

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF WATERBURY
MARCH 6, 2013**

The inhabitants of the Village of Waterbury who are legal voters in Village Meetings are hereby notified and warned to meet at the gymnasium of the Thatcher Brook Primary School in the Village of Waterbury on Wednesday March 6, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. in the evening to act on the following matters:

President P. Howard Flanders called the Village residents attention to the Dedication in the beginning of the report. The 130th anniversary of the first Village meeting was December 20, 1882, and the report is dedicated to those officers who were elected at that Village meeting. Let the record know that these officers are honored for their foresight, taking the necessary steps to enhance the lives of the Village residents. The officers are as follows:

1 st Trustee:	George W. Randall
2 nd Trustee:	Joseph Somerville
3 rd Trustee:	John Seabury
4 th Trustee:	George E. Moody
Clerk:	George C. Washburn
Treasurer:	James K. Fullerton
Collector:	Zenas Watts
1 st Auditor:	William Wade
2 nd Auditor:	William P. Dillingham
3 rd Auditor:	George W. Morse
Chief Engineer:	Andrew J. Brown
1 st Assistant:	Charles D. Robinson
2 nd Assistant:	William Deal
1 st Fire Warden:	Curtis N. Arms
2 nd Fire Warden:	Charles E. Richardson
3 rd Fire Warden:	Edward Sheple
4 th Fire Warden:	Edward Farrar

P. Howard Flanders reported that he found an old newspaper article in which the first Fire District in Waterbury Village voted a tax of 1.05 cents on January 3rd, 1870 to buy a site and build an engine house and fireman's hall. This tax raised \$3,500. The Fire District purchased a site and built the fireman's hall that is now the Perkins-Parker Funeral Home on the corner of South Main Street and Foundry Street. The Village sold the building to V.L. Perkins in 1942.

ARTICLE 1: To act on the reports of the officers of the Village of Waterbury.

Anne Imhoff made a motion to accept the reports of the officers of the Village of Waterbury as printed on pages 5 through 31 of the annual report. The motion was seconded. P. H. Flanders gave an overview of the reports. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by Australian ballot, the following Village officers: Clerk for 1 year, Treasurer for 1 year, Village President for 1 year, Trustee for 2 years, and Water & Sewer Commissioner for 3 years.

ARTICLE 3: Shall general obligation bonds of the Village of Waterbury in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$355,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of public wastewater

treatment facility improvements, namely, the installation and construction of phosphorus abatement and reduction technology and apparatus improvements, the aggregate estimated cost of all such improvements being Seven Million Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$7,045,000)?

NOTE: THE POLLS FOR VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON ARTICLES 2 AND 3 WILL BE OPEN FROM SEVEN O’CLOCK IN THE FORENOON TO SEVEN O’CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON ON THE 2nd FLOOR OF THE MAIN STREET FIRE STATION, AT 43 SOUTH MAIN STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF WATERBURY.

ARTICLE 4: To set the compensation of Village officers for the ensuing year.

Amanda Lamb made a motion to set the compensation of Village officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Village President	\$1,700
Trustees	\$1,200 each
Water & Sewer Commissioners	\$1,000 each

The motion was seconded. P. H. Flanders stated that the Municipal Manager recommended an increase from last year due to meetings attended relating to long-term recovery. The Municipal Manager stated that during the last year, there have been 47 warned Trustees meetings, 75 to 80 meetings related to the long-term recovery process, and numerous FEMA meetings. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see what action the Village will take with reference to fixing the dates when taxes shall be due and payable and to provide for charging interest on taxes not paid when due.

L. Sayah made a motion that the tax warrant on real property be dated July 1, 2013, and that taxes be due in two installments, the first installment due and payable on August 16, 2013, and the second installment be due and payable on November 15, 2013, without discount and that interest be charged at the maximum allowed by statute, not to exceed one and one-half percent per month or portion thereof on each installment, and a late penalty of eight percent be charged as allowed by statute on taxes not paid when due. The motion was seconded. L. Sayah indicated that this is the same motion that was passed by the Town at the Annual Town Meeting and any changes would cause complications. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Village will authorize the Trustees to borrow a sum of money by note, for a period not to exceed five years, to make improvements to the water system.

Cindy Parks made a motion to authorize the Trustees to borrow up to \$230,000 by note, for a period not exceed 5 years, to finance capital spending included in the Water Department budget that was approved by the Water/Sewer Commissioners. The motion was seconded.

A. Tuscany explained that \$175,000 is for a stand-by power generator at the Sweet Well Field. This amount was voted on last year as well. An attempt was made to find grant money but was unsuccessful. It also includes paving the access road up to the water treatment plant, and a new pick-up truck for the Assistant Water Superintendent. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Village will authorize the Trustees to borrow a sum of money by note, for a period not to exceed five years, to make improvements to the wastewater system.

