

Waterford Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 @ 7:00PM

In-person Waterford School Gym

In attendance: Sue Hayes, Marcia Martel, Gary Allard, Mike Barrett, Rob Begin

Attendance sheet attached

Gary Allard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Modifications to the Agenda:

- Gary noted that the conversation with the American Legion would be postponed until the next regular meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Mike Barrett made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the August 23, 2022. Rob Begin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Errors / Omissions – Waterford Listers:

- Howard Remick reported to the board that an error from last year was found. It was an error in a listing of unlanded building. The error resulted in a reduction of \$70K to the grand list. Marcia Martel made a motion to accept the grand list correction. Sue Hayes seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Heating/Cooling Bids for Library/Town Office Building:

- Kandis Barrett collected two quotes for work to be done in upgrading the ventilation system for the library. The quotes were provided by Andy Hill and Fred's Energy. There was discussion about reaching out to Andy for an additional quote to include units for the Town Clerk's office in addition to the library space. Rob Begin made a motion to accept the quote provided by Andy Hill in the amount of \$8,551 with the addition of the work in the town clerk's office. The expense will be covered with upto \$10K in ARPA funds. Marcia Martel seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mike abstained from the vote.

Highway Department Update:

- Jim Hayes has been approached regarding land own by the Bullock's for sale. It could be used for gravel and other materials. Initial tests have been done and the material appears to be good. Gary will reach out to Mr. Bullock and meet with him and Jim for further discussions. Jim also brought up the need for a policy on Class 4 roads beyond what the State requires. Jim hasn't had any luck on finding contractors for the repairs to the town garage building. Mike suggested that we post a Request for Bid in the newspaper. Jim will send Mike what needs to be done and Mike will write it up and get it to the paper.

- Jim presented the paperwork for an access permit for Deb Benoit on High Ridge Road. Mike Barrett made a motion to approve the access permit. Rob Begin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Budget Development Update:

- Rob Begin reported that meetings have taken place with several department heads to begin drafting the FY 23 budget. The first draft of the budget will be presented by the town treasurer at the regular meeting in October.

Mike Barrett made a motion to appoint Josh Oakley as a planning board alternate. Rob Begin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Citizen's Concerns:

- A concern regarding the increased use of ATV's on Waterford's road. Waterford does not allow ATV's on the roads. Several suggestions were brought forward including a letter going out to citizens to remind them of the ordinance. The Sherriff's department could increase patrols, a reminder could be posted on the website and the town's Facebook page. ATV use and destruction on Waterford roads are considered public nuisance crimes – they require video evidence. Citations could be given.
- Zoning for short-term rentals was brought up as Waterford doesn't currently have rules in place. This should be on the agenda for a future DRB meeting.
- The number of unregistered vehicles a resident can have was brought up. Several properties in Waterford seem to have more than what is allowed.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- Monday, September 26, 2022 – working meeting. Agenda item is final draft of the Personnel Policy.
- Next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 11th @ 7:00PM at the Waterford School.

Agenda items:

- FY '23 budget draft presentation
- Discussion on current assets and what to do with them.
- Mike would like to have further discussion about moving the select board meetings to the fire station.

Executive Session - 1 V.S.A. § 313 Personnel

- Animal Control
- Transfer Station

Rob Begin made to motion to invite Heather Gonyaw into the executive session. Marcia Martel seconded the motion. The board entered executive session at 8:11 p.m.

The board exited executive session at 8:45 p.m. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

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