

**Waterbury Select Board Meeting  
February 6, 2012  
Main Street Fire Station**

Present: J. Grenier, Acting Chair; R. Ellis, P. Clapp, B. Butler, and K. Miller, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; K. Fountain, Waterbury Record; J. Pizzi, Times Argus; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Carl Morrissey, Mike Bard, Harriet Grenier, Margaret Luce, Mary Kasamatsu, John Malter.

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

**LETTER TO THE WATERBURY RECORD**

The Board has drafted a letter to the Waterbury Record regarding the Select Boards supportive position on the administration's handling of the complex. P. Clapp made a motion to approve the letter to the Waterbury Record. The motion was seconded by R. Ellis and passed by those present.

**FY12 BUDGET SUMMARY**

W. Shepeluk explained the budget as approved at the last meeting. The budget assumes the borrowing of \$210,000. The tax rate will be approximately 36 cents assuming a 5% drop in the grand list. The drop in the grand list is associated with the loss in values due to Tropical Storm Irene, in addition to the soft real estate market. Without the police budget, the estimated tax rate is 34 cents. There is flexibility between the borrowing and use of funds from the tax stabilization fund to consider at a future date. It was suggested to focus on the amount of taxes necessary as opposed to the tax rate, to keep the amount of taxes from decreasing.

W. Shepeluk explained there are a couple of omissions that the Board might wish to adjust. Parks income was intended to be moved out of Highway budget into general fund budget. The vector equipment cost of \$7,800 was inadvertently left out. Last week the furnace at the scout hall had to be replaced.

**TOWN CLERK ITEMS**

There will be a Board of Civil Authority Meeting on Monday February 13, 2012. The main topic is the re-districting proposal set forth by Legislature, which proposes that Waterbury, Huntington, Bolton (and Buels Gore) be a 2-member district. There is also an option for Huntington, Bolton and a small portion of Waterbury to be a 1-member district and the remainder of Waterbury be a 1-member district. It has been suggested that the BCA's of all three towns get together to discuss.

R. Ellis read the Statute which states that '...each board shall have one vote, provided that the proposal shall not provide for a representative district line to be drawn through a town if the board of civil authority of that town objects.'

It was decided to have a meeting of the Waterbury BCA on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm and then reconvene in Bolton at 7:00pm with the Bolton and Huntington BCA's.

P. Clapp made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by P. Clapp and passed unanimously.

**EDA GRANT UPDATE**

The challenge is to find someone to write the grant. A quote was received and it would cost roughly \$5,000. Carol Miller has agreed to work on it pro bono. The goal will be to hire an economic development recovery officer, grant writer, and marketing person. The recovery officer will help move forward projects developed from the LTRC process.

**FEMA LTRC UPDATE**

The date for the public meeting has been changed to Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Thatcher Brook Primary School gym.

K. Miller went to a meeting to discuss the municipal co-location, and Steve Roy was present. Out of the LCTR groups came the idea to co-locate the Library and Municipal office due to a variety of reasons. Three sites were identified and this group was tasked to see what site this type of facility would fit on. Three sites were reviewed: current municipal site, Stanley Hall and current library site and land behind. They determined that the current library site and the land behind is the best location. Steve Roy came up with a conceptual one-story design. The current library could house the police station, historical society, and possibly a welcome center. Dr. Jane's will may specify how the current library is used. If the building is sold, the assets have to be used for the library. The concept of a welcome center was discussed which also could be used to orient people to the recreational opportunities in Waterbury.

**MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE**

John Malter was present to give the Board an update on the MRRMA. He distributed the annual report and 2012 budget. He explained the function of the organization during the days following Irene. An issue relating to tires and tire disposal was discussed. Per capita of dues will remain at \$2.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved: March 5, 2012