

Waterford Selectboard Meeting  
Monday, May 10, 2021

Link to ZOOM Recording

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Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

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

Others in Attendance: Angela Daniels, David Morrison, Katie Fiegenbaum, Marcia Martel, Howard Remick, Lisle Houghton, Robin Migdelany, Mike Barrett, Debbie and Gary Allard, Kim Willey, Sandra Lyon, Clare Wilmont, Robert Gillott, and Hannah Fenoff.

Modifications to the Agenda

Add Letter from DAV under Citizen's Concerns

Move Listers PC from Old Business to Town Boards

Add CUD Update under Old Business

Add Convert Town website to a .gov domain under new business

Add Overflowing Pond to Highway

Citizens' Concerns

Selectmen discussed exchanging Sandra Lyon lots. To accomplish this Sandra will return her existing lot #34 to the Town, the Town issuing deeds to lots #52 and #59, and the Town will cover the expense of moving the headstone and corner markers to the new lots. Bill Piper made the motion to move Sandra Lyons lots, including headstone and four corner markers. Warner Hodgdon 2nd the motion and motion passed.

Linda Carpenter wants to purchase lots in the Riverside Cemetery; the Town Clerk will address.

Delinquent Tax Sale: Tilloston's property was sold at a Tax Sale in December 2019. The purchaser subsequently found out that there was Ford Motor Company lien on the property. Gary Allard stated this is not an issue for the Selectboard, but for the Delinquent Tax Collector.

The Town received a letter from Mildred Murtiff of the local Disabled American Veterans chapter relate to the Cemetery on Route 18. The DAV has been trimming the hedges and have offered to have a broken headstone repaired. Anair Memorials has offered to clean and reset any headstone needing attention for the DAV, and the Selectboard voted to give the DAV permission to coordinate the work.

## Town Boards

A motion was made to appoint Ann Fielder to the Development Review Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Lister's Computer: A desktop computer needs to be purchased for the Lister's. Computer to cost \$540.00 with 27" monitor, web cam, cost \$769.00. Additional program another \$125.00 for a total cost of \$1,054.45. Bill Piper made the motion to approve the purchase of the computer for the Listers and Warner Hodgdon 2nd it. Motion passed unanimously.

## Highway Department

The new Western Star truck should be delivered around May 12, 2021.

Basketball hoop that was being left too close to the road on Lower Waterford road has been moved away from the road.

An overflowing pond on Mad Brook Road being watched by the Highway Department.

Lisle requested an executive session at the end of the meeting.

## Old Business

CUD / ARPA Update: The Selectboard was given information about a potential fiber optic line coming from Concord into Lower Waterford. Discussion was on whether we could use the funds coming from COVID relief to pay for this connection. The Selectboard will continue to gather information and will discuss it again in June or July meeting.

VLCT Open Meeting Training: Fred reported that VLCT has posted their Open Meeting webinar; all members of the Selectboard will review the training.

Library Repairs: It is believed that the chimney repairs have been completed and will get official word before the June meeting. Repairs to landing and deck were estimated to be materials \$283.00 and labor \$360.00 for a total of \$643.00. Rear of building, materials \$510.00 and labor \$360.00 for a total of 510.00. Total cost of repairs to both areas \$1,053.47. Bill Piper made the motion to spend \$1,053.47 to repair the library landing, deck and back of building, and have Mr. Whitehead do the repairs, Warner Hodgdon 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Fire Station and Garage well done except for connecting the well to both building; Warner will get equipment specifications from the engineer and advise Gould Well Company.

Cemetery Mowing: Warner Hodgdon was able to get two quotes, one from a Waterford Lawn Care at \$5,300.00 and one from Ranney & Sons Lawncare for \$4,500.00. Fred Saar made the motion to accept Ranney and Sons quote to do the mowing at the Riverside Cemetery and Lower Waterford Cemetery for \$4,500.00, Bill Piper 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The fence around the Lower Waterford cemetery is still an open issue, and Fred Saar will look at the fence and get an estimate for the highway department to fix.

Green Up Day: 8th Grade students and parents were asked to run and supervise this event for a donation from the town towards their class trip. Warner Hodgdon made the motion to donate \$300.00 to Waterford School for 8th Grade class trip, Bill Piper 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Review of personnel policies will cost \$325.00 an hour for a lawyer to review the current. Bill Piper made the motion to spend the \$325.00 an hour for this and advise the attorney there is a limit to the amount of money that can be spent on this. Warner Hodgdon 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dog complaints from Marcia Gray and Heather Gonyaw were discussed and Warner will continue to follow-up.

There will be an open meeting on the Fire Regionalization Study via Zoom May 27, 2021 and the public is invited to participate. Information will be posted on the Town website.

### New Business

The Northeast Speedway has applied for a Festival Permit for their annual reunion on July 16-18, 2021. Warner Hodgdon is part of their board and will be on site for the two-day festival. Bill Piper made the motion to approve the Northeast Speedway permit for a festival July 16-18, 2021 with Selectboard conditions about complying with Vermont COVID-19 guidance, Fred Saar 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Waterford Local Emergency Management Plan has been accepted by Vermont Emergency Management.

The Selectboard will continue to investigate having an in-person meetings that comply with social distancing and mask requirements.

Selectboard discussed looking into changing the town website domain to .gov from .org. Fred will follow-up.

Fred Saar made a motion to go into executive session to discuss salary issues and Warner Hodgdon 2nd the motion and motion passed unanimously. The Selectboard went into executive session at 9:00 pm

The Selectboard exited Executive Session at 9:12pm.

Fred made a motion to update the Highway Department Salary Survey and review where the Department is relative to similar towns. Bill Piper seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.