

**Waterbury Select Board and Village Trustees Joint Meeting
Monday September 17, 2012
Main Street Fire Station**

Present: J. Grenier, Chair; R. Ellis, C. Nordle, C. Viens and K. Miller, Select Board; P. H. Flanders, Village President; N. Howell-Sherman and L. Sayah, Trustees; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; K. Fountain, Waterbury Record; D. Taube, Times Argus; and W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager.

Public: S. Lotspeich, E. Loomis, E. Coffey, J. Ervin, L. Parette, J. Larkin, P. O'Neill, T. Strasser, and B. Minter.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10pm.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

R. Ellis made a presentation to the Board concerning the establishment of a Local Development Corporation for Waterbury. There was some discussion about its structure and to whom it reports. If approved, this initiative will span a 24 month period. Funding sources will include an application for disaster relief CDBG grant, Village UDAG funds, and a USDA-RBEG grant. Including in kind administrative costs, the total budget will be about \$216,000. The hope is to hear something on the CDBG grant by November 1st. If the grant application fails, the Boards would have to meet to determine whether or not to move forward using other funding sources. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the pros and cons of creating an Economic Development Corporation.

N. Howell-Sherman made a motion to use up to \$56,000 of Village UDAG funds to support a grant request for CDBG for the Economic Recovery Initiative. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed unanimously.

R. Ellis made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$5,187 of in kind services to support the Economic Recovery Initiative. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and passed unanimously.

R. Ellis made a motion to authorize J. Grenier to sign a letter to Jennifer Hollar indicating that the Town has agreed to approve the budget for the CDBG-DR grant. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and passed unanimously. L. Sayah made a like motion on behalf of the Trustees. The motion was seconded by N. Howell-Sherman and passed unanimously.

REVITALIZING WATERBURY – PARKING ISSUES

L. Parette and J. Larkin appeared to discuss parking in the Village, especially enforcement of the parking ordinance. The Boards indicated that October 1st would be a target date for enforcement. The representatives of RW expressed thanks for the new signage that has been installed to provide direction for parking.

SOLAR ENERGY INITIATIVE

J. Ervin appeared to provide an update about the solar energy initiative. After further discussion with Alec Tuscany, it appears that the best site for a solar array is at the Ice Center site. Another option is at the water plant site. There are some issues there, however, given the steep slopes at the site. K. Miller explained to the Boards that there was some discrepancy between the cost of electricity purchased by the Town and Village as reported by J. Ervin at the last meeting, and the actual usage reported in the 2011 annual reports of the Town and Village.

WINTER FESTIVAL

P. O'Neill, T. Strasser, and B. Minter appeared to talk about a Winter Festival for Waterbury. The proposed date is January 18-19, 2013. There is a high school ski race on Friday night. On Saturday, there will be a number of cross country races and community events. The community skating party and bon fire would be held in conjunction with this event. The Boards asked the committee members to put together a letter and a more complete schedule, and then come back in about a month to work out the logistics.

WATERBURY COMMUNITY ENERGY

R. Ellis presented some information on behalf of Luke Shullenberger regarding community district energy (see attached).

OTHER BUSINESS

R. Ellis made a motion to authorize Mr. Shepeluk as voting delegate at the Town Fair. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and passed unanimously.

K. Miller made a motion to approve the liquor license for Blue Stone. The motion was seconded by R. Ellis and passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Select Board, R. Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 4th Joint meeting. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and passed unanimously.

The Manager presented a letter to Governor Shumlin for the Boards to consider for approval. R. Ellis made a motion to authorize the J. Grenier to sign the letter. The motion was seconded by C. Nordle and passed unanimously. N. Howell-Sherman made a motion to authorize P. H. Flanders to sign. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed unanimously.

K. Miller raised some questions about money spent on an injured dog that was dealt with by Animal Control Officer Ed Brown. There was some discussion about it but the Board agreed that the correct decisions were made.

The Boards discussed the proposed Choke Study of the Winooski River and J. Grenier reported that the State, GMP, and CVRPC are potential co-sponsors and co-funders.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: October 1, 2012