

**Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
February 7th, 2022
28 North Main Street**

Present: M. Frier, M. Bard, C. Viens, and K. Martin, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Lisa Scagliotti, Waterbury Roundabout; ORCA Media; Carl Bailin; Glenn Andersen; Jane Brown; Tom Scribner; Linda Gravell; Christopher Shenk; Anne Imhoff; Meg Baldor; and Elisabeth Walton.

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

APPROVE AGENDA

M. Bard made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by K. Martin and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

K. Martin made a motion to approve the consent agenda item including the minutes of the January 24th meeting, a Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and liquor licenses for Kinney Drugs, Maplewood Convenience Store, Woodstock Farmer's Market and Country Club of Vermont. The motion was seconded by M. Bard and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC

T. Scribner distributed some material on the Class 2 wetlands at Hope Davey Park. He reviewed areas of the wetlands around the disc golf course. The Agency of Natural Resources did an aerial survey to map out the wetlands. W. Shepeluk stated that there is a special article request to fund a study of the area and develop a master plan. There is a public informational hearing on February 22nd to review and explain the article. J. Brown expressed concerns that the disc golf group is not a formal organization and can accept donations, and that there may be liability issues.

C. Bailin was present to express concerns about homeless people living at the public parking lot at 51 South Main Street. There is a bus and a pickup truck with people living in them. C. Bailin feels the issue needs to be addressed. W. Shepeluk explained that unregistered vehicles cannot be left on Municipal property or on the streets and that there is one unregistered vehicle in the lot. People are allowed to park at 51 South Main if they have no other options. The Town requested that the vehicle be towed, but the person was in the vehicle and the tow company refused to remove it. W. Shepeluk stated that homelessness is a pervasive issue everywhere. The State Police have been contacted and they offered information on services, but the person was not interested. The property is owned by EFUD and the Chair is informed. C. Viens suggested that EFUD restrict overnight parking in the lot. M. Bard recommended contacting Downstreet Housing and Washington County Mental Health.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS

Update on CVFiber – Linda Gravell

L. Gravell was present to update the Board on the work of CVFiber. Vermont Community Broadband is offering matching funds to any Town contribution to update broadband, on a first come, first served basis. L. Gravell explained the process as to how to receive matching funds. The municipality must provide a letter of commitment to receive matching funds. L. Gravell asked the Board if they are interested in the process. M. Frier recused himself from the discussion as the project affects him personally based on where he lives. ARPA funding was discussed. W. Shepeluk stated that the budget has been finalized for 2022 and the challenge is to identify the amount and source of the funding. A special Town Meeting may have to be called for this issue. W. Shepeluk will explore if the Select Board can make the decision without a Town vote. C. Shenk explained that savings from any

funds committed and matched would be passed on to the subscribers. He also explained the mechanics of the project. M. Bard stated that he feels the only choice to commit funding is to hold a Special Town Meeting. L Gravell stated that CVFiber is willing to meet with the Board to discuss further.

Consider a Grant Application on Behalf of Friends of Waterbury Reservoir to the State Aquatic Nuisance Program

W. Shepeluk explained that the Friends of the Waterbury Reservoir sponsor a greeter program paid for by State funding and passed through the Town budget. They have asked if the Town will apply for a grant to fund two greeters at \$7,200. C. Viens made a motion to allow the Town to submit an application to the State of Vermont for the State Aquatic Nuisance Program grant in the amount of up to \$7,200. The motion was seconded by K. Martin and passed with M. Bard abstaining.

Municipal Manager Search Process

M. Bard stated that he has reached out to VLCT to help with the search process and the estimated cost is between \$6,500 and \$12,750. Other expenses include advertising, candidate interviews, and a background check. There is money included in the budget for this process. Some of the costs can be shared with EFUD and they need to play a role in the process. W. Shepeluk suggested that the Board have a joint meeting with EFUD. M. Bard will attend the EFUD meeting this Wednesday.

Paving Strategy

M. Frier had asked that the topic be added to the agenda to discuss paving strategy and when / how roads should be paved. W. Shepeluk stated that there could be improvements in long term planning. The amount budgeted for paving projects has increased over the last few years. W. Shepeluk suggested hiring a consultant at some point to help with the planning. Alternatively, planning can be done based on how much money is budgeted for paving projects.

Discuss February 22nd Informational Meeting

C. Lawrence distributed the draft agenda for the February 22nd Informational Meeting. The agenda was reviewed and discussed.

MANAGER'S ITEMS

Duxbury Fire Contract

W. Shepeluk explained that one of the factors in the formula is the Duxbury Grand List. The Grand List was reviewed and the contract price decreased from the amount previously approved. M. Bard made a motion to approve the Duxbury Fire Contract for the period April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by K. Martin and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

C. Viens made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:04pm to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by K. Martin and passed unanimously. W. Shepeluk and C. Lawrence were invited to attend. The Board exited Executive Session at 9:33pm. There was no action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: February 22, 2022