

**Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
September 19, 2016
Steele Community Room ~ 28 North Main Street**

Present: D. Schneider, Chair; C. Nordle, C. Viens, M. Frier and J. Brown, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; B. Farr, Long Term Community Recovery Director; S. Lotspeich, Community Planner; Debbie Fowler, Recreation Director; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; S. Blow, Waterbury Record; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Mike Fowler, Kevin Locke, Marc Foisy, Eric Vorwald, Hershell Murray, Theresa Wood, Jason Wulff, Ari Fishman, Chris Palermo, Brian Evans-Mongeon, Margo Sayah, Everett Coffey, Zoe Gordon, Tom Brock, Phoebe Pelkey, David Newman, Barbara Blauvelt, Gordon Miller, Jean Snelling, Wade Hodge, Mike MacLeod, Ken Belliveau.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

APPROVE AGENDA

C. Viens asked to discuss animal control issues, under Manager's items. M. Frier made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by J. Brown and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

C. Viens made a motion to approve the consent agenda item including minutes of the September 6th Meeting. The motion was seconded by J. Brown and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC

No public comment.

VTRANS ROUTE 100 RECONSTRUCTION PRESENTATION

VTrans staff was present to give the Board an update on the Route 100 reconstruction project from the roundabout in Waterbury to Stowe Village. M. Fowler gave an overview of the project. The project involves reconstructive improvements to Route 100 as well as capacity improvements (extra lanes, etc). There will be a five foot shoulder for bike and pedestrian access. Alternating one way traffic will be maintained throughout the project and construction will occur during the evening hours. Extra measures will be taken to not have gravel surfaces for any longer than five days for any particular section, due to volume of traffic. The anticipated start date is May 2017 and is expected to last until fall of 2018.

B. Farr asked about construction on Friday evenings and asked for coordination due to large events that are held in Stowe. M. Fowler responded that construction does not occur on Friday nights. A question arose about pedestrian access and whether there were any provisions for walk signals or any designated pedestrian space. VTrans is required to work within the existing State right of way. Pedestrian access between Stowe Street and Colbyville would have to be a separate project. S. Lotspeich stated there is a project to look at pedestrian access to Colbyville. A grant has been received for the project to be studied. The plans for the intersection of Route 100 and Guptil Road were discussed. There are turn lanes incorporated in the project scope. Signalization was considered and is not off of the table. W. Shepeluk expressed concerns about line of sight with extra turn lanes. A diagram showing the layout of traffic lights was shown and light timing was discussed. C. Viens asked for additional information on actual construction methodology.

Concern was expressed that other residential roads will be used as detours and it was asked what consideration would be given to this for routes to remain safe. The hope is to minimize traffic on alternate routes by having work occur during the night. The date for all plans to be in place is 30 days, or about the third week of October.

DISCUSSION OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION POLICY

Chris Palermo was present to talk with the Board about the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed earlier in the year between the Town, Historical Society and Library Commissioners; and how the Society's collections should be managed. The MOU states that the Town will develop written policies providing for the manner in which such artifacts will be stored, distributed, displayed, loaned, sold, insured or otherwise managed. The question is how much power and control the Town would like over the process, most specifically in deaccessing items. The Historical Society would like to address the Janes Collection and the policy surrounding its management as well. The Historical Society would like the Board to consider their policies and revisit the issue in the future. T. Wood stated that they would like the Board to adopt a revised policy to include the Janes Collection, and then delegate the responsibility for implementation of the policy to the Historical Society.

CONSIDER CANDIDATES TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Five people submitted letters of interest for appointment to the Recreation Committee. One has lost interest in serving on the committee and Tammi Bass was not present at the meeting. Paul Lawson, Phoebe Pelkey and Barbara Blauvelt and each gave a brief introduction of themselves. C. Viens made a motion to appoint the three members present to the Recreation Committee until April 30th, 2017. The motion was seconded by J. Brown and passed unanimously. D. Schneider explained that the Committee is working on a governance document that will outline the number of members and terms, and that terms can then be staggered in the spring of 2017.

RECREATION DIRECTOR PROGRAM UPDATE

D. Fowler was present to update the Board on the Summer Recreation programs and stated the season went very well. She focused on training staff this summer and pool usage and lessons were up from that of last year. She is looking at how to draw more people to the pool and make it more inclusive. Day camp had a very successful year, as shown from responses on a survey that was done.

D. Fowler distributed information on future programming ideas (attached). All programs would either break even or bring money into the programs. J. Brown made a motion the accept the recreation program proposals as outlined by D. Fowler. The motion was seconded by M. Frier and passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S ITEMS

W. Shepeluk stated there is not much new to report on the Healy Court Project. B. Farr stated that staff had a conference call with FEMA last week that was an exercise in frustration. W. Hodge and W. Aldrich are unable to live in their house until some minimal items are completed but FEMA has not responded to inquiries from the Town. Staff met to discuss how the project could move forward and what the risks might be to do so before FEMA responds. B. Farr asked what the Town could do to help the homeowners back into their home without knowing the funding in totality. W. Shepeluk recommended moving forward with the items that FEMA has declared to be eligible. C. Viens asked if the Town could pay for costs and receive some sort of reimbursement later. If this is done, there may be a risk of losing the grant money. T. Wood explained that there is some funding in the American Red Cross disaster account, leftover from Tropical Storm Irene, which may cover some of the expenses.

C. Nordle suggested that the discussion be tabled for the evening. He is willing to talk with staff this week about his concerns. The Board can then hold a special meeting to make a decision as to how to move forward. The special meeting will either be Thursday evening at 7:00pm or Friday morning at 8:00pm.

W. Shepeluk stated that there is a structure behind the American Legion that was purchased by Pilgrim Partnership, and the owner would like the building burned down which also serves as a training exercise for the Fire Department. Insurance issues have been worked out from the Town's perspective. G. Miller expressed concern about the location of the building for the burn and elements that may be inside (lead, asbestos). W. Shepeluk stated that he believes the Fire Department has to talk with DEC about environmental aspects. C. Nordle asked the Town Clerk to research what questions have been asked in previous burnings.

ANIMAL CONTROL CONCERNS

C. Viens stated that a resident has brought to his attention issues with chickens, and wondered if the ACO realm could be broadened to include chickens. W. Shepeluk stated that he is aware of the situation and that there is not a clear solution. The Select Board can amend the Animal Control Ordinance, but the issue lies between two property owners. It was decided to postpone the discussion to a future date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: _____