slope. Jim Hayes approves the permit and the Selectboard concurs they don't have a problem. They will officially approve the permit at the next Selectboard meeting.

Library Clarification (Informational)

- Sukey Watson was appointed Library Trustee to serve the remainder of Kassi Oakley's term. She can run again after that term is over.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting, Working Meeting 05/28/2024

- Dave Morrison requested a meeting with Road Foreman Jim Hayes to hear citizens' concerns about roads.
- Jim Hayes requested an item to approve a letter to be sent from the Selectboard to someone parked in a right of way asking him to move and warning of their right to tow.
- Fuel Bids
- Road Name Change
- Mowing Contract
- NVDA Appointment
- Crushing Bid Update
- Marchl Driveway Permit
- Planning Commission Town Plan Update
- Town Garage Issues

Brief adjournment at 7:05pm before entering Executive Session.

Executive Session 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(B) - Personnel

- Warner Hodgdon made a motion to go into Executive Session. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:15 pm
- The Board exited Executive Session at 7:42 pm. No action was taken.

Adjourn

- Ron Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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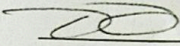
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Sign In Sheet

Name

Signature

Tom Thomas
Sukay Waban Thomas
Chris Durkin
Frank Manno
David E. Morrison
Jocelyne Barrett-GRH
Sittars
Kathleen Holyday
Clement Grm
William Jones
Kris Higgins
Helen PIKE
Steve Chisholm
Garcia Chaskok
Jennifer HANSH
Deborah Caldwell
Ben Lyck
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