

Waterford Selectboard SPECIAL Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
In-Person – Waterford School & Via Zoom

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Members in Attendance: Michael Barrett, Robert Begin and Marcia Martel

Others in Attendance: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

Modifications to Agenda: Dave Morrison asked that the approval of the minutes to the last meeting be placed on the agenda. There was a motion made by Mrs. Martel to approve of meeting minutes of April 8, 2022. Mr. Begin seconded the motion. Approved.

Establish Meeting Norms to Facilitate Successful Meetings: Mr. Barrett explained the OWL logistics and Zoom. Heather Gonyaw will be monitoring the OWL and chat sessions.

Appointments to Vacant Positions: Mr. Barrett continued with the appointed positions for the Town.

Selectboard Candidates: Warren Hodgdon, Tim Yarrow, Richard Kozlowski and Susan Hayes. Each candidate gave a brief background of their qualifications. Mr. Barrett stated the Board would break out into an executive session to appoint the vacant position according to the guidelines received by the VLCT. Mr. Begin made a motion to break out into an executive session to discuss the best possible way to appoint the candidate and it was seconded by Mrs. Martel. The Board did a tally based on rating the candidates 1-4, 4 being the highest. The tally was done by each Board member and handed to Kandy Benedetti to add up the numbers. Mrs. Benedetti handed the results to Mr. Barrett. Mr. Barrett then appointed Mrs. Hayes as the fifth member to the Selectboard.

Library Trustees: The candidates are Michael Guidosh and Christa Simmons-Beniash. Mrs. Martel made a motion to appoint Michael Guidosh and Christa Simmons-Beniash as Library Trustees. Mr. Begin seconded the motion. Approved. Mr. Barrett asked about the terms and mentioned that it would be clarified at the next Town Meeting.

Auditors: The candidates are Sallie Lewis and Erin Dimick. Mrs. Martel made a motion to appoint Sallie Lewis and Erin Dimick as Town Auditors. Mr. Begin seconded the motion. Approved.

Kevin Gillander stated that there is a vacancy on the DRB that needs to be filled as well. Mr. Barrett asked if there was anyone at the meeting who would be interested. There was no response. Mrs. Hayes inquired as to her position on the DRB if she would have to resign with her new appointment to the Selectboard, as there was no conflict stated she did not have to resign.

Mr. Morrison stated that the position of Sexton was still vacant and that Warner Hodgdon had expressed an interest in the position. Mr. Barrett stated that the Board would reach out to the VLCT to make sure the appointment was appropriate. Mr. Begin made a motion to appoint Warner Hodgdon as the Town Sexton and it was seconded by Mrs. Martel. Approved.

Town Office Proposals: Mrs. Gonyaw wished to table the agenda item until there was a full Board present.

Request from the Waterford Historical Society to Hold Free Public Event: Helen Pike requested that the Town allow a Free Restoration Workshop at the West Waterford Cemetery on Duck Pond Road on June 25, 2022. Ms. Pike asked the Board for a ½ Staymat (finely crushed stone) to be provided. Mr. Barrett asked for a copy of the certificate of liability made to the Town of Waterford for the event. Mr. Begin made a motion for the Waterford Historical Society to have the Free Event at the West Waterford Cemetery on Duck Pond Road and it was seconded by Mrs. Martel. Approved.

Town E-mail Discussion: Mr. Barrett shared that the Town owns waterfordvt.org and is up and running. He expressed his concern that the Town of Waterford does not have legitimate emails. He has looked at Microsoft and Google for town emails for each of the town members. Currently, emails are coming into personal email accounts. Mr. Begin also expressed his concern about personal email addresses for town business and the liability associated with that. Mr. Barrett stated that he would put together a proposal to compare accounts to see which one would be most cost effective for the Town for the next meeting.

Waterford Fire Department – Fire Truck Discussion: Mr. Barrett was approached by Chief Gingue regarding a chassis that has been on order and a new Tanker truck, which is the oldest truck in the fleet. Chief Gingue addressed the Town regarding the current Tanker truck that only accommodates two people and currently only holds 1800 gallons. The new Tanker truck holds 5 members and 2000 gallons. Chief Gingue presented to the Town the reasons why a new Tanker truck was important for the Town for safety purposes. Chief Gingue also addressed the response of volunteers.

