

Waterbury Trustees Meeting
September 15, 2010
Municipal Office

Present: E. Coffey, Village President; P. H. Flanders and L. Sayah, Trustees; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; J. Feccia, Police Chief; and A. Imhoff, ORCA Media

Public: G. Miller, Recreation Committee; R. Darby, representing Pilgrim Partnership; and Chris Kingsbury

The meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m.

L. Sayah made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by P. H. Flanders and approved by all.

Under the public portion of the agenda, the Trustees heard concerns expressed by Shirley Curtis of Winooski Street about site distances and the difficulty of gaining access to Main Street from Winooski Street. The Trustees will check the site and discuss possible solutions at a future meeting.

Chris Kingsbury appeared to discuss an event at the Rusty Parker Park to benefit Vetega, a organization that helps abused and sick animals, and low income pet owners who cannot afford veterinary services. At this point, spring or summer of 2011 is the likely timeframe for the event. The Trustees suggested coordinating with concert sponsors. G. Miller suggested the Ice Center or Farr's field as possible sites.

G. Miller appeared representing the Recreation Committee to present information about a potential dog park at the Ice Center. They are preparing the area just beyond the bike jump park near the bend in the road just before the Ice Center. G. Miller suggested that since most use of this park would be in the summer, conflict with Ice Center use will be minimal and parking should not be a problem. G. Miller stated he had spoken with ACO Ed Brown about the concept. He state that E. Brown though it was a good idea to provide a designated area for dogs in Town as it could provide an alternative to those who walk dogs in other parks. An oversight committee could be put into place to insure a clean and safe environment. Disposal of waste is a concern. G. Miller understands the concerns and suggested that a composting system is being considered. P. H. Flanders stated that this proposed use will require an amendment to the Act 250 permit and master plan that is jointly held by the Village and the Ice Center. The permits for allowing the Town to store recycled materials such as asphalt and gravel should be reviewed at the same time.

P. H. Flanders made a motion to allow Friends of the Waterbury Dog Park to proceed with plans and a submission of necessary permits for the park. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and approved by all.

G. Miller updated the Board that the bike group Wheels About Waterbury has raised money for a sign to post rules. The bike park use should also be shown on the plan and be included in the permit.

R. Darby and S. Van Esen appeared to request support from the Trustees to remove the Freight House on Railroad Street. Pilgrim Partnership has received a zoning permit and approval from the Planning Commission to remove the Freight House. It is on the National Register of Historic Places and the permit required Pilgrim Partnership to attempt to save and move the building. Pilgrim Partnership advertised seeking parties interested in moving the building. Zeno Mountain Farm, operator of a camp serving disabled children and adults has expressed interest. They run a camp in Lincoln and they would like to disassemble the building and re-build it at the camp site using it for a theater/classroom facility. Pilgrim Partnership presented testimony to the Planning Commission explaining that it was not financially feasible to renovate the building on site. The offer from Zeno Mountain Farm was presented to the Planning Commission and the Commission gave approval for the removal of the building. The "de-construction" of the building is subject to an Act 250 permit. The Vermont Division of Historic Preservation has suggested it might object to the removal of the building.

R. Darby explained the difficulties of trying to save the structure. Pilgrim Partnership owns the building but the railroad owns half of the land that is under the building, approximately .07 acres. The railroad is unwilling to sell the property to Pilgrim Partnership and will not sell any land within the 99 foot rail corridor which they use. In addition, the railroad will not consider a long term lease to Pilgrim Partnership. The railroad has expressed a desire to get all "encroachments" out of their corridor.