Cindy Parks made a motion to authorize the Trustees to borrow up to \$165,000 by note, for a period not to exceed five years, to finance capital spending included in the Sewer Department budget as approved by the Water/Sewer Commissioners. The motion was seconded.

A Tuscany explained that the \$165,000 includes repaving for the area around the main pump station, the replacement of a fence damaged during Irene; \$35,000 for the local share of a grant that was received to pay for flood proofing the pump station; \$35,000 to replace the sewer on Healy Court; repairs on the force main; repairs to a manhole at the Union Street intersection with North Main; modifications to Lincoln Street pump station; and to place a gravel access to a small pump station on Wissell mountain. The Municipal Manager stated that the flood proofing project is expected to cost about \$150,000 in cash, and that the Village has received a CDBG-DR grant for \$115,000. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Village will authorize the Trustees to borrow a sum of money by note, for a period not to exceed five years, to finance the purchase of a police cruiser. Lawrence Sayah made a motion that the Village authorize the Trustees to borrow \$40,000 by note, for a period not to exceed five years, to finance the purchase of a police cruiser. The motion was seconded.

L. Sayah stated that the voters approved the purchase of the cruiser last year. They just recently purchased a new cruiser as the transmission failed in the SUV cruiser. One of the vehicles will be sold. They would like to finance the new vehicle over 3 to 5 years, and keep CIP money to potentially reduce taxes. The Municipal Manager gave an explanation of the notes that are currently outstanding, and the interest associated with each. He expects the interest to be in the low 2% range. He then explained the thought process behind the decision to transfer money from the CIP to the general fund to lower the tax rate, and stated that cruisers are not a capital expense. A question was asked as to why the cost is so high, when the State bid price is \$25,000. Chief Joby Feccia explained that this price does not include equipment that might need to be purchased to outfit the vehicle as the current equipment is 6 or 7 years old. The \$40,000 is an upper limit and the vehicle will be purchased for less if possible. The car will be purchased and equipped at the same place in an effort to get a better end product and facilitate maintenance. The Trustees want to understand the issues with the SUV before they determine what they will do with it. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Municipal Manager took a moment to update the residents on the Village indebtedness. The Water and Sewer Departments have significant debt at \$4,045,686 and \$2,090,848 respectively. The Village debt stands at \$5,000.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Village will vote sums of money for payment of debts and expenses for the Village with the same to be expressed either in specific dollar amounts or as a rate of tax on a dollar of the Grand List, and if by specific dollar amounts to authorize the Trustees to set the necessary tax rate and to lodge warrants therefore in the office of the Village Clerk.

N. Howell-Sherman made a motion that the Village appropriate the following sums of money for the interests of its inhabitants, for the prosecution and defense of the common rights, and for necessary expenses: \$450,950 for general fund expenses, and that the Village set a property tax rate not to exceed \$.16/\$100 of property valuation. The motion was seconded.

N. Howell-Sherman stated that the budget figures are found on pages 39-41 of the annual report and gave an explanation. The projected tax rate is 16 cents, which is 1 cent more than last year. She then gave a review of the revenue line items found on page 39. The motion passed by voice vote.

N. Howell-Sherman was Moderator for Article 10.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Village will approve a resolution of appreciation for the work done by ReBuild Waterbury since the flood of August 28, 2011.

P. H. Flanders made a motion that the Village approve a resolution of appreciation for the work done by ReBuild Waterbury since the flood of August 28, 2011, stated as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WATERBURY

Whereas, the Village of Waterbury was inundated with flood waters from tropical Storm Irene on August 28, 2011, and

Whereas, the flood waters damaged approximately 225 properties in Waterbury, of which 200 were located in the Village of Waterbury, and

Whereas, an organization was formed under the auspices of Revitalizing Waterbury called ReBuild Waterbury with a mission to assist individuals and families in the 05676 zip code that were in need of assistance to rebuild their homes from the damage of flood water of Irene, and

Whereas, ReBuild Waterbury coordinated 10,000 hours of volunteer time in assistance to the residents and businesses of Waterbury, and

Whereas, ReBuild Waterbury raised \$996,000 in funding to assist families in repairing their flood damaged homes, and

Whereas, ReBuild Waterbury assisted 81 families in Waterbury with the majority in the Village of Waterbury in the rebuilding of their homes, and

Whereas, ReBuild Waterbury completed their work in assistance to families on January 2013, and

Whereas, the work of ReBuild Waterbury was instrumental and critical for many Waterbury families being able to make repairs and return to their homes in the least amount of time, and

Whereas, the Village of Waterbury its Trustees and its residents wish to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to ReBuild Waterbury for a job well done, *now therefore be it*

Resolved: That the appreciation of the Village of Waterbury for the work of ReBuild Waterbury be recorded in the records of this meeting so that future generations may understand and appreciate the benefits afforded to them and their successors as a result of the efforts of ReBuild Waterbury.

