

**Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
February 17, 2015
Main Street Fire Station**

Present: C. Nordle, Chair; J. Grenier, K. Miller, C. Viens, and D. Schneider, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; S. Lotspeich, Community Planner; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; M. Mientka, Waterbury Record; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Fauna Hurley, RW; Judy Kamien, Mary Koen, and Jeff Kampion, Planning Commission.

The meeting of the Select Board was called to order at 7:02pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

K. Miller made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Grenier and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

J. Grenier made a Motion to approve consent agenda items of minutes of the January 29th meeting, the Annual Certificate of Highway Mileage, and liquor licenses for Hen of the Wood, Prohibition Pig, Billings Mobil, Sunflower Natural Foods, Best Western, Pete's Greens, The Reservoir, Champlain Farms, Fastop, Craft Beer Cellar Waterbury, Cabot Foods, Zachery's, Kinney Drugs and Blue Stone Inc. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC

No public comment.

WATERBURY ARTS FEST

F. Hurley was present to review the request for the Waterbury Arts Fest, which is the same as last year. The Committee is asking to close Stowe Street to vehicular traffic from Main Street to Union and Railroad Streets, as well as Bidwell Lane to Foundry Street from 10:00am on Friday July 10th to 5:3pm on July 11th. The Fire Department and Police Department coordinate with the road closures. Bidwell will be closed at 6:30am on July 11th. J. Grenier made a motion to close streets as requested. The motion was seconded by C. Viens and passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZE MANAGER TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH BARB FARR

The contract has been formalized and B. Farr is in agreement with the terms of the contract. K. Miller made a motion to authorize the Manager to sign the contract with B. Farr. The motion was seconded by C. Viens and passed unanimously.

TOWN MEETING PREPARATION

The Board reviewed the draft motions for each Article for Town Meeting, and assigned each motion to a member. A discussion was held with regard to Article 8; that the Town borrow up to \$500,000 to allow for the paving of Perry Hill. If this Article passes, it is recommended that to motion for Article 9 change to reduce the highway expenses by \$30,000.

A philosophical discussion was held with regard to borrowing versus raising money in taxes. W. Shepeluk stated that one option is to have a discussion about placing some of the fund balance in the CIP in future years. There also needs to be a discussion about future replacement of Fire Department vehicles.

DISCUSS POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS

S. Lotspeich distributed proposed amendments, a map, and matrix of components for consideration relating to the flood hazard regulations. The Planning Commission would like some feedback on the draft amendments. S. Lotspeich asked the Select Board to designate one or two members to work with the Planning Commission and Trustees on the draft.

S. Lotspeich reviewed the Matrix of Components (attached). There are a large number of historic structures in the Village within the 100 flood plain. These buildings are exempt from substantial improvement requirements. The Planning Commission is recommending allowing variances for historic structures, with conditions.

The development of the Matrix was explained. It was developed to break down the cumbersome regulations into larger components. C. Nordle suggested that it will be useful, in its completion, for public meetings. C. Nordle expressed concern that the regulations may expand the flood hazard area, and that people may not be aware of this. S. Lotspeich gave some information on the mapping process. To be effective in regulating anything in the 500 year flood level, new maps would have to be created as FEMA maps are incomplete. C. Nordle suggested the message needs to be that the discussion is about regulating the 500 year flood plain.

C. Nordle asked about mapping for some of the outlying areas, and if the 100 or 500 year flood lines can be determined. J. Grenier suggested that regulating the 500 year floodplain the same as the 100 year floodplain is problematic. C. Nordle stated that there is no data or methodology in place to get out to the 500 year level, and it is premature to try to regulate the 500 year floodplain at this point. The rest of the Board concurred. J. Kamien asked if the Select Board would support the request for a letter of map amendment to FEMA. J. Kampion stated that there would be a financial downside to this request.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: March 16, 2015