

Waterbury Select Board and Village Trustees Joint Meeting  
Monday, October 1, 2012  
Main Street Fire Station

Present: J. Grenier, Chair, R. Ellis, C. Nordle, C. Viens and K. Miller, Select Board; P.H. Flanders, Village President; N. Howell-Sherman and L. Sayah, Trustees; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; K. Fountain, Waterbury Record; D. Taube, Times Argus; S. Lotspeich, Community Planner; A. Tuscany, Public Works Director; E. Loomis, VISTA Member; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; and B. Jones, Asst. Clerk.

Public: E. Coffey

The meeting of both Boards was called to order at 7:30 pm.

**Update on other CDBG projects**

Economic Development Corporation – there was some discussion about the possibility of conducting more advertising and extending the deadline. An ad was run in the Seven Days newspaper. A decision was made to keep the original deadline of October 12 with no re-advertising.

**Flood Proofing**

WWTP – R. Ellis explained that the numbers were researched to determine how much to apply for. \$150,000 was requested. Bike Path – \$30,000 was requested, with a 10% match from the Town. More discussion will be held next Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Regarding HMCC, CVCLT-Ladd Hall, District Heat, Arts Center, CVEDC – businesses' unmet needs; M. Rivera is preparing generic Waterbury information to include with the various applications that are submitted. This should be completed by next week.

**Main Street Reconstruction Project**

J. Grenier explained that the first hearing was held on September 27th. Stantec did a good job of presenting the information. Making decisions has been challenging, so Stantec has suggested setting up a focus group. K. Miller recommended opening the focus group to the public, to get a broader range of input. Waterbury in Motion had expressed interest in being involved with this project. One of the main conflicts is the idea of widening the sidewalks resulting in a reduction in parking. After some discussion, it was decided to have the focus group work on this issue. Once it is resolved, then the original steering committee can continue their work. J. Grenier said Stantec has a few ideas, but not does have the perfect solution. He suggested allowing the focus group and steering committee to influence the design to bring to the Select Board. This will be explained at the next meeting. It was determined that the focus group would comprise of: Waterbury in Motion, a Select Board member, three people from the general public and three non-voting staff members (W. Shepeluk, S. Lotspeich and A. Tuscany) who will provide historical data, planning information and questions resolution. W. Shepeluk suggested having the focus group meet during the daytime hours, in order to have visuals of the outside. C. Nordle, C. Viens, L. Sayah and E. Coffey expressed interest in participating in the focus group.

**Village Charter**

One informational meeting has been held. Approximately 30 to 40 people were in attendance. W. Shepeluk shared statistical crime information he received from Chief White from other small towns, as a comparison to Waterbury. In 2011, Waterbury Town had the second highest number of police calls as compared to eighteen other towns. He added that if the Village keeps the same sized police force, it will result in an additional 2% to the budget. R. Ellis inquired about the possibility of hiring constables. If a person has training similar to state police officers, that person may be named as a constable. However, the State does not allow "ride alongs", which is required of people going

through state police training. Waterbury has a high demand for some form of police coverage, as indicated in the statistics. If it turns out that Waterbury does not end up with an active police force, legal advice should be sought. The law grants authority to villages in the same manner as towns. The next public hearing will be on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at the TBPS cafeteria.

N. Howell-Sherman made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Village Trustees. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed unanimously.

**Other Business**

R. Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17<sup>th</sup> Joint meeting. The motion was seconded by K. Miller and passed unanimously.

R. Ellis made a motion to approve an Errors and Omissions Report from Tom Vickery, dated October 1, 2012. The motion was seconded by C. Nordle and passed unanimously.

W. Shepeluk indicated that Peg O'Neill and Bill Minter from Winter Fest will attend the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

M. Rivera has been providing grant writing assistance, which has been very valuable. \$3,000 was authorized as compensation. W. Shepeluk would like to maintain her services as a contractor. C. Nordle made a motion to approve up to \$3,000 for additional contractor services. The motion was seconded by C. Viens and passed unanimously.

C. Nordle made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 to investigate potential costs of demolition to Stanley Hall. The motion was seconded by R. Ellis and passed unanimously.

W. Shepeluk provided an update on the third quarter financials. Overall, the financials are good.

There was some discussion concerning a specific expense from the fire department. Because the budget season is approaching, the Board plans to invite the Fire Chief to a meeting to discuss the expense, the budget, and update him on the status of the municipal building.

W. Shepeluk said that the grinding on Kneeland Flats began today. The gravel removed from Kneeland Flats will be used on McNeil Road. Paving is scheduled to start next week.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Boards was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Jones, Assistant Town Clerk

Approved on: October 15, 2012