

**Waterbury Village Trustees**  
**June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Steele Community Room ~ 28 North Main Street**

Present: C. Viens, M. Metayer, D. Schneider, J. Brown and M. Frier, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; P. H. Flanders, L. Sayah and N. Sherman, Trustees; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media, and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Alyssa Johnson, Jeff Larkin, Lisa Scagliotti, Gary and Sally Dillon, Jane Willard, Melissa Moore, Everett Coffey.

Duly warned, the Trustees joined the Select Board meeting at 8:05pm.

**PARKING AND SPEED LIMIT REGULATIONS – JOINT DISCUSSION WITH SELECT BOARD**

The Trustees were present to discuss the proposed charter changes with the Select Board and some questions that came up at the first public hearing. P. H. Flanders stated that discussions started at the March 2016 Annual Meeting to amend the charter. The proposal to look into changes to the charter was on the 2017 Annual Meeting warning and passed. The vote on the proposed charter changes will occur on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

At the first public meeting, questions were raised as to what would happen after December 31, 2017 when there is no police department. If passed, the Village will go out of existence on July 1, 2018. Questions were raised as to the enforcement of Village ordinances starting January 1, 2018. The attorney proposed two options. The Town Select Board can adopt the Village ordinances in concurrence as of January 1, 2018, and then engage the sheriff to enforce the ordinances within the Village. The other alternative is an inter-municipal agreement between the Town and the Village, whereby the Town agrees to furnish police services within the Village for the period January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018. P. H. Flanders asked if the Select Board is open to engaging in a discussion of a Town wide police department. This is one of the reasons the vote was moved up to June 20<sup>th</sup>, so that the Select Board has time to consider town wide police issues. W. Shepeluk stated that if nothing is done during this period, there will be no local speed limits within the Village.

C. Viens expressed concerns about a funding mechanism for enforcement should the Town decide to adopt parking and speed ordinances. W. Shepeluk stated that certain ordinances will most likely not be handled by the State Police. There currently is no speeding enforcement on weekends as no Village officers are on duty. He stated that there is some play in the budget and hopefully Village police department will be in existence through the end of the year. The Board can call a special Town Meeting if funding is in question.

C. Viens asked if the Village had any interest in helping the Town with funding mechanisms during this interim period. P. H. Flanders responded that if the officers terminate employment early, the Village did budget for the year and some of those funds could be used in the interim. The Village could also give the Town some equipment if there is interest in a Town wide department. There are some Village expenses that will be incurred after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

M. Metayer attended the public hearing and stated that with respect to existing ordinances, it would be a straight forward process for the Town to adopt the ordinances and it would be a wise choice. He asked if the vote would be subject to a possible rescission vote should it pass and W. Shepeluk answered in the affirmative.

M. Frier stated that it is important for the Select Board to start researching options and costs for the Town, and also get public input. P. H. Flanders asked that some Select Board members be present at the next public meeting. He stated that members of the public will be encouraged to hear that the Select Board is open to discussions about the future of police activity in Waterbury. M. Metayer suggested that the Board see how the vote turns out on June 20<sup>th</sup> and then consider a working group to explore options.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on:

June 28, 2017

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