

Waterbury Village Trustees
March 12, 2014
4:30 p.m.
Minutes

Present: P. H. Flanders, President; N. Howell-Sherman and L. Sayah, Trustees; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media.

P.H. Flanders called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Flanders stated that given the present snowstorm, Bill Richardson would not be in attendance today. He will appear at a later date to discuss the proposed Godstock Concert that he would like to be held at Rusty Parker Park.

Flanders reported that he had discussed with Phil Baker, Town Lister, the concerns that Howard Rexford expressed at the Annual Village Meeting last week. Mr. Baker agreed to call Mr. Rexford and has done so. He told Mr. Rexford that the Listers or Tom Vickery, the Town's appraiser, would enter and inspect all properties in the Village that were damaged by the flood.

There was a brief discussion about fees the Village charges to street vendors, allowing them to sell their goods, mainly food, on streets located in the Village and in Rusty Parker Park. Presently, vendors pay \$3 a day for each day they are open for business in the Village. Neither the Farmers Market organization nor the individual vendors participating in the market pay a fee for use of Rusty Parker Park. The Trustees asked the Manager to gather some information and to have a proposal for a new vending fee ordinance for consideration at the March 26th meeting.

The Trustees also discussed potential third party administration of the UDAG loan accounts and would like a proposal to consider by the first meeting in May.

Flanders led a discussion on the disposition of the former municipal building at 51 S. Main Street. He suggested that the Trustees consider hiring Wiemann-Lamphere, Architects to determine costs for two development scenarios for the site. The options to consider are:

- Rebuilding at the location to include a police station and municipal parking-this option would keep the property wholly owned by the Village.
- Sell the property to a developer and leaseback some or all space in a new building for use as a police station.

Steve Roy of the Wiemann-Lamphere firm presented a price of up to \$2,250 to perform the work listed. W. Shepeluk distributed a memo he wrote suggesting that it would be cheaper to continue to rent space for a police department. He recommended against Village investment into the 51 S. Main Street property (see attached).

N. Howell-Sherman made a motion to hire Wiemann-Lamphere for a price not to exceed \$2,250 to evaluate the potential redevelopment of 51 S. Main Street to include a police station on the site. The evaluation will include a cost comparison of the two development schemes with other options for a police station location that may be available to the Village. L. Sayah seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Flanders led a discussion about the investigation into the management of the police department that attorney Dan Richardson had been engaged to conduct. The investigation has been suspended for over a year to allow for resolution of the Hubazc v. Protzman et al case. Flanders believes the investigation can resume since all issues in the case have been settled except for the question about the due process given

Hubazc at his termination hearing. By consensus, the Trustees directed Flanders to contact Mr. Richardson to ask whether next steps can now begin.

The Manager presented for consideration an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village and Central Vermont Community Action Council for the Business Case Management services that organization is providing to flood impacted business in Waterbury and the Mad River Valley towns. This work is being partly funded by the EDA Grant awarded the village in 2012. The amendment simply extends the date for the work to be completed to October 15, 2014. L. Sayah made a motion to approve the amendment as presented and to authorize the Municipal manager to sign it on behalf of the Village. N. Howell-Sherman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

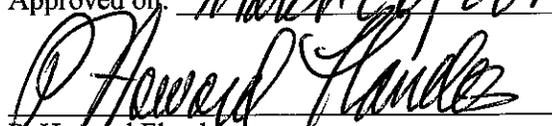
L. Sayah updated the Trustees on the progress being made on locating a dog park in the community. He recently attended a meeting sponsored by the town Recreation Department where the issue was discussed. He stated that locations at the following locations were given consideration: the small T-Ball Field in Dac Rowe Park, near Winooski Street; the GMP owned former Hanks property on Winooski Street; the parking lot at the west end of the village property on River Road (near the bike/foot trails that go under the Interstate); and the location beyond the Ice Center near where the town dumps snow and stores construction materials. The committee and those present at the meeting chose the latter location as the best site for the park.

The Trustees considered minutes of past meetings. N. Howell-Sherman made a motion to approve minutes of the Trustees' meeting held on February 26, 2014 and the Annual Meeting held on March 5, 2014. L. Sayah seconded the motion. It passed without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Shepeluk, Municipal Manager

Approved on: March 26, 2014

P. Howard Flanders


Lawrence Sayah


Natalie Howell-Sherman