

Waterford Special Selectboard Meeting  
Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 1:00pm  
Via ZOOM

Minutes

Meeting Recording:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/A2PcNv7OV8UlxpTekrb3blbLNBx1XEhxkKQqgebYEWixE3YtC5zApmm6jflbKI-J.tWBb47VvAZMx2pnd>

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

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

Others in Attendance: Jessy Pelow, Donna Berry, Marsha Martel, Gib Trenholme, Kathy Aucoin, Katie Fiegenbaum

Modifications to the Agenda:

Fred reported that the Selectboard held a meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss hiring an attorney to represent the Town in a public records request that included three years of e-mails. The meeting was warned as an Emergency meeting due to concerns about the time required to gather the information requested and to respond in a timely manner.

In retrospect, the Selectboard determined that the meeting should not have been warned as an Emergency meeting but as a Special meeting to provide 24 hours' notice of the meeting. The Vermont Statutes provide the process to correct this situation, and this meeting is to correct Fred's error in asking the Town Clerk to warn the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting as an Emergency meeting and provide proper notice.

Fred asked for a motion to ratify our decisions at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting with the clarification that the Town is hiring the law firm of Zuccaro & Willis PC, not Ed Zuccaro individually, to represent Waterford in this matter. Bill made the motion and Warner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Bill made a motion that the Town will strive to provide 24 hours' notice, except in extreme emergency situations, to provide full transparency and to avoid any chance of open meeting law violations. Warner seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Warner made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bill Seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.