

Waterbury Select Board
July 30, 2018
7:00pm
Minutes

Present: C. Viens, Chairperson; M. Metayer, N. Fish, M. Frier, Select Board members; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; and A. Imhoff, ORCA.

Chairperson Viens called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Board considered the agenda. **M. Metayer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by N. Fish and was approved unanimously.**

The Board took up the consent agenda which included only the minutes of the July 16th meeting. **On a motion duly made and seconded (Frier/Metayer) the Board voted to approve the consent agenda 4-0.**

No public was in attendance.

The Board took up the issue of the need for a new sidewalk plow and gave consideration to the lease or purchase of a new machine. W. Shepeluk presented information about the state of repair of the existing machine. He stated that while a new machine was not included in the 2018 budget, it was his recommendation to purchase a new sidewalk machine, a Trackless brand, using money currently available in the Highway Vehicle CIP. He stated that it would be more cost effective compared to a lease, especially since the lease offered at present requires payment in full one-year from delivery of the machine. The Select Board discussed the issue at length and asked questions about the details included in the memo the Manager had prepared and distributed. **M. Metayer made a motion to authorize the Manager to purchase for the Town the Trackless machine and the attachments described in the quote for the price of \$151,466 from the Highway Vehicle CIP and directed the Manager to offer options in next year's budget to incorporate the purchase into the capital plan. N. Fish seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.**

The Board considered a request to issue a quit claim deed for lands owned by David and Linda Hoyt that is currently encumbered to the town as "leased land". **M. Metayer made a motion, seconded by M. Frier, to release the lease as requested and to authorize the Town Agent to sign the Quit Claim Deed, as presented. The motion was approved 4-0.**

W. Shepeluk asked the Board to consider taking advantage of the provisions of Act 152 of the 2018 Acts of the Legislature to relinquish the Town's interests in all leased lands. The Board members asked questions and the manager provided answers and information he received from attorney Joe McLean of the law firm of Stitzel, Page & Fletcher. After the discussion, **M. Frier moved that the Town of Waterbury relinquish its interest in all of the perpetual lease lands within the Town held in accordance with 24 V.S.A. sec. 2401, such that fee simple title to those perpetual lease lands vests in the current lessee of record, subject to any other encumbrances of record, including municipal encumbrances and easements. The motion**

was seconded by M. Metayer. C. Viens wanted to understand the last phrases of the motion as it pertained to municipal encumbrances and easements. W. Shepeluk explained that while approval of this motion would effectively relinquish the leases that could benefit the Town, that other encumbrances such as easements or rights-of-way for highways, utilities etc...that could benefit the Town would remain in force. **The board voted 4-0 to approve the motion as made and seconded.**

W. Shepeluk reported to the Board that all of the issues pertaining to the sale of alcohol by Dog River Brewery at the Dac Rowe Field during a men's softball tournament scheduled for August 4, 2018 had been worked out. The Town Clerk has issued the required liquor license.

The Municipal Manager reported that Tami Bass of the Waterbury Rotary Club had asked to be allowed to install a "fund raising thermometer" on the banner poles at the Dac Rowe Field. It will record progress toward a fund-raising goal that she will establish with the Rotary Club for a "President's Project" that will benefit the community next year. The Board had no objections and by consensus agreed to allow it.

By consensus the Select Board approved the request by the Ovarian Cancer Awareness Group to "Turn the Town Teal" in September, provided the ribbons are placed where they won't cause unsafe conditions and that they be removed in a timely manner when the month ends.

There was a brief discussion about the meetings schedule for August. The board agreed to meet as scheduled on Monday August 6th even though it is only one week from tonight. The Board will decide at the August 6th meeting whether a meeting will be held as scheduled on August 20th.

Marc Metayer asked to include on the agenda for August 6th, the issues of a July 1st to June 30th budget, as well as the potential for quarterly tax billings/payments.

M. Frier moved to adjourn at 7:45pm. It was seconded by M. Metayer and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

William Shepeluk, Municipal Manager

Approved on: August 6, 2018