

Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
June 15, 2020
28 North Main Street
Minutes

Present: C. Viens, M. Bard, N. Fish, K. Martin, M. Frier, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; S. Lotspeich, Zoning & Planning; N. Nadeau, Parks & Recreation; K. Petrovic, Secretary.

Public: E. Hurley, N. Fishman, A. Johnson, Revitalizing Waterbury; D. Bookmyer-Baker, L. Scagliotti, Naomi ?, K. D'Angelo, L. Viens, M. Koen, Planning Commissioner; M. Minter, L. LeGeros, Weeze, Hadley Ski, The Valley Reporter; C. Bardot-Lewis, M. Callan, D. & M. Luce, R. Fisher, J & J Viens; A. Fishman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA

M. Bard made a motion to approve the consent agenda as written. K. Martin seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

N. Fish made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1 meeting. M. Frier seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC

M. Minter requested time on the agenda to read a letter to the Board members. The Board requested he wait until the agenda item "Discussion on Racial Equity", all agreed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT INTERIM TEMPORARY DINING & TENT SIGN BYLAW AMENDMENTS DATED MAY 28, 2020

M. Frier recused himself from the Board in order to partake in this discussion. S. Lotspeich presented the Board with an overview of the proposed changes to the existing bylaws in order to allow restaurant establishments and others to erect tents and special signs during the COVID recovery period. N. Fishman asked for consideration to leave the tents up past the State COVID restrictions currently imposed due to his customers desire to sit outside. D. Bookmyer-Baker asked if consideration has been made for businesses in the flood plain where tents would need to be anchored. M. Frier asked for a timeline for obtaining the permit. S. Lotspeich said these types of permits could be expedited. M. Koen, Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, spoke of the timeline imposed on the draft minutes. N. Fish made a motion to adopt the Interim Temporary Dining Tent & Sign Bylaw as presented with the removal of line item #6. M. Bard seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER

S. Lotspeich gave an overview to the Board on the history regarding the performed study. Three public hearings were held and 8 sites considered eventually landing on the Anderson Field site. D. Luce requested time to address the Board and urge everyone to remember this study was performed with dreams for the future. For those that wish the study can be viewed on the Municipal website.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS

Select Board Appointments of Member to the Energy Plan Committee

M. Bard made a motion to authorize municipal staff to advertise for two community volunteers to be appointed to the Energy Plan Committee at the July 6th meeting. M. Frier seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously

Discuss Timeline for Municipal Office Opening and Staffing

W. Shepeluk gave the Board an overview of the current staffing and how business has been handled in the previous two weeks at the Municipal Offices. The Clerk and Zoning Department will begin taking appointments for professional individuals that need in person assistance such as land records on June 23rd. The Library plans to begin reopening on July 6th at 25% capacity requirements. The Town Highway Department will have a full staff at 28 hours per week beginning July 6th. W. Shepeluk will work with PWD B. Woodruff and Highway Superintendent C. Clark to determine essential services and how to plan for them. The Recreation Department camp program begins on Monday June 22nd.

Discussion on Racial Equity

M. Minter requested time to read the Board a letter drafted by Waterbury Anti-Racist (WAR) Organization. The letter requested the Select Boards approval of a concept to raise money for, create, install and maintain a mural on the concrete retaining wall under the train overpass at the roundabout. After much discussion M. Frier made a motion we, as the Waterbury Community, recognize racial injustice is real and we recognize as a Community we need to support our Community of color. M. Bard seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously. By consent the Board welcomes ideas for art in our Community to represent this movement.

MANAGERS ITEMS

Traffic Ordinance

The Town has been contacted by the State Department of Forest Parks & Recreation as well as several area residences regarding unsafe parking along the roadway at the Blush Hill boat launch. W. Shepeluk is requesting an amendment to the Town Ordinance Regulating Motor Vehicles and Traffic. The amendment would prohibit parking on the west side (or left shoulder) of the road XXX feet from the boat launch. The right side has a much gentler slope away from the traveled way and also some actual “pull-outs” exist on that side. M. Bard made a motion to accept proposed changes to the ordinance as stated. K. Martin seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Entertainment Permit – Zenbarn

C. Viens recused himself and asked M. Frier to Chair this portion of the meeting.

N. Fishman spoke on behalf of Zenbarn stating they are requesting an Entertainment Permit for a number of reasons. Lengthy discussion followed with neighbors and Board members who felt an Entertainment permit specifically contradicted the DRB decisions when Zenbarn was established. Motions were twice made and not seconded making them dead motions. M. Frier made a motion Zenbarn can operate with live music outside, under the tent Thursday and one other night per week until 9pm at no more than 60db at the property line for the next 6 weeks. If Zenbarn doesn’t comply the Entertainment permit will be revoked. K. Martin seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Music in Motion

The Waterbury Rotary is requesting Select Board permission to have a moving concert. The concept is to have the Chad Hollister Band on the flatbed of a truck performing while driving through the streets of Waterbury eventually ending at Pilgrim Park for a paid concert. N. Fish made a motion to approve this event as proposed. Rotary will need to apply for an Entertainment Permit. K. Martin & M. Bard seconded; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

K. Martin made a motion to adjourn. M. Bard seconded; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Petrovic, Secretary

Approved on: July 6, 2020