

**Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
May 18th, 2015
Main Street Fire Station**

Present: D. Schneider, Vice Chair; C. Viens, J. Brown, and M. Frier, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; A. Tuscany, Public Works Director; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Peter Turmelle, Robert Edmonds, Allan Thompson, Rebecca Ryan, Ann Gilbert, Lynn Gorski.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

W. Shepeluk asked to update the Board on the Leaf Peepers marathon, the fence at the roundabout, and internet at the Recreation Building under Manager's items. C. Viens made a motion to approve the agenda as modified. The motion was seconded by M. Frier and passed by those present.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

M. Frier made a motion to approve the consent agenda item that included the minutes of the May 4th meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Viens and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC

None.

REQUEST FOR NO SMOKING ORDINANCE

R. Edmonds was present to request a No Smoking Ordinance be established within 50 feet of any multi-dwelling, such as apartments, condominiums, cluster homes, etc. W. Shepeluk cautioned the Select Board about adopting this type of ordinance and questioned whether it is the Town's business to address this issue. He had suggested to Mr. Edmonds that he bring it before the condominium association where he lives. A larger concern is that someone would have to enforce the ordinance and there is no one to do enforcement. There is no state law limiting smoking in or outside of multi-housing units. A better venue may be to address the issue at the statewide level. The Board will take it under advisement and W. Shepeluk suggested that R. Edmonds talk with his legislators.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Allan Thompson was present to give the Board an update on the Conservation Commission's activities. He explained the mission of the commission to the Board. They are interested in natural, cultural, historic, and recreational resources and focus mainly on natural resources. The commission is interested in engaging in a strategic planning process to develop a five-year plan. They have applied for a \$600 grant to help with this work. They would like to coalesce their interests with the other elected and appointed Boards. W. Shepeluk stated that the Conservation Commission is funded \$700 each year, and they also do fundraisers. There is currently a small fund balance. There are two open seats on the commission. They are trying to develop a land conservation strategy and asked about the implications of the Town owning some land for conservation. W. Shepeluk stated that the issues are the purchase of the land with taxpayer dollars, and the removal of the land from the grand list. There are also issues of access, liability, and management. If the commission wishes to pursue the Town acquisition of land, there would have to be formal discussions with the Select Board. D. Schneider suggested that the commission share the strategic plan with the Select Board as it is being developed.

MANAGER'S ITEMS

The Animal Control Officer has been using the ordinance in place and suggested some changes to make it more workable. Some changes are for clarification, and there are some substantive changes including defecation on private property and dogs not being allowed in cemeteries. Section 5 outlines the ordinance as it relates to domestic pets on public grounds. W. Shepeluk asked the Board if it is too strict to require that dogs in public parks be on leash.

W. Shepeluk reviewed the procedure for adopting an ordinance. C. Viens suggested that it is disrespectful for people to impose their pets on other people, and that pets owners need to assume responsibility for their pets.

Additional revisions were reviewed. P. Turmelle suggested increasing signage and placing dog posts to dispense plastic bags. The final revisions will be reviewed at the June 1st meeting.

A. Tuscany is retiring in the near future, and there has been some discussion about having him stay on as a part-time professional engineer. Job descriptions for the Public Works Director and part-time engineer were distributed, and A. Tuscany gave his thoughts on the descriptions. The proposal is to promote from within, promoting Bill Woodruff to Public Works Director. A. Tuscany described some projects he would like to work on in a consulting capacity, including an analysis of the water and wastewater systems.

D. Schneider asked what the budget impact would be, and what would happen with the Water Superintendent position. W. Shepeluk will put together a budget analysis.

There is a chain link fencing going up at the roundabout to delineate the walkway to the pool. The fence posts were installed last week. There has been a lot of concern about the fence, however the specifications cannot be changed at the last minute. The fence is scheduled to be installed sometime in the next two weeks.

The Solid Waste Ordinance was previously distributed. The Town is a member of the Mad River Resource Management Alliance which cannot adopt an ordinance. W. Shepeluk explained that the ordinance is practically already in effect, but Act 148 requires adoption of an ordinance by July 1st. C. Viens made a motion to adopt the Variable Rate Pricing by Volume or Weight for Municipal Solid Waste Collection Civil Ordinance. The motion was seconded by J. Brown and passed unanimously.

W. Shepeluk spoke with Roger Cranse about the Leaf Peepers race. The details are still being worked out. If the Board gives the go-ahead, he will work out the details with the race organizer, Police Chief and Fire Chief. J. Brown stated that prepping for the race was the cause of some frustration last year. M. Frier made a motion approve the race contingent on continued conversations with the race organizer to address concerns. The motion was seconded by C. Viens and passed by those present.

W. Shepeluk stated that there is no internet connection at the Recreation Building. The Recreation Director has been asking for a connection that would cost \$87 per month for a three-year contract. There are other groups that use the building that need internet access as well. The Board was in concurrence.

C. Viens made a motion to appoint Peter Turmelle as Animal Control Officer for a term ending April 30th, 2016. The motion was seconded by M. Frier and passed by those present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: June 1, 2015