

Waterford Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 @ 6:00 PM

Davies Library

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

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

Modifications to Agenda

- No modifications.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Kevin Gillander made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the April 29, 2024 meeting. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- Sue Hayes made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the May 13, 2024 meeting. Kevin Gillander seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Citizens' Concerns

- Jen D'Agostino, Chair of the Cemetery Committee, asked during the last Selectboard meeting for files to be turned over by the former sexton to the Cemetery Committee. A list of veterans' graves was sent to them today, but nothing was sent before Memorial Day. In the past, the American Legion placed flags on Waterford veterans' graves for Memorial Day, but this year they did not inform anyone that they were unable to do it. Jen noticed that it hadn't been done the day before Memorial Day, so she bought 146 flags and placed them on veterans' graves with the help of some friends and family. She expressed her frustration that the committee didn't yet have access to the list of veteran graves which made it much more difficult to put out the flags. Kathleen Hodgdon informed her that Warner did not possess the list, he had to borrow it from the American Legion, copy it, and return the original. Town Clerk Deb Benoit learned after Memorial Day that there is a map with veterans' graves highlighted, but it is outdated. The Selectboard will make sure Jen gets reimbursed for the flags and the Cemetery Committee will be holding onto them so they can make sure they are put out on time next year.
- Dave Morrison asked for clarification about the library trustee. Gary Allard explained that it has been confirmed and is all set. Dave asked to schedule a work session in June to talk about town roads.

- William Jones asked if the Selectboard had considered recording Selectboard meetings, which he suggested during the March 11 Selectboard meeting. Gary Allard responded saying the State has recently changed the laws regarding recording public meetings, and it would be very difficult for Waterford to meet those requirements. It is still an important goal for the Selectboard, but it is not the top priority at the moment. William also pointed out that the synopsis for Town Meeting has not been posted. Town Clerk Deb Benoit will make sure it gets posted as soon as possible.

Road Name Change (Discussion/Action)

- As there were no objections to the private road name change discussed at the last Selectboard meeting, it only needed approval. Kevin Gillander motioned to approve the name change to Majestic View Drive. Warner Hodgdon seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Mowing Contract (Discussion/Action)

- Warner Hodgdon made a motion to approve the mowing contract. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. Gary Allard signed the contract on behalf of the Board.

NVDA Appointment (Action)

- Warner Hodgdon motioned to appoint Deb Allard to fill the NVDA seat. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Crushing Bid Update (Discussion/Action)

- An ad was put in the paper. Warner Hodgdon contacted seven contractors. Town Clerk Deb Benoit confirmed two have asked for the paperwork to respond. The deadline for receiving bids is June 1, and they will be opened during the June 10th Selectboard meeting.

Marchl Driveway Permit (Discussion/Action)

- Warner Hodgdon motioned to approve the driveway permit. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Fuel Bids (Discussion/Action)

- Town Clerk Deb Benoit reached out to five companies. The deadline for receiving bids is June 10th. They will open the bids during the Selectboard meeting that evening. No bids have been received yet.

Approval to Sell Truck and Body (Discussion/Action)

- Road Foreman Jim Hayes brought up during the last Selectboard meeting that the old water truck and a body for a water truck are sitting in the garage collecting dust. He

suggested putting them out to bid since they can't be used by the town. He will collaborate with Town Clerk Deb Benoit to work up a proposal. The deadline for receiving the bids will be June 24th, and they will open the bids during the Selectboard meeting that evening.

- Sue Hayes motioned to approve the proposal for bids to sell the old water truck and the truck body. Warner seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Town Garage Issues (Discussion/Action)

- The town garage is an issue they haven't been able to confront for quite a while because it will be very costly. The energy grant won't be concluded until late summer or early fall. Kevin Gillander spoke with his friend Howard Jones who has extensive experience and said he would be interested in inspecting the building so the Selectboard can figure out the extent of the damage and start coming up with ideas for how to handle it. Road Foreman Jim Hayes recommended raising the ceiling so the garage could be used to store the bigger equipment. The Selectboard will revisit the discussion once they get a report from Howard Jones. Gary Allard will reach out to him before the next Selectboard meeting.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Crushing bids
- Fuel bids
- Driveway Permit
- Transfer Station
- Payroll Child Care Tax
- Highway Department Update
- Vacancy in Highway Department

Brief adjournment at 6:52pm before entering Executive Session.

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

- Sue Hayes motioned to enter Executive Session. Warner Hodgdon seconded the motion. Motion was approved 3-0. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:55 pm.
- The Board exited Executive Session at 7:22 pm. No action was taken.

Adjourn

- Sue Hayes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Warner Hodgdon seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

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Sign In Sheet

Name

Signature

David E. Morrison
William Jones
Clem Gray
Jim Hayes
Deborah Caldwell
Kathleen Hodgdon
Amy Gardner
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Deb Benoit

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