

Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
April 1st, 2019
28 North Main Street

Present: C. Viens, M. Frier, N. Fish, J. Brown and M. Bard, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Sally Dillon, Michael Frank, Andy Shuford, Josh O’Gorman, Nick Nadeau, Mick Leddy, Fred Satink and Kelly Kindestin.

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

APPROVE AGENDA

M. Bard made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by N. Fish and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

N. Fish made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18th meeting; an outside consumption permit for Prohibition Pig, and liquor licenses for Blue Stone, Jimmz Pizza, The Reservoir, Old Stagecoach Inn, Stowe Street Café, Woodstock Farmers Market (formerly Pete’s Greens) and Vitality Mart. The motion was seconded by Bard and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC

There was no public comment.

INTERVIEWS FOR WATERBURY AMBULANCE SERVICE (WASI) TRUSTEE

W. Shepeluk explained that the Ambulance Service requested funding at this year’s Town Meeting and received voter approval for \$39,770. The service has amended its bylaws to allow any Town who provides funding to have a resident to serve as a Trustee. Two residents were present and expressed interest in serving as a WASI Trustee.

M. Frank stated that he been involved with the community for a long time, and was a member of the Fire Department and WASI. He is familiar with how WASI works and is interested in being a part of it again. M. Frank stated that due to his background, he understands reading financial statements. The service has had to request funding as there are fewer volunteers and more paid personnel. W. Shepeluk suggested that the Trustee also look after the interests of the Town.

S. Dillon stated that she has been a Trustee for WASI for over 20 years, but thought she would enter her name for the Town appointed Trustee and the number of current Trustees will decrease from four to one. S. Dillon stated that the biggest issue currently is the building they are housed in. Per diems responders need space to spend the night. M. Bard asked of S. Dillon’s experience with fundraising and her medical background. She responded that she has led fundraisers through the Fire Department and that she has had interaction with WASI during fire calls.

The Board will make a decision either later this evening or at the next meeting on April 15th.

M. Frier asked to have continued discussion on the ambulance building. The current building is owned by the Town and leased to WASI. W. Shepeluk stated that their preference is to rebuild on their current site.

DISCUSSION ABOUT LEAF PEEPER'S RACE

A. Shuford was present to discuss the Leaf Peeper's race with the Board. He explained that the race route will change to the former route, which is from the horseshoe at the State Office Complex and out onto River Road in Duxbury, in an effort to get more participants. The route will end with runners coming across the Winooski Street Bridge and returning through the path behind Hope Cemetery. The race is on Sunday October 6th. W. Shepeluk stated that logistically, this route is much better for the residents as it will have less impact on the public.

M. Frier made a motion to allow the run to occur on October 6th as presented this evening. The motion was seconded by M. Bard and passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S ITEMS

Pending Legal and Personnel Issues

W. Shepeluk distributed the contract for the Transportation Liaison position. B. Farr has been an employee of the Town since 2015. The agreement is similar to what it has been since the beginning. There is a 2.3% increase in her weekly salary. She works an average of 25.25 hours per week. The contract runs from April 1st through March 31st, 2020. The Agency of Transportation reimburses the Town approximately \$65,000. J. Brown made a motion to approve the contract and authorize the Manager to sign the contract. The motion was seconded by M. Frier and passed unanimously.

At 8:00pm, W. Shepeluk recommended to the Board that the discussion of the legal issue involving the Town which is before the Vermont Human Rights Commission should be conducted in Executive Session. N. Fish made a motion to find that general public knowledge of the details of potential litigation involving the Town of Waterbury would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. The motion was seconded by M. Bard and passed unanimously. N. Fish made a motion to enter Executive Session to consider potential litigation involving the charge of "Mr. Oak" and "K.O." v Town of Waterbury and related confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing legal advice to the Town and to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was seconded by M. Frier and passed unanimously. The Board invited W. Shepeluk, N. Nadeau, and M. Leddy, F. Satink and K. Kindestin to join them.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:45pm with no action taken. There being no further Select Board business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: April 15, 2019