

**Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
May 3rd, 2021
28 North Main Street**

Present: M. Bard, K. Martin, C. Viens and D. Kehlmann, Select Board; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk. The meeting was held via videoconference.

Public: Lisa Scagliotti, Waterbury Roundabout; ORCA Media; Jane Brown, Harry Shepard, Dan McKibben; Caitlin Hollister and Susannah Rye; Tom Scribner; Meg Baldor; Erin Hurley; Amy Hoskins; Maureen McCracken; Jessica Olive; Erin Hurley; Erin Lander; Maroni Minter; Alexia Venaфра; Jen McCabe; Life Legeros; Dana Allen and Bill Minter.

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

APPROVE AGENDA

M. Bard asked that the Blush Hill boat access be added to a future agenda. M. Bard made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by D. Kehlmann and passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

D. Kehlmann made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19th and April 26th meetings. The motion was seconded by M. Bard and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC

C. Hollister and her daughter S. Rye were present to thank the Recreation Department for the wonderful programs offered this year. E. Hurley, representative of WAARC, read a position statement from the Coalition. It is regarding the recent appointment of C. Viens and Select Board Vice Chair. The position statement calls for C. Viens to step down as Vice Chair. WAARC is withdrawing their previous request that the Board answer questions as to why C. Viens was elected Vice Chair. E. Lander reiterated that the statement came from the entire WAARC Community. J. Olive thanked the Board for the work they do for the community. She also expressed concern about the nomination of C. Viens as Vice Chair. T. Scribner thanked the Select Board for their efforts of the past year. He stated that there is the Sap Bucket Open disc golf tournament in June and one of the participants is a white supremacist and wanted to apprise the Board. M. Minter stated that WAARC would not push their agenda to shut down the disc golf course. A. Venaфра also asked that C. Viens step down as Vice Chair.

SELECT BOARD BUSINESS

Interview Jane Brown for Recreation Committee for Term Ending April 30, 2024

J. Brown was present to express her interest in joining the Recreation Committee. She stated she has been attending meetings since November and is a big supporter of the Town recreation programs. M. Bard made a motion to appoint J. Brown to the Recreation Committee with a term ending April 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by K. Martin and passed unanimously.

Rotary Club – NQID Fireworks

H. Shepard and D. McKibben were present to discuss their desire for the Rotary to host NQID this summer. The NQID committee has met and evaluated options and recommend moving the parade, fireworks and concert to July 10th, at a smaller scale, under the State's COVID guidance at the time. The Town has the contract with the fireworks company, Northstar, and the Rotary Club would like Select Board approval to change the date of the fireworks. H. Shepard stated that Northstar is agreeable to changing the date from June 26th to July 10th. W. Shepeluk stated that the Town paid for fireworks in early 2020 and then COVID hit and that staff has no issue changing the date. A discussion was held as to whether there should be a mask mandate. M. Bard made a motion to allow the Rotary Club to move the NQID date from June 26th to July 10th. The motion was seconded by D. Kehlmann and passed unanimously.

Leaf Peepers Race – October 3, 2021

C. Lawrence explained that Will Robens, Director of the Leaf Peepers race, sent information on the race in early January. The race protocol is the same as in prior years. D. Kehlmann made a motion to authorize the race for October 3, 2021. The motion was seconded by K. Martin and passed unanimously.

Schedule Meeting with Conservation Commission

C. Lawrence explained that the Conservation Commission would like to meet with the Board to update them on their work on the Shuttesville Hill Wildlife Corridor. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to invite the Commission to the May 17th meeting. The Board hopes for some information in advance of the meeting.

MANAGER'S ITEMS

Consider Purchase of Loader

W. Shepeluk explained that the Highway CIP holds \$150,000 for the purchase of a new bucket loader. The Town has received 3 quotes. W. Shepeluk recommended the quote from Volvo to the Board as the price was significantly lower than the other two quotes. M. Bard made a motion to authorize the purchase of a Volvo loader with net price not to exceed \$117,000. The motion was seconded by K. Martin and passed unanimously.

2021 Paving Plan

W. Shepeluk distributed a memo earlier in the day with regard to the paving plan. The paving CIP includes Stowe Street, North Street and Swasey Court. The Town has applied for a paving grant for Stowe Street. The grant may not be received in time for Stowe Street to be paved before the start of school. The hope is that the Town will receive the grant and the project can be done next year. If Stowe Street is not done this year, the plan will include Blush Hill Road and Lonesome Trail. W. Shepeluk explained the Blush Hill paving project. He then reviewed the impacts to the budget of the paving projects. Discussion continued. J. Brown expressed interest in the paving of Howard Avenue. W. Shepeluk stated that Howard Avenue was scheduled last year but got bumped for a section of Guptil Road. D. Allen suggested that if the paving does not happen on Stowe Street, he would still like to figure out some striping solutions. W. Shepeluk stated that he, D. Allen and B. Woodruff can meet to discuss. D. Kehlmann made a motion to accept the Manager's recommendation for the 2021 paving plan as presented. The motion was seconded by K. Martin and passed unanimously.

Discuss Equity Training

W. Shepeluk received some information from M. Minter about an organization in Brattleboro that can provide training. W. Shepeluk emailed the organization on Thursday asking for information and had not heard back. He sent a second email this afternoon and received a response late today. W. Shepeluk will follow up within the next few days and get more detailed information, and report back to the Board with a proposal for training. It was asked if Department Heads would be included in the training. W. Shepeluk stated that would be the intention.

There being no further Select Board business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: May 17, 2021