The property is currently leased by Pilgrim Partnership. The lease has 6 years remaining. The current lease requires Pilgrim Partnership to remove the Freight House from the property by 2016 or the railroad may remove the portion on the railroad land and bill Pilgrim Partnership. The estimate for renovation is \$2 million. The railroad has offered a maximum 20 year lease with a 60 day notice of cancelation. All of those factors conspire to making renovations at the existing site impractical. Pilgrim Partnership is asking the Board to support the donation of the building to Zeno Mountain Farm as they have a use for it and the building will be saved. A monument to the building will be placed on or near the site. Pilgrim Partnership has already done a photo documentation of the building and discussions are on-going about a proper monument. The Division of Historic Preservation wants the building to be moved to a new location that Pilgrim Partnership owns near the current site. They want it "moth-balled" until the economy adjusts hoping a developer will come forward to renovate it. Pilgrim Partnership needs the area where the building is for parking and may improve the intersection at Railroad Street and Park Row. The monument to the building will be place near these improvements. R. Darby presented a resolution of support for the buildings removal to the Trustees for their consideration.

P. H. Flanders made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented by Pilgrim Partnership relating to the building. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and approved by all.

P. H. Flanders noted for the minutes that the community, RW, GMCR, and private persons worked hard for 10 years to save, restore, and purchase the Railroad Station. This effort amply preserves the historic uses of the railroad in Waterbury.

L. Sayah made a motion to approve a VT ANR request for Science On the Green Workshop to be held at Rusty Parker Park on September 23 from 8:00am to 12:30pm. The motion was seconded by P. H. Flanders and approved by all.

L. Sayah made a motion to approve an entertainment permit for GMCR to have a live band during Grounds for Habitat fundraiser at 152 South Main Street on September 16th from 11:00am to 3:00pm. The motion was seconded by P. H. Flanders and approved by all.

The Municipal Manager presented documents for the Trustees consideration regarding the funding of the design for the phosphorus removal project at the wastewater treatment plant. P. H. Flanders made a motion to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to sign the documents increasing the loan from the State to the Village from \$97,923 to \$339,423. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and approved by all.

P. H. Flanders made a motion that the Village of Waterbury approve the additional indebtedness of \$5,500 to evaluate the Secondary (development accommodation) Environmental Effects of the proposed Village WWTP Phosphorus Removal Upgrade Project. This information will be incorporated into the Environmental Report which is being completed as part of the overall final design phase of the project. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and approved by all.

The next meeting of the Village Trustees will be on October 20th.

E. Coffey and the Trustees commend the Waterbury Fire Department for the work they did on September 13th in Fayston, rescuing the driver of a car crushed by a toppled truck.

E. Coffey noted the tennis court lights, Dac Rowe lights and gate not getting closed at Dac Rowe.

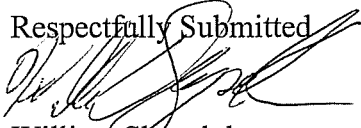
Candidates are only allowed one sign each at the Welcome to Waterbury sign near the ramp.

Chief Feccia appeared for general discussion of the Police Department activities of the past months. After 45 minutes of general discussion, P. H. Flanders made a motion to move into Executive Session at 10:30pm to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and approved by all.

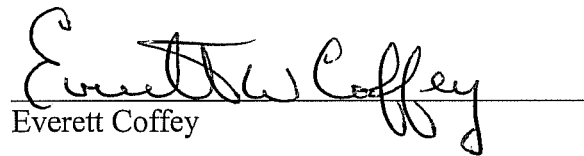
At 11:40pm, L. Sayah made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion was seconded by P. H. Flanders and approved by all.

W. Shepeluk and J. Feccia presented a check to Rinkers Communication for \$1,105.14 that had been withheld for the past two weeks by the Trustees. After explanation of the work done by Rinkers in J. Feccia's truck to allow for emergency responses from home, the Trustees unanimously agreed to pay the entire bill after a motion made by P. H. Flanders and seconded by L. Sayah.

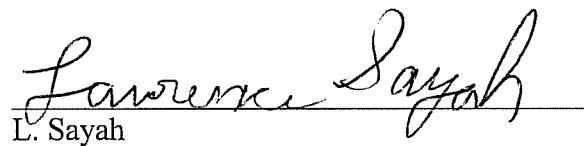
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted

William Shepeluk
Municipal Manager

Approved: 09.21.2010


Everett Coffey

P. Howard Flanders


L. Sayah