

Waterford Selectboard Working Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Davies Library

In Attendance: Gary Allard, Mike Barrett, Rob Begin, Sue Hayes, Warner Hodgdon. Attendance list attached.

Mike Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Modifications to Agenda

- Add Certificate of Highway Mileage signing

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Sue Hayes made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the January 8, 2024 meeting. Gary Allard seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Certificate of Highway Mileage

- All Selectboard members signed the document.

Fire Chief 2024 Nomination Approval (Discussion/Action)

- Assistant Fire Chief Will Rivers wrote the Selectboard to inform them the Waterford Volunteer Fire Department has voted to nominate Colin Fucci for the position of Fire Chief for 2024 and requested the Board approve this nomination.
- Rob Begin made a motion to approve the nomination. Gary Allard seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Fire Truck Bids (Discussion/Action)

- Two companies were asked for bids, but a response was only received from K & T Fire Equipment who sent two bids. The first bid totalled \$491,647.29 and the second totalled \$558,647.29 with both having expected completed delivery in late 2025.
- Roger Leroux gave a brief review of how the truck is going to be paid for. If the cheaper bid is chosen, \$270k will need to be financed, and he suggested rounding to \$275k to account for potential incidental costs.
- Roger Leroux was given the bid to read and provide more details to answer questions from citizens and board members. He stressed the necessity of this purchase and assured citizens that the Fire Department is confident that buying a new tanker truck will be significantly more cost-efficient and safer for volunteers than buying a used tanker truck. The Selectboard also answered questions from citizens.

- Gary Allard made a motion to accept the cheaper bid for \$491,647.29. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Mike Barrett recused.
- Town Treasurer Heather Gonyaw spoke with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to get more information about how to write ballot articles. She drafted an article concerning the fire truck purchase to be put on the ballot for Town Meeting.
- Rob Begin made a motion to accept the article. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Mike Barrett recused.
- All board members signed the article so it can be included in the Town Report.

Service Reimbursement Ordinance Update (Discussion/Action)

- Fees were updated and minor modifications were made to reflect current conditions.
- Gary Allard made a motion to accept the modifications. Rob Begin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- All members signed the updated ordinance.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting Feb 12

- Mowing Contract (Discussion/Action)
- Fire Department Update (Discussion)
- Highway Department Update (Discussion)
- Cemetery Committee Investing and Surveying (Discussion/Action)
- Town Clerk Update (Discussion)
- Report from Delinquent Tax Collector (Discussion)
- Voiceover IP Phone Update (Discussion)
- Citizens' Concerns

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

- Rob Begin motioned to enter Executive Session. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The Group entered Executive Session at 7:08 PM.
- Gary Allard made a motion to have Town legal counsel review retirement compensation. Rob Begin seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- The Group exited Executive Session at 7:28 pm

Adjourn

- Gary Allard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Sign In Sheet

Name

Signature

Marcia Martel

Sukey Watson

Tom Thomas

Jim Hayes

Howard Kemick

KEVIN Gilland FR

Roger Leroux

Dylan Benoit

Dave Morrison

Marcia Martel

Sukey Watson

TO

Jim Hayes

Howard W. Kemick

Kevin C. Gilland

Roger Leroux

Dylan Benoit

David E. Morrison