

JOINT SELECT BOARD & TRUSTEE'S MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2006
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Present: Edward Steele, Select Board Chairman; Tom Stevens, Jack Carter and Carol Miller, Select Board Members; Everett Coffey, Village President; P. Howard Flanders and Lawaence Sayah, Trustees; Donna Centonze, Clerk; William Shepeluk, Manager; Anne Imhoff, Exit 10; Michael Lugo, Adelphia Cable; WCDC members, Carol O'Neil, Millie Badger, Missy Parks, Mary Miller and Ted Schultheis.

Everett Coffey called the Trustee's meeting to order at 7:30PM.
Edward Steele called the Select Board meeting to order at 7:30PM.

VERMONT COUNCIL ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

Paul Costello was present on behalf of Vermont Council on Rural Development. The Council has chosen not to offer a Community Visit to Waterbury in 2006. VCRD is, however, very interested in Waterbury and is willing to offer specialized services if requested by the town and village.

VCRD had conversations with the Waterbury community and came up with some observations. (attached) Recharge Program was well attended and some clear direction as to key long-term priorities was sited. Waterbury has stalled in the past because of disunity. The need of Town/Village unity through a merger process as the fundamental historic challenge before the community.

Mr. Costello talked about other communities that have faced these same challenges and offered to produce a structured, facilitated public forum that will ask the diverse residents of Town and Village to consider the best way to advance the unity needed to successfully address community priorities.

MERGER WARNING:

P. Howard Flanders presented a document for merger that would be an article on the Town & Village warning in March. "To see if the voters shall authorize the Trustees, the Water and Sewer Commissioners, and the Selectboard and four members of the community appointed by all three boards to act as a committee, for the purpose of drafting articles of merger for the Village of Waterbury and the Town of Waterbury. The articles of merger shall include the creation of a Village Fire District with the same boundaries of the present village for the purpose of providing water and sewer service. In addition, the articles of merger shall create a special assessment district with the same boundaries as the village for the purpose of paying for a portion of town wide police service and that such district will be phased out over a period not to exceed five years as the town annually will pay a greater proportion until the town bears the entire costs of the police service. The proposal must be approved by all three boards and by a vote of both municipalities at duly warned meetings on dates to be determined by the boards on or before the next annual meeting." There was much discussion on police issues and costs.

The Main St. project was not discussed with merger. If the village charter went away the State would be responsible for Main St. Mr. Shepeluk will look into this matter for clarity. He will also look at other towns with the same population as Waterbury to see how many police officers are required per square mile or per person. P. Howard Flanders made the motion to have said article on merger on the warning for the March Village meeting. Lawrence Sayah seconded the motion. Motion approved. Carol Miller made the motion to have said article on merger on the warning for the March Town meeting. Jack Carter seconded the motion and all approved.

FIRE COMMITTEE:

Alec Tuscany had a meeting with Jeff Kilgore to determine if there were any legal restrictions to allow the Fire Departments to use the cemetery land. The Cemetery Commissioners control the land and their permission is needed if land was to be used for any other purpose. The town could take over claiming eminent domain. There was some discussion on ISO requirements, equipment and ratings.

SIGN COMMITTEE:

A letter was received from the Waterbury Sign & Logo Committee (attached). There was some discussion. Some felt it should wait until spring or budget for them next year. There would be new signs coming in from the Bolton Rd., Duxbury-Moretown and the Stowe line. It was recommended that the town be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the signs. There was opposition to changing the logo. This issue was tabled .

BUDGET:

There was preliminary discussion on the budget. The Town proposed \$44,000 plus inflation for the Fire Department; Municipal Office \$29,000 plus inflation and Police to stay at 230 hours at \$33.00 per hour. (add inflation 3.5%) It was also recommended to have the Town 's % paid to Public Works Director increased. There was discussion on the police hours and the cost of fuel. Further budget discussions at a future date.

HANDICAPPED PARKING:

The need for a handicapped parking space in the municipal office parking lot was discussed. A handicapped space would take up 2 spaces. (18ft.) Widening the driveway and increasing the number of parking spaces was discussed. No action was taken. Jack Carter indicated that the handicapped sign in the parking lot behind his store also needed to be replaced.

MC DERMOTT APPEAL:

William Shepeluk presented update on the Mc Dermott projects. (1.) 2 acres with 9 units – approved. (2.) 8 acres out of the 10 acres annexed in the Village Commercial zoning district. Mc Dermott told the voters at Village meeting that there would be 36 units in 18 duplexes. Before McDermott applied for zoning permit the Village zoning was amended to allow multi-family housing on the 8 acre portion of the Mc Dermott property.

McDermott then applied for 81 units of multi-family housing on this 8 acre parcel. After Mc Dermott applied for the permit the Village amended the by-laws with density limits. The Village now said only 48 units could be built on the 8 acre parcel.. The Planning Commission denied the application for site-plan review. The determination was because of traffic and pedestrian circulation, and set-back concerns. Mc Dermott appealed the Planning Commission denial to the Environmental Court. There is a Stipulation & Agreement for Entry of Order that William Shepeluk would to be authorized to sign. (attached) P. Howard Flanders made the motion to authorize William Shepeluk to sign Stipulation & Agreement For Entry Of Order. Lawrence Sayah seconded the motion. There was discussion relating to the impact on the police department without any consulting being done with Chief Wolfe. Mc Dermott also has to go through the Act 250 process and has a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Cummings and O'Briens property on Rt. 100. There were also concerns about the Duxcon property on Rt. 100 adjacent to the Mc Dermott property. The Planning Commission should also review the by-laws as to determination on set back measurements. The motion was approved with Flanders and Sayah approving and Coffey opposed.

EDWARD STEELE:

Edward Steele announced that he would not be running for Select Board. In 1980 he was asked to fill the un-expired term for Rusty Parker and has been here even since.

SIGNING ORDERS:

The Village Treasurer, Donna Centonze would like the Trustees to authorize one or more of its members to sign orders. T.24 1622. There was some discussion. P. Howard Flanders made the motion that all three trustees be authorized jointly or individually, to sign orders on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded by Lawrence Sayah. Motion approved with Everett Coffey opposed.

MINUTES:

P. Howard Flanders made the motion to approve minutes of Dec. 14, 2005 with the addition of the meeting place indicated on minutes. Lawrence Sayah seconded the motion and all approved. P. Howard Flanders made the motion to approve the minutes of Dec. 21, 2005. Lawrence Sayah seconded the motion and all approved.

BUDGET:

William Shepeluk passed out the 2005 completed budget. There are a few small adjustments but a positive balance. Shepeluk also updated the Trustees on the new chart of accounts and the expanded accounting system. Shepeluk also explained with the new accounting system that grant funds would have their own account.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Everett Coffey asked if the possible expansion of the municipal parking should be in the budget or have the highway department do it.? William Shepeluk indicated that it could

come from repaving and some most of the additional work could be done by the highway department. When there is a plan the Public Works Director can be consulted.

P. Howard Flanders would like to have an article in the warning for a consultant for the Fire Committee to look into sites in the Village.

REQUEST FOR USE OF RUSTY PARKER PARK:

P. Howard Flanders made the motion to grant permission for Justin Blackman to use Rusty Parker Park on August 26th, 2006 from 12-4pm for a wedding. Lawrence Sayah seconded the motion and all approved.

Everett Coffey attended the Harwood Budget meeting and encouraged all to follow the process.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm

Respectfully submitted

Approved at a meeting held_____

Everett W. Coffey, President

P. Howard Flanders

Lawrence Sayah