Mrs. Gillott inquired as to why the purchase of a new truck was not a Town vote. Mr. Barrett stated that this purchase was already approved in the Fire Station's budget. Mrs. Gillott further commented about the procedure on how the fire truck was purchased. Mr. Barrett stated that he would look at the process of how the purchase came to be to make sure that it was in proper order. Mrs. Gillott asked about the indebtedness of the Fire Department and this purchase and before the Town gets a loan it needs to be brought up to the Town.

Citizens' Concerns: Mr. Morrison commented on the new Town Clerk's office hours and asked about the emails being updated and if it was going to get rolled out soon. Mr. Barrett stated that if at the next meeting the Town is in agreement it can be done the next day. Mr. Barrett asked Mrs. Benedetti for the new Town Clerk hours. Mrs. Benedetti replied the new hours were as followed: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am – 3:30 pm and Wednesday 11 am – 6 pm. Fridays off. Mr. Morrison stated that there has been an issue on Ben Lyon's Pond Road. Wade Baillargeon stated that the Town is aware of the situation. Mrs. Gillott asked if the new

Selectboard would be attending any training classes and any open meeting laws and have a more informative agenda. Mr. Barrett stated that the agenda could be revised to reflect a more open meeting and being more specific. As far as training Mr. Barrett and Mr. Begin stated they would be attending some type of training. Mrs. Benedetti stated that her and Mrs. Gonyaw would also be attending training next week. Mr. Morrison also commented on the Citizens Concerns were but at the end of the agenda the last few meetings and he felt that they should be at the beginning after the Modifications to the Agenda. James Hemond also suggested putting at the beginning. Mr. Barrett stated that the Citizens Concerns would be put at the beginning of the meetings. Clem Gray hand delivered an envelope to the Selectboard regarding the road crew. Mr. Barrett stated that the matter should be addressed at the next Selectboard meeting as the letter was addressed to Gary Allard. Lisle Houghton asked the Board for signatures regarding a culvert for Tim Ruggles. Mr. Barrett stated the Board would sign the grant as time was a factor. Mr. Barrett asked if there were any other concerns. Mr. Baillargeon mentioned a concern from a land owner regarding a Class Four Road and wanted to post in the Spring to keep off the road until after mud season. Kathleen Hodgdon further stated that she resides on the road and it was pretty bad and there were kids that were behind tearing up the road.

The next meeting will be the second Tuesday of May – May 10 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Houghton mentioned a concern regarding drug testing and having someone in the Town Clerk's office to take care of this as it would be a conflict for him to do it.

As there were no further questions or concerns, a motion was made by Mrs. Martel to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mr. Begin. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNED 8:18 pm

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Project:	Waterford Selectboard Meeting	Meeting Date:	04/18/2022
	MONTHLY MEETING	PLACE	Waterford School

SIGNATURE	PRINT	SIGNATURE	PRINT
<i>Warner N. Hodgdon</i>	WARNER N. HODGDON	<i>Kandis Barrett</i>	Kandis Barrett
<i>Kathleen J. Hodgdon</i>	Kathleen J. Hodgdon	<i>Jeffrey Bingle</i>	Jeffrey Bingle
<i>Kandy Benedetti</i>	Kandy Benedetti	<i>Tim Yarrow</i>	Tim Yarrow
<i>Cardyn Fleming</i>	Cardyn Fleming	<i>Michael J. Verba</i>	MICHAEL J. VERBA
<i>BRYANT FLEMING</i>	Bryant Fleming	<i>Justin Stahl</i>	Justin Stahl
<i>Howard W. Remick</i>	Howard W. Remick	<i>Joyanne Keane</i>	Joyanne Keane
<i>Charles Lawrence</i>	Charles Lawrence	<i>Kim Willey</i>	Kim Willey
<i>Marcel Lapierre</i>	Marcel Lapierre	<i>Bernad Willey</i>	Bernad Willey
<i>Ron Gray</i>	Ron Gray	<i>Kevin G. Hand</i>	Kevin G. Hand
<i>James Hemond</i>	James Hemond		
<i>Mark Harpin</i>	Mark Harpin		
<i>Daphne Bullack</i>	Daphne Bullack		
<i>FRANK BULLOCK</i>	FRANK BULLOCK		
<i>Susan Hayes</i>	Susan Hayes		
<i>Lisle Houghton</i>	Lisle Houghton		
<i>Heather M. Conroy</i>	Heather M. Conroy		
<i>JOSH OAKLEY</i>	JOSH OAKLEY		
<i>Donna Rae Heath</i>	DONNA RAE HEATH		
<i>Sallie Lewis</i>	Sallie Lewis		