

Waterford Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 12, 2023 @ 6:00PM

Waterford Fire Station

In attendance: Mike Barrett, Sue Hayes, Warner Hodgdon, Gary Allard, Rob Begin, Deb Benoit (Town Clerk), Heather Gonyaw (Treasurer).

Attendee list attached

Call to Order:

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

Modifications to the Agenda:

- ARPA fund clarification
- Cemetery Name Change

Approval of Meeting Minutes (Action)

- Rob Begin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 22, 2023. Gary Allard seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Highway Department Update (Informational)

- Jim Hayes provided an update to the board. There is no update on the building. The grader has been fixed after being down for the past three-weeks. The highway department is shorthanded. Job posting has been posted on the website, FB page, indeed.com and will be published in the Cal Rec Fridays/Saturdays for the next four weeks. Mike is also working with VT Dept. of Employment and Training.

Fire Department (Discussion/Possible Action)

- Colin Fucci thanked Kathy and Warner Hodgdon for doing the landscaping and flower planting at the fire department. Update – new flooring being installed June 26, 27,28. E1 is still in need of repair but they believe they have found the problem and the company that can fix it
- Grading at the Fire Station – when the snow slides off the building it builds up against the building due to the grade. Colin Fucci would like the bank sloped differently to encourage the water to run away from the building to prevent moisture. This item was tabled.
- Mowing at Fire Station – Colin Fucci asked the board if the fire department lawn could be added to the current contract with Jesse Kitteridge. Sue to contact Jesse to find out what the additional cost would be.
- Paving Fire Station Parking Lot – Colin Fucci reported that it was his understanding that PIKE would be willing to donate the paving of the fire department parking lot. Mike

(PIKE contact) is away at the moment. Colin will reach out to Mike upon his return.
This item was tabled.

Signature on Cemetery Deeds (Action)

- Deb Benoit provided two cemetery deeds to the board for signature. Gary Allard made a motion to approve both deeds. Rob Begin seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

ARPA Fund Clarification:

- Heather Gonyaw asked the board for clarification regarding the motion that was made and approved at the last regular board meeting. Warner Hodgdon asked the board for \$12,500 in ARPA funds to continue maintenance of the historic Waterford cemeteries. The board approved \$20,000 in ARPA funds for this endeavor. The question was can the original quote for the work in the amount of \$12,500 move forward now. The board gave the green light for work to continue using the current quote/contract.

Proposed Cemetery Name Change:

- Warner Hodgdon asked that Helen Pike speak to this topic. The Waterford Historical Society is working on petition language to advocate to change the name of the Powers Wheeler cemetery on Daniels Farm Road to the Carr Cemetery. Based on research there are seven Carr family members buried in that cemetery as well as the original Carr farmhouse still standing. The plan will be to submit the petition to the board for inclusion on the 2024 town meeting warrant. Sue Hayes asked about a deed to verify that the name did not need to remain as it was. No deed to that cemetery has been found. Gary Allard suggested that it was most likely an easement.

Adoption of LEMP for 2023 (Action)

- Rob Begin made a motion to adopt the LEMP for 2023. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Update from Town Clerk (Informational / Possible Action)

- Dog Licenses – there are two remaining unlicensed dogs in the town (both owned by the same family). James Gingue has contacted the family and has given them until the end of June to pay the registration fee and fine.
- Carpet Quotes for town office – Mayo's has not returned numerous calls asking for a quote. There was one quote from the Carpet Connection. Warner Hodgdon made a motion to move forward with the quote from Carpet Connection to replace the flooring in the first floor of the building not to exceed \$6,000. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Citizen's Concerns

- Gwen Chisholm asked for an update from the board on where things stand with short-term rentals. Mike Barrett said that the board was drafting a response. They have a few questions that need to be addressed.
- Howard Remick asked about the progress of blocking off the turnoff on Hale Road below his property. There is still a lot of trash being dumped there. In addition, the road is sinking due to culvert issues. Jim Hayes said they know it needs to be fixed and they will work to get it done. Warner Hodgdon will join Jim Hayes to look at the road and the guardrail placement.
- Mike Barrett reported that NEK Broadband had connected high speed to the town office/library building.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Working Meeting June 26th will be held at the Davies Library

- Zoning Administration contract review (executive session)
- NVDA grant opportunity for town garage repairs
- Review/Update current grants management policy
- Update on short-term rental response

Adjourn

- Warner Hodgdon made a motion to adjourn. Gary Allard seconded the motion. **Motion passed 5-0.** Meeting adjourned at 7:34PM.