

**Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
January 10th, 2022
28 North Main Street**

Present: M. Frier, M. Bard, K. Martin, C. Viens and D. Kehlmann, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; N. Nadeau, Director of Parks & Recreation; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Lisa Scagliotti, Waterbury Roundabout; Greg Gallant, ORCA Media; Gary Dillon, Fire Chief; Justin Blackman and Maureen White, Waterbury Area Senior Center; Karen Nevin, Ariel Mondlak, Theresa Wood and Katia D'Angelo, Revitalizing Waterbury; John Malter and Alec Tuscani, Mad River Resource Management Alliance; Meg Baldor; Tom Scribner; Julia Barash; Roger Tubby; Alyssa Johnson; and Harry Shephard.

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

APPROVE AGENDA

M. Bard made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by C. Viens and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

C. Viens made a motion to approve the consent agenda item including the minutes of the January 3rd meeting and the Certificate of Highway Mileage Year Ending February 10, 2022. The motion was seconded by M. Bard and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC

There was no public comment.

REVITALIZING WATERBURY

K. Nevin was present to request funding for Revitalizing Waterbury. She expressed gratitude that even during the pandemic, their revenue streams have been strong and diverse. RW is asking for a 3% increase in funding for the Economic Development Director in 2022 for a total request of \$54,765. They are also asking for funding for beautification in the amount of \$9,600 to pay a contractor to hang and water flower baskets, put up and take down holiday garlands and hang banners. RW is requesting \$23,000 for support of marketing and promotion efforts for the Town of Waterbury and RW general operations. This is an increase of \$6,000 from last year's request. The Downtown Transportation Grant was discussed as well as the timing and amount of the application. The requests will be considered as part of the larger budget discussion during an upcoming meeting.

WATERBURY AREA SENIOR CENTER

J. Blackman and M. White were present discuss the funding request for the Waterbury Area Senior Center. He stated that the Board at the Senior Center is very active and that there have been changes in staff over the past year. Great strides have been made in the accounting procedures and an audit will be started later this month. The Senior Center's annual budget is already in place as their fiscal year started October 1, 2021. The Center had to close due to the pandemic during the State of Emergency, however they did continue to deliver Meals on Wheels. J. Blackman described some of the current programming in place. J. Blackman stated that the Center receives funding from 6 local towns. Waterbury residents make up 68% of meal deliveries, and the Town of Waterbury makes 63% of the contributions. J. Blackman requested funding of \$32,500 for the Center, which is the same as last year of which \$12,500 is included in the budget and the remainder is a special article. If the contribution percentage matches the meal deliveries of 68%, it would be an additional \$5,000.

MAD RIVER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE

J. Malter was present to discuss the work of the Mad River Resource Management Alliance and distributed budget information. The major project is the Household Hazardous Waste Collection, however, it was difficult during the pandemic. There will be 2 hazardous waste collection events in 2022. The Green Up Day event was successful. J. Malter described several other projects and stated that people are encouraged to compost. The per capita assessment for 2022 will remain at \$7.00. J. Malter asked that the Board approve the budget and appoint a representative to the Alliance when the timing is right. The Board approved the budget and per capital assessment.

MANAGER'S ITEMS

Fire Department Budget

W. Shepeluk previously distributed a draft of the budget. G. Dillon was present to answer any questions on the proposed budget. The overall budget shows a 3% increase from that of last year. G. Dillon asked the Board to do something about parking at the Brookside Primary School.

Recreation Budget / Recreation CIP

N. Nadeau updated the Board on the activities and programs of the past year. He then reviewed some work done on parks and buildings. N. Nadeau reviewed some of the 2022 budget line items. The budget includes a request for a full-time program coordinator. W. Shepeluk reviewed the Recreation Administration budget. W. Shepeluk proposed that some duties be added to the Director's position as some work load will be relieved by the proposed Program Coordinator position. The increased duties would also include additional compensation. These duties include grants management, duties formerly assigned to the Transportation Liaison, and oversight of the proposed Community Service Officer.

Discuss Manager's Proposal Regarding Town / EFUD / Ice Center

W. Shepeluk asked for the Board's reaction to a proposal he presented in December with regard to use of the ARPA funds including an appropriation of \$600,000 to EFUD for specific projects. These projects include improvements to the water system at the Peck mobile home park and upgrading water mains. W. Shepeluk would like to see EFUD merge with the Town and have one governing body with the Town taking over the revolving loan fund. He stated he sees no disadvantage to a merger. The proposal also suggested giving the Ice Center \$100,000 in ARPA funds or Town funding to strengthen the Center, give them the ability to continue to operate and not be taken over by the Town. It is also recommended that EFUD restructure the Center's debt. Discussion continued as to the pros and cons of the proposal regarding the Ice Center.

Other Budget Discussion as Available

Passed over.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: January 17, 2022