

Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board  
August 10, 2020  
28 North Main Street  
Minutes

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

Public: A. Johnson, K. Nevin, T. Wood Revitalizing Waterbury; L. Scagliotti, T. Stevens, K. Wilkins, K. Aylward, J. Wimble

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

**APPROVE AGENDA**

W. Shepeluk requested time in the agenda under Select Board Items to review the Economic Developer Report. M. Bard made a motion to approve the agenda as amended to include the report. K. Martin seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

K. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. N. Fish seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC**

K. Wilkins asked for time to address concerns she has regarding individuals camping on the State owner land between her home and I-89. K. Wilkins stated she hears gunfire and there are camp fires burning. W. Shepeluk updated the Board about the specifics as he knew them. The State Police have visited the site a number of times but have yet to find anyone there to confront. There is currently no ordinance prohibiting this type of behavior. W. Shepeluk will look into the former Village ordinance that prohibited the use of firearms in the Village to see if it can be adapted. This issue will be updated at a future meeting.

**SELECT BOARD ITEMS**

**Discuss Fall Recreation Programs**

N. Nadeau updated the Board on his planning for a program to bridge the gap left for families in the community as a result of a 4:1 day back to school model. The proposed program will be available for approximately 15 children – held at the Recreation building on Butler Street where there are adequate accommodations. The program will operate from 8-1:30 Mon – Fri with a first come first serve sign up model at a cost of \$25.00 per child per day. M. Bard made a motion to approve the Waterbury Recreation Academy as presented. M. Frier seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

**Economic Development Annual Report**

K. Nevin, A. Johnson & T. Wood all addressed the Board regarding services Revitalizing Waterbury is currently offering and the needs of businesses in the Community in the wake of COVID and Main Street Reconstruction.

## **MANAGERS ITEMS**

### **Set Tax Rate**

W. Shepeluk provided the Board with documents outlining budget projections and revenues in 2020 based on municipal tax rate options of .51 or .55 cents. The Board was reminded that voters authorized a rate no higher than .55 cents at Town Meeting back in March. The Town received the Education tax rates from the State of Vermont late on Friday afternoon. M. Bard made a motion to accept the state set education tax rates for Homesteads at \$1.7368 and for Non-Homestead at \$1.7314, to set the municipal tax rate at \$.51 and the “4<sup>th</sup> tax rate” for Veterans Exemption at \$.0019 for the town’s calendar fiscal year 2020. M. Frier seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

### **Fees for Copies and Documents**

K. Martin made a motion that the fee for copies of public documents other than those already set pertaining to town clerk records, lister cards, and tax bills be set at .25 cents per page whether the copies are physical or electronic. In addition, if physical copies are sent by U.S Mail, the postage costs will be added. N. Fish seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

### **Issues for Consideration at Future meetings**

- \*W. Shepeluk will advise the Board on the option of establishing a use of firearms ordinance
- \*Issue on South Main Street regarding rats. At present time this is not a Health Officer issue but ongoing investigation
- \*A camper has been parked at an abandoned property on Little River Road. Previous attempts to reach the banks that assume responsibility for the taxes have gone un-responded to.
- \*Concerns in the community about Air BNB rentals and the impact on neighboring homes.
- \*The Blush Hill access to the Reservoir continues to have some parking issues despite the No Parking signs the Town has installed.

N. Fish made a motion to adjourn. M. Frier seconded; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Petrovic, Secretary

Approved on: September 8, 2020