

**Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
October 3, 2016
Steele Community Room ~ 28 North Main Street**

Present: D. Schneider, Chair; C. Nordle, C. Viens, and J. Brown, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; B. Farr, Long Term Recovery Director; S. Lotspeich, Community Planner; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; Stanley Blow III, Waterbury Record; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Nick Waringa, Marc Foisey, Mike Fowler, Kevin Locke, Ian DeGutis, Joe Roskowski, Ken Belliveau, Gary Dillon.

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

APPROVE AGENDA

J. Brown made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by C. Viens and passed by those present.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

J. Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda items including the minutes of the September 19th and September 22nd meetings, and a private road naming of Linda's Way off Collina Drive and Blush Hill Road. The motion was seconded by C. Viens and passed by those present.

PUBLIC

No public comment.

CONSIDER CANDIDATE TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Nick Waringa was present to express interest in serving on the Conservation Commission. He is currently employed by the Vermont Nature Conservancy and has attended several Commission meetings. C. Viens made a motion to appoint Nick Waringa to the Conservation Commission for a 2 year term ending April 30, 2018. The motion was seconded by J. Brown and passed by those present.

VTRANS ROUTE 100 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

M. Fowler stated that the design specifications at Guptil Road are still preliminary. There are currently turn lanes incorporated in the plans. As asked at a previous meeting, an installed signal could be flashing yellow from the hours of 10:00pm to 6:00am.

The pros and cons of placing signals at the intersection were discussed. The lights would have sensors to detect traffic and be a stand-alone signal, whereas lights from Exit 10 to Shaw's are timed together. W. Shepeluk stated that if the plans are to include turn lanes, staff recommends having sensorized signal lights. C. Nordle asked for VTrans recommendation as to the safest way to deal with the problem and if some modeling could be done, with and without signals. VTrans did not offer a recommendation, however studies showed that signals are warranted. The plans showed at a prior meeting included 3 poles. The design could be limited to two poles at the intersection. B. Farr stated that CVRPC recommends a five foot shoulder due to the amount of bicycle traffic on the corridor.

VTrans stated that it is a unique opportunity from a funding standpoint and broader construction to install lights now versus installing later if/when the intersection becomes a high accident intersection. Taking systems out once installed is very unlikely. In the event it is decided to incorporate lights, testing will be done to ensure the design can include 2 light poles.

W. Shepeluk asked for the installation of a radar feedback sign south of Ben & Jerry's where the speed limit drops to 35 mph. VTrans will look into the suggestion.

D. Schneider asked if a turn lane has been considered around Evergreen Gardens due to all of the businesses located there. VTrans will look into this request.

The Board decided to delay their decision until the October 17th meeting.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION POLICY

W. Shepeluk met with Chris Palermo last week on the policy. The Historical Society collection belongs to the Town, and the Library Commissioners are Trustees of the Jane's collection. The Board of the Historical Society is willing to include the Jane's Collection in the policy. The Historical Society would like deaccession of items from time to time. The Society is looking for direction from the Board as to how involved the Select Board wishes to be in the process. C. Nordle stated that the Select Board should approve any items that are to be sold.

MANAGER'S ITEMS

G. Dillon was present to answer questions about a request to allow the Fire Department to burn a private structure at 28 Stowe Street. Concerns were expressed at the last meeting about the location of the building and environmental issues, if any. The property owners have done an environmental review of the building. The burn would allow an excellent training opportunity for the Fire Department.

J. Brown expressed concerns about burning or demolishing buildings in the Village of Waterbury. It was suggested that the Select Board might talk with the Planning Commission about the issue. G. Dillon stated that the practice is invaluable. It is the building owner's responsibility to remove all hazardous materials. The Fire Department submits a request to ANR 30 days prior to the burn to ensure that everything is in order. Neighbors are notified as well.

C. Nordle made a motion to allow the Fire Department to participate in the burning of the private structure on Stowe Street. The motion was seconded by C. Viens and passed by a vote of 3 to 1, with J. Brown opposing. J. Brown would like to pursue more stringent requirements for demolition of buildings in the Downtown.

W. Shepeluk updated the Board on the use of the Steele Community Room. The Town currently does not charge for use of the room by non-profits and governmental agencies. The room has seen a lot of use in the past few months. The Library charges for the use of their larger SAL room. Concern was expressed that there needs to be some consistency in meeting room use and fees in the Municipal Center. Research will be done on use and a consistent policy will be drafted. C. Nordle suggested no fees be charged until there is a new consistent policy.

TOWN MANAGER EVALUATION PROCESS

D. Schneider suggested that Board members send evaluations to him by November 1st for responses to be compiled. The goal will be to accomplish the evaluation by the 2nd meeting in November.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: October 17, 2016