

**Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
August 5th, 2019
28 North Main Street**

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

Public: Josh O’Gorman, Waterbury Record; Almy Landauer, Library Director; Alex Tolstoi, Donna Smyers, Monica Callan and David Dow.

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

APPROVE AGENDA

M. Frier 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 consent agenda items including the minutes of the July 22nd meeting. The motion was seconded by M. Frier and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC

There was no public comment.

INTERVIEW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Alex Tolstoi was present to express interest on serving on the Development Review Board. He feels it will be an interesting way to get to know the community and volunteer time. A. Tolstoi stated that he is a builder and does historic preservation work and that is the perspective he will bring to the Board. N. Fish made a motion to appoint A. Tolstoi for a 3 year term ending April 30th, 2022. The motion was seconded by M Frier and passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S QUARTERLY REPORT

A. Landauer was present to update the Board on the activities of the Library during the second quarter. She thanked the Board for supporting the Library budget by including an additional 25 hour per week position. Community members are benefitting by having consistent staff at the help desk. There has been an ongoing book sale and the funds raised go to the Friends of the Library. There is a craft table with activities for young children. Staff attended an annual conference during the quarter and networked with other Libraries.

A. Landauer has been working on integrating the Library into the community by being present at community events such as the Artsfest and Concerts in the Park. A. Landauer stated that programming is one of the most important ways to fulfill the Library’s mission and she explained some of the programs being offered. She then handed out the statistics for the 2nd quarter. C. Viens asked for more detail on the book sale and A. Landauer gave a description as to how the sale works.

REQUEST FOR A 5K FUN RUN ON AUGUST 15, 2020

Donna Smyers was present to request permission for a 5K fun run on August 15, 2020. She is a member of Central Vermont Runners and participates in the Vermont Suffrage Centennial Alliance. The run will commemorate 100 years of women voting in the United States. The proposed course is the same 5K course used for the Leaf Peeper’s race. It is unknown how many people will participate as it is a one-time event but there is a tentative permit with the State and a Sheriff will be hired for traffic control if necessary.

M. Frier made a motion to approve the 5K fun run on August 15, 2020 with a request to update staff a week or two prior to the run to determine if a Sheriff is needed. The motion was seconded by N. Fish and passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S ITEMS

CIP Budgets

W. Shepeluk distributed the current status of the CIP and Special Purpose funds and a narrative on the funds that was written in January. Spending is fairly slow at this time. W. Shepeluk updated the Board on paving projects in process or scheduled. The Main Street project will be paid from the Infrastructure CIP fund 71. He then reviewed some of the expenses in fund 1.

W. Shepeluk briefly reviewed the Highway and Fire vehicle CIP's. He then reviewed the Recreation CIP. Improvements in the amount of \$76,500 were budgeted contingent on a grant for \$50,000. The grant was not awarded to the Town. The Town is expected to end the year with a modest balance in the CIP's.

C. Viens expressed concerns about the condition of Maple Street and asked what is causing humps in the road. He would like this issue explored before the road is repaved. C. Viens talked with C. Clark who indicated there is a used roadside mower for sale for \$90,000. He suggested that a policy change addressing salt and sand use could help offset the purchase of the tractor. The Town currently pays \$3,200 per week to rent the machine and rents it for 3 weeks. The lifespan of the mower could be as high as 15 years. W. Shepeluk explained that road side mowing is important and the equipment can be financed. The Board needs to decide whether it is good for the community to own it. If purchased new next year, it would cost approximately \$140,000. Staff was instructed to negotiate a deal with H. P. Fairfield and ask if a decision can be made at the next meeting. If not, a special meeting can be called.

W. Shepeluk finished reviewing the CIP Funds.

There being no further Select Board business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: September 16, 2019