

Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
July 19th, 2021
28 North Main Street

Present: M. Frier, M. Bard, C. Viens, D. Kehlmann and K. Martin, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk. The meeting was held in person and by videoconference to allow for remote attendance and participation.

Public: Lisa Scagliotti, Waterbury Roundabout; ORCA Media; Victoria Taravella; Glenn Andersen; Scott Culver; Duane Pierson; Tom Drake; Alyssa Johnson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

M Frier stated that there are now 3 applications for the appointment of the delegate and alternate delegate to CVFiber. He suggested removing the appointment from the consent agenda items as the 3 interested candidates will be interviewed at the next meeting. M. Bard made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by K. Martin and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

M. Bard made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6th meeting and the Special Event Permit for the Waterbury Arts Fest on September 10th – 11th. The motion was seconded by D. Kehlmann and passed by a vote of 4-0 with M Frier recusing himself.

PUBLIC

There was no public comment.

SELECT BOARD BUSINESS

Consider Candidate for Vacancy on HUUSD Board

Glenn Andersen was the first interviewee for the vacancy on the HUUSD Board. G. Andersen stated he has lived in Waterbury Center for 30 years. He spent the first decade getting a feel for the community. G. Anderson gave a background of his activities and work and expressed interest in serving the School Board. He wants to look at the vision as to what education is in these communities. G. Andersen stated that he is concerned about the impacts of assets and the implication of putting millions of dollars in infrastructure into difference communities, and emphasized the importance of community. The Select Board asked several questions of G. Andersen.

The second interviewee was Victoria Taravella. V. Taravella has lived in Vermont for three years and Waterbury for one year, and is ready to get involved in the community. She feels she can bring a different perspective to the School Board, listen well and provide some input. V. Taravella is an attorney working out of Burlington. The Select Board asked several questions of V. Taravella.

The third interviewee was Scott Culver. S. Culver stated he has lived in Waterbury for 50 years and has children that have gone through the HUUSD system. He has been working closely with the school board and had run previously but was defeated. S. Culver worked for over 30 years for the Vermont Agency of Transportation and also works at Billing's Mobil Station. S. Culver wants to know what the community is thinking and want to be a liaison between the community and the School Board. The Select Board then asked several questions of S. Culver.

The Board decided to deliberate after the training.

RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING – PRIVATE

At 7:00pm, the Board entered into a private session for continued racial equity training. The Board concluded the training at 10:00.

The Board deliberated on their recommendation for the School Board vacancy. D. Kehlmann made a motion to recommend Scott Culver as the appointee to the vacant seat. The motion was seconded by M. Frier and passed unanimously.

There being no further Select Board business, the meeting adjourned at 10:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: August 2, 2021