

**Special meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
Monday July 31, 2023
Steele Community Room, 28 North Main Street**

Attendees: D. Kehlmann, R. Clapp, K. Sweeney, M. Bard A. Johnson, Select Board; K. Petrovic Clerk

Public Attendees: T. Drake, D. Greason, L. Walton, C. Viens, C. Lackey, L. Scagliotti - Waterbury Roundabout, M. Burke WASI, G. Dillon

Attending by Zoom: T. Leitz Municipal Manager; ORCA, B. Shepeluk, P. Mulhern

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

Approve Agenda: K Sweeney moved to approve the agenda as written; A. Johnson seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items:

- a.) Minutes of Emergency Meetings held on July 11, 2023, July 12, 2023, July 13, 2023 & July 28, 2023
 - b.) Minutes of July 17, 2023
 - c.) Special Events Permit for Smugglers Notch Distillery (Antique Car Show) 10x10 booth. Outside at Farr field. One quarter ounce tastings and bottle sales. Entertainment Sampling Event Permit for Crossroads Discount Beverage - In the wine room, approximately, 350sqft; Special Events Permit (Manufacturer) Black Flannel Distilling Company, LLC Waterbury Arts Festival in Pilgrim Park Waterbury. They will have fencing around the perimeter.
- M. Bard moved to approve the consent agenda, D. Kehlmann seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Update on Flood Recovery Efforts:

Appoint Flood Recovery Coordinator: A. Johnson moved to appoint T. Drake as the Town of Waterbury Flood Recovery Coordinator; M. Bard seconded the motion. A. Johnson thanked the many volunteers and highlighted Liz Schlegel for her efforts. She detailed what the Flood Recovery Coordinator duties would entail for the community needs and matching needs with volunteers. **A vote was held on the motion and passed unanimously.**

K. Sweeney asked if the Board wanted to consider creating a committee to handle natural disasters. M. Bard stated asking the Emergency Management Director would be a starting place. K. Sweeney and M. Bard will further the conversation and return to the Board at a future meeting. There are two rented dehumidifiers that are missing, public request to please reach out if you have one of them to account for it. Appliances will no longer be accepted at Stanley Wasson Hall effective today.

Dumpsters and material pick up/services: The Town of Waterbury is down to two dumpsters left for collection for flood victims use only. **D. Kehlmann moved to continue town funding for the remaining two dumpsters until Saturday August 5th K. Sweeney seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed unanimously.** There is currently a hazardous materials collection site at the old state police barracks in Middlesex.

Public: C. Lackey notified the Board of an “active arsonist” living in Waterbury Center. At 2:30am he called 911 to report his neighbor (suspect) has left his house, due to the lack of police coverage no one was able to respond to his call. He is asking the Town to reconsider a local police force. R. Clapp was aware of the situation and stated he understood the individual is scheduled to appear in court tomorrow. T. Leitz believes the court hearing tomorrow is regarding conditions of release. The contract the Town has with the State police runs through June 30, 2024 so there will soon be a discussion about an extension of that contract. T. Leitz has reached out to neighboring communities and there is a lack of officers statewide which leads to an inability to find police services by any means.

Appoint CVRPC Transportation appointee:

D. Greason mentioned his role on Regional Planning Commission, now that he has been serving on the CVRPC he is interested in also being appointed to the Transportation Committee.

M. Hedges is also interested in being appointed and introduced himself to the Board. M. Hedges has lived in Waterbury for 27 years with more than two decades on the Waterbury Conservation Commission. In his professional life he worked for the State for 41 years in Transportation with 25 years in a management position. **A. Johnson made a motion to appoint M. Hedges as the Waterbury appointee to the Central Vermont Regional Transportation Advisory Committee, M. Bard seconded the motion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Update from WASI: M. Burke spoke to the Board regarding her personal background, she has been a member of the Ambulance service since 2011 with a background in non-profit management. Discussion followed about the Ambulance statistics and upcoming projects they will be entering into such as assisting with unhoused people in the State. On Sunday June 11 the Waterbury Ambulance became a paramedic service. Current budget is at a negative \$5,000 mark right now. Plans to break ground in June this year on Route 100 have failed. Project costs are too high and the team had to consider alternative locations. The new site under consideration is on South Main Street. The service is currently in the preliminary research phase to see if the currently designed structure will fit in that site. They hope to sign an intention to purchase contingent on obtaining all necessary permits with construction starting in the spring of 2024.

Update from Housing Task Force: A. Johnson updated the Board on the previous meeting with a new Chair J. Camaratta. The current themes of the meeting were to update housing data from the Municipal Plan, look at where available places for building new housing exist, talk with folks that build houses and public support around zoning regulations.

Decision Dog Bite Hearing: R. Clapp reviewed the details as told at the previous meeting from victims, neighbors, and the dog owner. A site visit was conducted regarding the fence. The Board will be requesting the Town Manager draft and send a letter to the owner detailing conditions that must be complied with for this specific dog hearing. All dog owners should restrain dogs when in public, per the leash law and all dogs must wear a collar with license tags. Copies of the Board decision once prepared will be mailed to all parties of the hearing.

Next Meeting Agenda: The next meeting of the Select Board is scheduled for Monday August 7, 2023 with the following items:

Flood Response

SE Group Presentation (once confirmed)

An update from Public Works, Recreation Director Katarina Lisaius introduction and After-Action Review can be placed on the Aug 21, 2023 agenda.

Executive Session: A. Johnson made a motion to find that premature general public knowledge of pending litigation would place the Town of Waterbury at a substantial disadvantage. The motion was seconded by D. Kehlmann and passed unanimously.

K. Sweeney made a motion to enter executive session, to include the Town Manager, to discuss a personnel issue and to consider pending litigation to which the Town is a party. The motion was seconded by D. Kehlmann and passed unanimously.

A. Johnson made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:04pm. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. There was no action taken.

Adjourn: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.