

Waterbury Select Board and Trustees Meeting
December 19, 2011
Main Street Fire Station

Present: J. Grenier, Acting Chair; R. Ellis, B. Butler, P. Clapp, Select Board; P. H. Flanders, Village President; L. Sayah and N. Howell-Sherman, Trustees; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; J. Pizzi, Times Argus; K. Fountain, Waterbury Record; S. Lotspeich, Community Planner; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Carl Morrisson, FEMA; Everett Coffey; Karol Smith, Waterbury Area Senior Center; Tawnya Kristen and Meredith Birkett, GMTA; Jeanne Kirby, RW; Belle McDougall, Herschell Murry, and Peg O'Neill, Recreation Committee.

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

DRAFT INTERIM FLOOD REGULATIONS

S. Lotspeich presented a draft dated December 19, 2011 of the Interim Flood Hazard Regulations and gave an explanation of the proposed amendments to the regulations. The language follows federal language and federal guidance documents can be used for further clarification. To move forward, a public hearing will have to be warned at least 15 days ahead. The proposed date is Wednesday January 11, 2012 at 7:00pm. R. Ellis made a motion to warn a public hearing for the Interim Flood Hazard Regulations for Wednesday January 11, 2012 at 7:00 at the Main Street Fire Station. The motion was seconded by B. Butler and passed by those present. N. Howell-Sherman made a like motion for the Trustees. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed unanimously.

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

The deadline for the letter of intent for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is December 30, 2011. A draft of the letter was distributed. R. Ellis gave an explanation of the letter and categories that might be contained in the letter. She also distributed a template that an architect can use at affected buildings to determine what type of mitigation might possible, and included a rough estimate. The strategy will be to put in as many projects as possible.

STATE OFFICE COMPLEX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

P. H. Flanders will be attending a State Office Complex Advisory Committee meeting on December 20th. They will be brainstorming some proposed ideas. R. Ellis suggested that they consider prioritizing decisions that need to be made and start making some of the phase 1 decisions.

BUDGET REQUESTS

K. Smith presented the proposed budget for 2012 for the Waterbury Area Senior Center. She described some of the activities of the Center. They are requesting \$30,000 in funding from the Town again this year.

M. Birkett and T. Kristen were present on behalf of GMTA to request \$7,323 in 2012, which is the same as the previous year. T. Kristen distributed the FY11 Annual Report and gave a description of some of the services provided by GMTA.

J. Kirby updated the Board on the activities of Revitalizing Waterbury during 2011. RW is requesting \$7,500 of Municipal funds for FY12, an increase of \$1,000 from the prior year. These funds will be directed towards RW's downtown revitalization programs. They are requesting \$3,500 for the Planning Department 'beautification' life item. This is a level funding request.

They also recommended that \$10,000 be designated for ‘downtown projects – sidewalk repair/replace’ under Capital Projects for 2012.

P. O’Neill, H. Murry, and B. McDougall were present on behalf of the Recreation Committee. They asked about the status of repairs at the Dac Rowe fields. A. Tuscany indicated that the cost to replace the fencing and backstops is \$45,000. They have received a lot of emails in support of helping to clean up the fields. Their priorities include maintenance at the pool facilities and repairs to the pool, the tennis courts also need repair. They would like to see the master plan for the Ice Center continue.

Gordon Miller has stepped down as chair. They would like see the committee’s energy and strengths put to their full value. They have experienced people that can help with projects. R. Ellis mentioned that the goal is to put \$20,000 in to the Capital budget for Recreation/facilities each year.

B. McDougall indicated that the Skate Park is finished and gave an update on the status. There are concerns about enforcing the rules of the park. It was discussed that the basketball court and skateboard park do not mix well at the same facility.

The bonfire and skating party is January 14th, weather permitting.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM – POSSIBLE LOCATIONS

The Police Department is currently located at the Scout Hall. The summer recreation program can be run from the Thatcher Brook Primary School. A discussion needs to be held with regard to the Recreation Program. This has been delayed due to the flood. P. H. Flanders suggested the Trustees can explore a different location for the Village Police. Both options will be explored. The Board will meet on Monday January 16th to discuss the program.

TOWN BUSINESS

The Board reviewed an Error’s and Omissions letter dated December 19, 2011 on the Dostis and Kletecka properties. B. Butler made a motion to approve the letter. The motion was seconded by P. Clapp and passed by those present.

Prohibition Pig has applied for a 2011 liquor license for the Alchemist space. P. Clapp made a motion to approve the license. The motion was seconded by B. Butler and passed by those present.

R. Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by P. Clapp and passed by those present.

P. H. Flanders mentioned that State employees have requested to have a rally by the horseshoe on January 7th to show their desire to return to the State complex.

The Trustees adjourned at 9:25pm.

The Town appealed the 2010 valuation to the Valuation Appeal Board and lost. At 9:25pm, P. Clapp made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss legal advice on the tax appeal. The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:45pm.

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R. Ellis moved the Town appeal the decision of the Valuation Appeal Board dated November 20, 2011 to Superior Court. The motion was seconded by P. Clapp and passed by those present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: January 16, 2012