

**Waterford Selectboard Meeting
Monday, October 11, 2021
Davies Memorial Library**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Members in Attendance: Warner Hodgdon, Bill Piper, Fred Saar

Others in Attendance: See attached sign-in sheet

Modifications to the Agenda

There were The following modifications to the agenda:

- Citizens Concerns - Jim Hayes and his wife requested to address the Selectboard
- Old Business – Additional lighting for the Waterford Historical Society
- Old Business – Citizens Petition regarding review of Town spending

Approval of Minutes

Bill made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13th Selectboard meeting. Warner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Budget Report

The Budget Report was distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Marcia asked about posting the Budget Report on the website, and Fred responded that it had been posted after it was prepared by the Treasurer. Fred noted that it should be posted earlier to allow time for review.

Citizens' Concerns

Jim Hayes addressed the Selectboard about the change in the cap on the Town's HRA plan. The cap was reduced to \$4,000 from \$5,000 during the budgeting for the current year. Mrs. Hayes discussed her dissatisfaction with a conversation with Selectman Saar regarding the change and stated that Saar was rude and dismissive of her concerns.

Warner read an e-mail from Kym Blaisdell requesting additional traffic control devices. There were comments from the attendees about the request and additional comments from the neighborhood. Roberta Gillott and Dave Morrison offered to arrange a community meeting to document additional comments about the request.

Fred discussed the additional light needed in the lower level where the new Waterford Historical Society cabinet is located, the delay in getting the light installed, and asked Warner to coordinate the installation of the light.

Bill reviewed a petition that requested a review of the Town's spending and recommending that the Town not purchase additional highway equipment. Bill discussed the monthly review and reconciliation performed by the three elected Town auditors and the current audit being performed by Sullivan & Powers. Bill also discussed the review of highway equipment that had been discussed at previous

Selectboard meetings and relayed the information that the review was exploratory to determine the probable cost of replacement and the probable lead time to purchase the equipment and have it delivered.

Town Boards

The Listers presented an Errors & Omissions correction to the Grand List. They requested the Michaud parcel valuation be changed due to a reclassification of the 'neighborhood' where the parcel is located; the parcel is not in Waterford Springs. The Selectboard approved the requested changes.

Highway Department

Lisle provided an update on the Lower Waterford Road project. The base is currently paved and awaiting application of the top (wearing) course.

There was a discussion of the additional signage that Dave Morrison requested for Lawrence Road.

Old Business

Town Website

Bill Piper is working with Mike Barrett on the redesign and updates to the Town website.

The Selectboard received an update from Roberta Gillott and Marcia Martel on the formation of a Committee to develop recommendation for projects to be funded from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF). Roberta stated that an organization meeting is planned for October 14th followed by public meetings to gather information on possible projects.

New Business

EMS/CALEX Contract

The current three-year contract with CALEX for ambulance service in Waterford is expiring and the Selectboard discussed the renewal and the associated costs. Bill made a motion to approve the new three-year contract, and Warner seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Renewal

The annual contract for 2022 with Blue Cross/Blue Shield needs to be signed. There was a discussion on the annual expenses associated with the health care coverage, and there was a question from the attendees on what portion of the cost the Town paid (the Town pays 100% of the cost). Bill requested we gather further information about the plan cost relative to the 2021 costs before we make a decision on the renewal. Fred will request information from the Town Clerk.

Air Conditioning for the Library

Fred discussed a request from the Library Director for air conditioners for the Library. Roberta and Marcia indicated that improving the air handling in the Town Office building is on the list of potential projects for the ARPA/CSLFRF funds.

Other Items

Dave Morrison discussed a proposed article for Town Meeting to change the Delinquent Tax Collector position back to an elected position from an appointed position. He asked if the Selectboard would put the necessary Articles on the Warning, or if there needed to be a petition. After discussion, the Selectboard agreed to include the Articles on the Warning.

There was discussion on the Equipment Fund that was formerly reported in the Town's Annual Report and a request for information on why the reporting was eliminated. The Selectboard will contact the Town Treasurer for additional information and request the Town Treasurer add that information to the Town's Annual Report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33pm