

Joint Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board and Village Trustees
September 14, 2011
Thatcher Brook Primary School

Present: R. Ellis, Chair; K. Miller, and B. Butler, Select Board; P. H. Flanders, Village President; L. Sayah and N. Howell-Sherman, Trustees; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; J. Pizzi, Times Argus; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Jennifer Fitch

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m.

W. Shepeluk reviewed the potential tax implications for the Town in light of the flood. Generally, the Town has approximately \$200,000 in delinquent taxes. If affected property owners do not pay the second installment, it is possible that delinquent taxes could reach as high as \$750,000. He suggested it would be very helpful to get assistance from the State with respect to the Educational Fund and that it may be prudent to hire a lobbyist to work with the Town on this issue. It was suggested that the tax analysis be forwarded to the Commissioner of Taxes and be given to Governor Shumlin when he visits Waterbury on Thursday September 15th.

Revitalizing Waterbury approved the creation of a new program called ~~Rebuild Waterbury~~. They will appoint a steering committee that will oversee a fund raising effort and expenditures from the fund to assist with the recovery effort. Town CDBG funds may be lent or granted to RW and may be used for working capital to hire employees to provide assistance when a recovery plan is implemented. B. Butler made a motion to enter into a loan agreement with Rebuild Waterbury to lend up to \$100,000 for six months at 0% interest. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and approved by those present.

W. Shepeluk indicated that the damage and long term recovery effort at the Municipal Building is more serious than he described previously. The School Board has offered an additional classroom for the Town to use, however space may be needed for Moretown students. The Town has been looking at the 2nd floor space at the TD Bank building. Handicap accessibility will be an issue. W. Shepeluk recommended that the Town work out the details with the bank to lease the space. The Town has looked at other space in the Village but none are available immediately. When the time is right, the Town will start planning for a future someplace other than the current location. The Police Department is currently located at the recreation building and will stay there for the time being.

B. Butler made a motion to authorize the Municipal Manager to enter into an agreement to rent space at TD Bank. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and approved by those present. N. Howell-Sherman made a like motion. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and approved by all.

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The State government is starting to have conversations about the future of the state complex. There are serious implications related to this issue that will affect our local businesses and economy. W. Shepeluk suggested that Waterbury have an advocate to interact with administration and intercede on the Town's behalf, and that hiring someone should be a very high priority.

Governor Shumlin will be in Waterbury Thursday (9/15) for an extensive tour that will be guided by local officials.

K. Miller made a motion to appoint Steve Lotspeich as acting zoning administrator. The motion was seconded by B. Butler and approved by those present. N. Howell Sherman made a like motion. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and approved by all.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved September 19, 2011