

**Waterbury Select Board Meeting  
January 23, 2012  
Main Street Fire Station**

Present: J. Grenier, Acting Chair; R. Ellis, B. Butler, P. Clapp (by Skype), and K. Miller, Select Board; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; K. Fountain, Waterbury Record; A. Tuscany, Public Works Director; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Jeff Kilgore, Carl Morrissey, Art Navarro, Eric Chittenden, Lefty Sayah, Natalie Howell Sherman, and Skip Flanders.

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

**PUBLIC**

Eric Chittenden was present to discuss concerns with regard to the proposed police article to see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the establishment and the operations of a police department that will provide police services to the entire town. He is very concerned he will not be at Town Meeting and he would like to have a vote. The question is a public question therefore cannot be voted by Australian ballot. He stated it will affect a lot of residents in a significant way financially and is requesting that this article be postponed to a future date. He would like all public questions to be voted on by Australian ballot, and to include this article in the warning for this March. There will be a public hearing on February 23rd to discuss this article further.

It was mentioned that a survey was done last summer and many respondents favored a town-wide police force. This is an issue the Select Board has been considering for quite some time.

**TOWN WARNING**

J. Kilgore was present to review the Annual Meeting of the Town of Waterbury for March 6, 2012. The Board discussed changing the time of Town Meeting to Monday evening March 5, 2012. It was suggested that the article about the police not drive the meeting time. It was then determined that a change in meeting time must be voted on at Town Meeting.

It was decided to put an Article on the warning asking voters if they would like to move the meeting time to Monday preceding Town Meeting at 5:00pm starting in 2013. It was discussed having the police article at a time certain. J. Kilgore explained procedurally how this could be done. The placement of Articles was discussed.

W. Shepeluk distributed a draft of a letter to the Honorable Jeb Spaulding expressing interest in a few buildings at the State Complex if the Town determines they may be useful to the community, namely Stanley Hall, Wasson Hall, and Ladd Hall. It was suggested that Father Logue's cottage be added to this list and possibly other buildings. The letter was changed to reflect interest in other buildings as well as those listed.

**TOWN CLERK ITEMS**

B. Butler made a motion to approve the tobacco license for Stash 'N Stowe, liquor licenses for Cider House, Country Club of Vermont, and The Old Stagecoach Inn; and liquor and tobacco licenses for Billings Mobil, and Kinney Drugs. The motion was seconded by R. Ellis and passed unanimously.

K. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> meetings. The motion was seconded by R. Ellis and passed unanimously.

### **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

W. Shepeluk distributed some spreadsheets reflecting costs associated with the flood for several projects. The Town will be seeking reimbursement from FEMA for these costs. He suggested that for the budget, they be conservative with revenue estimates.

W. Shepeluk had previously distributed notes on the CIP Budget funds 70 – 75. It was suggested that rather than pave Stowe Street without grant funding, the Board consider reconstructing High Street. A discussion followed on overall CIP spending and fund balances. A. Tuscany gave a description of the bridge projects and other highway infrastructure projects. The Board is inclined to apply for the paving grant for Stowe Street. If the grant is not received, they need to review the total budget before determining whether the High Street project is feasible, but other smaller paving projects could be scheduled.

In the highway vehicle fund, two trucks are scheduled to be purchased (tandem and 6 wheel dump trucks). A discussion followed. Staff will find out implications of not replacing the vehicles this year. No fire department vehicles need to be purchased in 2012.

The Recreation CIP was reviewed. A large item is resurfacing the tennis court at \$40,000. Moving this item to a separate article was discussed and agreed upon. The Board discussed and decided to move the purchase of the Gibbs property to the Highway Infrastructure CIP.

Moving the special article for the Waterbury Area Senior Association in the amount of \$20,000 into the General Fund Budget was discussed. This will be decided next week.

The Board will meet to finalize the budget on Monday January 30, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Main Street Fire Station.

### **FEMA LCTR UPDATE**

The Community Planning and Capacity Building group is looking at the co-location of Municipal functions (municipal office, library, etc). Other groups are continuing their work.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved: March 5, 2012