Adopted at the Village of Waterbury duly warned Annual Meeting March 6, 2013 by a majority of voters present.

The motion was seconded. P H. Flanders stated that the resolution comes from the heart of those who benefitted from the services of ReBuild Waterbury. He also wanted it recorded moving forward to document the effects of the flood. The motion passed by voice vote, with a standing ovation.

M. K. Monley and Mame McKee accepted the resolution. M. K. Monley stated that she was very humbled and happy. Mame McKee thanked everyone and indicated that Dave Kerr and Theresa Wood were unable to attend, but are very honored and proud. She was glad they were able to be the conduit for all of the energy and good work.

The Village Clerk announced the results of Article 2: To elect by Australian ballot, the following Village officers: Clerk for 1 year, Treasurer for 1 year, Village President for 1 year, Trustee for 2 years, and Water & Sewer Commissioner for 3 years. There were 101 ballots cast and the results were as follows:

VILLAGE PRESIDENT (1 year term)	
P. Howard "Skip" Flanders	85
Write-ins	3
Blanks	13

VILLAGE CLERK (1 year term)	
Carla Lawrence	95
Write-ins	0
Blanks	6

VILLAGE TREASURER (1 year term)	
Carla Lawrence	100
Write-ins	0
Blanks	1

VILLAGE TRUSTEE (2 year term)	
Natalie Howell-Sherman	85
Write-ins	1
Blanks	14
Spoiled	1

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER (3 year term)	
Cynthia Parks	95
Write-ins	0
Blanks	6

P. H. Flanders indicated that former Water/Sewer Commissioner Dave Anderson moved, and expressed appreciation that Cindy Parks was willing to join the Commissioners.

The Village Clerk announced the results of Article 3: Shall general obligation bonds of the Village of Waterbury in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$355,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of public wastewater treatment facility improvements, namely, the installation and construction of phosphorus abatement and reduction technology and apparatus improvements, the aggregate estimated cost of all such improvements being Seven Million Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$7,045,000)?

Article 3 passed by a vote of 86 – 14, with 1 blank ballot.

The Municipal Manager stated that passing the bond is the first actual step towards construction. Staff has been working very hard since 2005 and looking forward to getting the project moving. The process is very good for the Village as it will do a good job removing phosphorus, and a better job taking out the suspended solids so the effluent going into the river will be much cleaner.

ARTICLE 11: To do any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

A. Tuscany stated that last year community residents asked for a storm drain system study in the South Main Street area. He gave a summary of the report from DeWolfe Engineering. During Irene, the storm drains worked in reverse and backed up, flooding the Village. He explained the location of the 4 storm drains and gave a description of each drain. There are issues with the sloping and size of some of the piping. The first drain system may be repaired under the Main Street project. The second drain system is doing its job effectively. The third system will include some fixes under the Main Street project. The fourth system is capable of handling a 10-year storm, but there is a grate in the system that needs to be monitored. A. Tuscany emphasized that some of the storm drain systems are capable of handling 10 year storms and some not, but during larger storms you will see flooding. A discussion followed.

Abby Fish asked for an explanation about the issue of lead in the water. Bill Woodruff explained that 3 sites of 20 tested above the action limit, so the Department had to do more testing, notify customers, and develop an action plan. He gave a further description of the testing process.

Kathy Grace requested that the Village take another look at the flood regulations in Waterbury. They were changed in 2011 and are less rigorous. People need to recognize the importance of flood plains, and restore them to zero change in elevation.

Tom Stevens mentioned that in Northfield, the Town and Village merged by a substantial margin. He suggested having a citizens initiative to find out what they did for success.

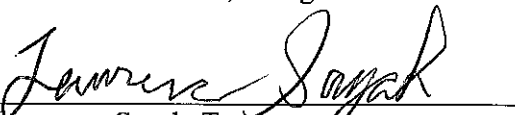
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

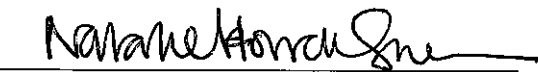
Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Village Clerk

Approved on: March 13, 2013


P. Howard Flanders, Village President


Lawrence Sayah, Trustee


Natalie Howell-Sherman, Trustee