

Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
August 3rd, 2020
28 North Main Street

Present: C. Viens, M. Bard, K. Martin, M. Frier and N. Fish, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; S. Lotspeich, Community Planner, N. Nadeau, Recreation Director; K. Petrovic, Utility Billing Clerk; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk. The meeting was held via videoconference.

Public: Laura Stone, Matt Green, Todd Sumner, Meg Baldor, Martha Evans-Mongeon, Lisa Scagliotti, Ashley Andrews, Roger Tubby, Eric Warnstedt, Dana Allen, Amy Scharf, Thomas ?, Chelsea ?, Noah Fishman, Ari Fishman, Alyssa Johnson, Sara Moran, Matt Moran, Cheryl Gloor Emily Heymann, Alix Klein, Hans Klein, Louise Linthilac, Kerrie Lohr, Alex King, Shaun Cattanach, D. Wheeler and Brian ?.

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

APPROVE AGENDA

M. Bard asked to add a discussion about the recreation day camp. M. Frier made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. 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 20th meeting and a liquor license for Old Stagecoach Inn. The motion was seconded by M. Bard and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC

There was no public comment.

REGIONAL CONCERNS MEETING – BRIDGE 44 OVER LITTLE RIVER

L. Stone from VTrans was present to host the Regional Concerns Meeting for bridge 44 over the Little River. Also present to participate was Martha Evans-Mongeon and Todd Sumner. L. Stone stated that the purpose is to provide an understanding and overview of the project. L. Stone shared a power point presentation that is available upon request. VTrans has developed a recommendation as to how the project will be constructed. The project will start in 2023 at a cost of \$4.6 million to the State and take one construction year.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS

Speed on Stowe Street

Several members of the public were present to discuss speeding on Stowe Street and other roads within the Town. W. Shepeluk stated that speeding is a universal problem. S. Lotspeich gave an explanation of the High Risk Rural Roads project. M. Green stated he commutes by bicycle every day and has witnessed a lot of aggressive driving. There is more traffic on Stowe Street due to construction. D. Allen previously submitted a document with responses from residents expressing the desire for traffic calming on Stowe Street and other streets in Town. He asked for more information on the High Risk Rural Roads project and timing of the project. W. Shepeluk that both Stowe and Union Streets are class 2 town highways and are not considered residential streets. W. Shepeluk stated that he forwards complaints about speeding to Lt. White of the Vermont State Police and that the issue is enforcement. He suggested that Lt. White be invited to a future meeting. R. Tubby stated that there are children and pets that walk along Stowe Street and that traffic calming needs to be done. E. Heymann stated some statistics as to percentage of deaths given certain speeds and that a slight difference in speed can save a life. M. Moran stated that the most significant thing about speeding on Stowe Street is that is where the elementary school is located. M. Frier expressed interest adding an additional crosswalk on Stowe Street. W. Shepeluk stated that the Public Works Director is looking into purchasing a couple of speed signs that can be mounted and moved. When moved around they can be affective. Discussion continued about the installation of portable speed signs and the speeding issue in general. W. Shepeluk stated that the Town can only do what State law allows.

The Town can put up crosswalk signs and paint crosswalks for better clarity. A discussion was held with regard to increasing fines for speeding.

Extension of ZenBarn Entertainment Permit

At a prior Select Board meeting, the ZenBarn was granted a 6-week Entertainment Permit. The ZenBarn would like to have the permit extended for both indoor and outdoor entertainment. N. Fishman stated that the business is very much linked with entertainment and food. They are hoping for entertainment up to 4 nights per week. L. and C. Viens expressed concern over increasing the number of performances per week from 2 to anything higher. A. Fishman explained that the business is seriously struggling in these COVID times and they would like to provide more music to draw people. N. Fishman asked for 4 nights per week, probably until mid-October when they cannot have outdoor concerts, and that they would be very conscious of decibel levels.

M. Bard made a motion to extend the ZenBarn Entertainment Permit through October for outside entertainment, with decibel levels at 60 and with 4 concerts per week with a review at the Select Board meeting on September 8th. The motion was amended to approve indoor entertainment through April 30th, 2020. The motion was seconded by K. Martin and passed unanimously.

Rotary Club Entertainment Permit

The Rotary Club has asked for an Entertainment Permit to hold concerts on August 6th, 13th and 20th from 7:00 to 8:30pm at Farr's Field. The concerts will be drive in with masks highly recommended and social distancing in place for parking and sitting. M. Frier made a motion to approve the permit. The motion was seconded by K. Martin and passed unanimously.

Prohibition Pig On-Street Seating Request

W. Shepeluk received complaints from residents that the Prohibition Pig had set up tables on the sidewalk and they were forced to walk around cars in the road. W. Shepeluk contacted the owner to let him know that this is not acceptable. The owner is interested in some on street seating in on street parking spaces on Elm Street. W. Shepeluk advised that this would be to replace indoor seating versus supplemental seating. E. Warnstedt had joined the meeting earlier but dropped off, so it is unclear what he is asking for. After a brief discussion, M. Frier made a motion that the Town work with E. Warnstedt to allow the use of up to three on street parking spaces for seating. The motion was seconded by M. Bard. K. Martin asked that the Board be updated on the plan that is worked out. The motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S ITEMS

Audit Engagement Letter

W. Shepeluk stated that the 2019 audit is nearly complete. The letter is a standard engagement letter. The fees for the audit have been put in the budget. M. Bard made a motion to approve the letter and authorize the Municipal Manager to sign on behalf of the Town. The motion was seconded by M. Frier and passed unanimously.

Recreation Day Camp

W. Shepeluk stated that the opening of school has been delayed until September 8th. N. Nadeau was present to request that summer camp be extended by 2 weeks with smaller enrollment at 44 children. The two weeks will pay for itself with no additional costs to the taxpayers. N. Fish made a motion to extend the summer Recreation Day Camp for by 2 weeks, from August 17th through the 28th. The motion was seconded by K. Martin and passed unanimously. N. Nadeau will present some additional ideas for fall at the next meeting.

There being no further Select Board business, the meeting adjourned at 9:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: August 10, 2020