

**Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
January 20th, 2020
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: M. Verillo, Waterbury Record.

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

APPROVE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

M. Frier made a motion to approve the consent agenda items including the minutes of the January 13th meeting and liquor licenses for Thai Smile Restaurant and Butler Street Pizza. The motion was seconded by N. Fish and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC

There was no public comment.

MANAGER'S ITEMS

Capital Improvement Plans

W. Shepeluk was able to craft a general budget with a 51 cent tax rate, level with that of last year. He tried to increase the transfers to the CIP funds in the 3 to 4 percent range. W. Shepeluk then reviewed the revenues and expenditures in the CIP funds 70 and 71, Paving and Infrastructure respectively. W. Shepeluk distributed a memo from A. Tuscany on 2020 bridge projects. W. Shepeluk reviewed fund 72 – Highway Vehicles. W. Shepeluk continued on with funds 73 – Fire Vehicles and 75 – Recreation CIP. In total, the ending fund balance is negative \$248, 151, or \$318,406 with most recent changes. To balance the CIP budgets as proposed, an additional tax of 3 or 4 cents would be necessary.

W. Shepeluk explained that when the CIP was developed years ago it was never the expectation that enough money could be put aside for cash purchases, however the Town is moving in the right direction. There's also the potential to borrow from the bank or from ourselves and a combination of some additional borrowing can be done. C. Viens suggested delaying the purchase of a tandem truck by a year to save a couple of cents on the tax rate. W. Shepeluk advised against this, as the cost would increase and the value of the trade-in would decrease.

W. Shepeluk asked the Board what increase in tax rate they would be comfortable with. M. Frier asked when the next Town wide reappraisal will occur, and W. Shepeluk responded most likely in 2025. A lengthy discussion on road maintenance was held. It was suggested that A. Tuscany perform a comprehensive study on the roads, or to hire out an engineering study. M. Frier suggested looking at a 2 cent tax rate increase and some borrowing to have the CIP year end fund balance to zero. W. Shepeluk will develop some scenarios to get to the Board this week.

Highway Budget

W. Shepeluk reviewed the Highway budget. The 2019 budget was right on with the exception of the pay line which was overspent due to an employee being on workers compensation and the rough winter, both of which caused a lot of overtime.

C. Viens expressed continued concern about sand and salt use. He plans to talk about this during the climate change discussion at Town Meeting.

Parks Budget

W. Shepeluk reviewed the Parks budget. There is a 3.39% increase from that of last year.

A brief discussion was held about the Harwood Unified Union School District Directors recent budget vote to be presented to voters at Town Meeting.

There being no further Select Board business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: January 27, 2020