

**Waterbury Village Board of Trustees Meeting
Steele Community Room
28 North Main Street
May 25, 2016**

Attendees: P. Howard Flanders, Village President; Lawrence Sayah and Natalie Sherman Trustees; William Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; Joby Feccia, Police Chief; Anthony Mazzilli, Waterbury Police Department; Anne Imhoff, ORCA Media; and Denise McCarty, Board Secretary.

Public: Doriennne Cedeno, Sophia DeSanto, Grace Casey, Tom Badowski, Mary Koen, Marie-Andre Gervais, Leah Fournier.

Opening and Call to Order

P. H. Flanders called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Consider Any Modifications to the Agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda as presented.

Discussion of Traffic Issues on Stowe Street

Public comment was taken from Doriennne Cedeno, Sophia DeSanto, and Grace Casey regarding their concerns about speeding on Stowe Street. There are a lot of kids that live around Stowe Street and there have been on-going issues with speeders, people not paying attention, people driving and texting and vehicles passing school buses while kids are getting on and off the bus. The public attendees recalled several examples of people driving badly and children almost getting hit. W. Shepeluk asked if the school bus driver had reported the incident of the vehicle passing the bus to the Waterbury Police Department. If a car passes a school bus, the bus driver is mandated to report those incidents to the police department. Chief Feccia stated that he had not received any reports but that he would follow up with the bus driver. Doriennne Cedeno offered several suggestions to curb speeding on Stowe Street. These included creating a committee with representation from the Village, Town, and community members to consider some of the proposals (speeding concern handout is attached); revising the police handbook to encourage officers to spend more time on residential "thru" streets monitoring traffic speeds and to ticket motorists going five or more mph over the speed limit; and re-allocation of time with more time devoted to speed enforcement. W. Shepeluk suggested that Ms. Cedeno speak with the Select Board about the committee task force and about financial support to purchase signs and to pay for police presence, about splitting the cost of the solar speed sign which costs about \$5,000, and speak to the State Representative Tom Stevens. Also discussed was the challenge of the police getting out on any of the streets but if they get a call they will respond. Ms. Cedeno stated that when the "children present" sign is posted, the traffic slows down significantly.

Discussion of Police Department April Report

Chief Feccia discussed the April Police Report. He reviewed the speed summary reporting data that was generated by the solar speed signs. Discussion followed. They have tried to recruit for a Parking Enforcement Officer at the rate of \$10 to \$12 per hour but no one wants to be "the bad guy". **N. Sherman moved to authorize the purchase of All Traffic Solutions software that analyzes the solar speed sign information that is collected. The cost of the software is \$1,200. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed unanimously.**

N. Sherman moved to authorize a uniformed officer to perform parking enforcement. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed unanimously.

Rotary Club Discussion of Canopy Lighting at Rusty Parker Park

The Rotary Club would like to add LED lighting to the patio area of the park. The lights would be strung in the trees in the patio area. The lighting would be turned on from dusk to 10 pm. It would be an enhancement to the Village. The lighting would look similar to the lights that are in the trees on Church Street.

Public comments were given regarding this proposal and discussion followed. It was asked if the lights be on all year round. The lights would be in the trees all year round but if the Trustees only want it during the summer months, the Rotary Club would abide by the request of the Trustees. Concerns about noise were raised, and the park rules say the park closes one hour after dark. Dusk is 8 pm and it gets dark around 9 pm. It was suggested that comparing Church Street to the Waterbury park is offensive. The park is not a commercial area like Church Street. Public attendees feel that there will be loitering after 10 pm. Buddy's Burgers will have a liquor license and the noise factor will be a greater concern if the park hours are extended and lights are on the patio area. There is already some lighting from the Green Mountain Coffee Café porch lights. **The Village Trustees declined to have the lights in the trees at this time.**

Discussion on Historic Documentation of Structure at 51 South Main Street

The Waterbury Village Trustees intend to document the former Municipal Building at 51 South Main Street prior to applying for a zoning permit to demolish the building that was severely damaged by the Tropical Storm Irene. The documentation will be included in a zoning permit application that will be referred to the Development Review Board for review. Zoning bylaws state that the Board can require documentation of the building in a manner that meets standards established by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, prior to removal. A documented report of the building, including a written building description and statement of significance, photo-documentation, map and plan with photo key will be prepared as required by the zoning bylaws. All work will meet the standards outlined in the Historic Resource Documentation Package established by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP), and a CD with a copy of the report will be submitted to the Waterbury Trustees. Steve Lotspeich received a quote from Suzanne Jamele and she could prepare what is needed at an estimated cost of \$2,000 (standard rate of \$80.00 per hour) which includes her expenses. She may be able to get it done by July 1st if she is hired as soon as possible. **N. Sherman moved to authorize the Municipal Manager to sign a contract with Suzanne Jamele as the Historic Preservation Consultant to document the historic preservation of 51 South Main Street before it is destroyed. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed unanimously.**

Discussion of Future Events at the Waterbury Dog Park

N. Sherman stated that recently Sun Common had a fundraiser in the Waterbury Dog Park to support the North Country Animal League. They sold sunflower starter plants and all proceeds were donated to North Country Animal League. There were also some dog demonstrations. Discussion followed that the company did not get permission to use the park before the event and the only reason that N. Sherman knew about it was a posting on Waterbury Front Porch Forum. **L. Sayah made a motion to require that the Trustees approve any special events held in the dog park and bike park by special permit. The motion was seconded by N. Sherman and passed unanimously.**

Minutes of Previous Meetings

L. Sayah moved to approve the minutes of the April 25th, April 27, May 11th and May 16th as presented. The motion was seconded by N. Sherman and passed unanimously.

Announcements

The Municipal Manager stated that the League of Cities and Towns is offering a training called "21st Century Policing" on June 10th. It is \$40 to attend and J. Feccia and A. Mazzilli plan to attend. The training will be held at the Capital Plaza.

Next Meeting

The next Trustees meeting will be held on June 8th at 7 pm.

Adjourn

N. Howell Sherman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McCarty
Board Secretary

Approved on: June 29, 2016

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