

**Waterbury Village Trustees
Steele Community Room
March 28, 2018**

Attendees: P. Howard Flanders, Village President; Lawrence Sayah and Natalie Sherman, Trustees; William Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; Steve Lotspeich, Community Planner; Dina Bookmyer-Baker, Zoning Administrator; Anne Imhoff, ORCA Media; and Denise McCarty, Board Secretary.

Public: Maddie Hughes, Waterbury Record; Everett Coffey.

Opening and Call to Order

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

Consider modifications to the agenda

There were no modifications to the agenda.

Public

There was no public comment.

Consider Allocating One Public Parking Space for Change of Use to Hair Salon/Retail at 21 Stowe Street

S. Lotspeich and D. Bookmyer-Baker explained that there is a hair salon that is going into the space where Ruelle Boutique was. The salon will use one extra parking space than what the previous store was using. Discussion followed. **L. Sayah made a motion to approve the application for one additional on-street parking space for use at 21 Stowe Street. The motion was seconded by N. Sherman and passed unanimously.**

Consider Request on Police Department Closeout

The Municipal Manager stated that former Waterbury Police Chief Joby Feccia, through his attorney, wrote a letter to the Village stating that his termination was illegal and done in a fashion that was not in accordance with law because police can only be dismissed with cause and it was not within the Trustees authority to dissolve the police department. The letter contends that because the Village is on a calendar year budget and that budget does not get passed until March, operation of the police department should have continued to operate at the same capacity through the budgeted year and not dissolved in December. The attorney is requesting that J. Feccia be paid through June 30th when the Village officially dissolves. In addition, the Charter amendment does not state anything about the police department dissolving or a time frame when it might do that. Legal counsel for the Village stated that the Trustees had the right to take these actions. The Municipal Manager stated that this could turn into a possible wrongful termination suit but no suit has been filed yet. Discussion followed. **The Trustees heard the request but declined to take any action in supporting the request.**

Consider Next Steps on 51 South Main Street

Chris Parsons is still interested in the property. P. Howard Flanders stated that one of the proposals is to take the building down and remove the toxic waste out of it and see if C. Parsons is still willing to negotiate to purchase it. No action was taken at this time.

Consider Conflict of Interest Policy

The Trustees did not have a copy of this policy so this item has been tabled for a future meeting.

Update on Legislative Charter Change Approval

P. Howard Flanders and W. Shepeluk will return to speak with the legislature tomorrow. They will focus on the UDAG fund in particular and will explain to the legislative committee the purpose of this fund and how it works.

Minutes of Trustees Meetings

N. Sherman made a motion to approve the February 14th Trustees Meeting Minutes and the March 7th Annual Village Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed unanimously.

Next Meetings

April 2nd - Joint Meeting with the Select Board

April 11th - Trustees Meeting

Adjourn

N. Sherman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 pm. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McCarty
Board Secretary

Approved on: _____

P. Howard Flanders

Lawrence Sayah

Natalie Sherman