

Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board

Monday October 3, 2022

Minutes

Hybrid meeting held at the Steele Community Room, 28 North Main Street and on Zoom

Attendees: Mike Bard, Roger Clapp, Chris Viens & Alyssa Johnson (Select Board), William Shepeluk, Karen Petrovic, Steve Lotspeich (staff), Tom Leitz, Lisa Scagliotti (Waterbury Roundabout), Elizabeth Walton, Lawrence Sayah, ORCA Media, Martha Staskus, Katie Gallagher (Planning Commission), Linda Gravel (CVFiber), John Pitrowiski

Via Zoom: ORCA Media, Glenn Andersen, Mal Culbertson

Chairperson Bard called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with an announcement that retiring Municipal Manager William Shepeluk will be receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award at Town Fair on Thursday night.

Approve Agenda

One item was removed from the agenda under Consent Items: Outdoor Consumption Permit is no longer necessary. **R. Clapp made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by A. Johnson and passed unanimously.**

Consent Agenda Items

C. Viens made a motion to approve the consent agenda item; the minutes of the September 19th 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by R. Clapp and passed unanimously.

Public

L. Gravel representing CVFiber updated the Board on fundraising efforts stating that 13 of the 20 communities approached for funding committed with a total commitment of \$833,000
John Pitrowiski asked for board to consider establishing a police force in the community.
Discussion followed with W. Shepeluk stating he has invited Lt. White to attend one of the December meetings to discuss policing.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS

Discuss possible application to the State for a ByLaw Modernization Grant: S. Lotspeich presented the board with information relating to a State Grant for \$25,000 with a 10% local match that would be used to hire a consultant capable of assisting with public outreach regarding the Zoning ByLaw rewrites that include increased density. The board agreed to entertain the Grant application at the next meeting noting the 10% match would be budgeted for 2023 spending.

MANAGER ITEMS

Closing Bidwell Lane December 18, 2022

W. Shepeluk received an email from Kayta Angelo owner of Bridgeside Books asking for

permission to close the street for a reindeer event on December 18, 2022. **R. Clapp moved to approve the request to close Bidwell Lane from 1-2pm on December 18, 2022. C. Viens seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Group Petitions for funding on the 2023 Ballot

The Town received a request to accept group petitions for funding. Staff recommendation is to follow previous protocols and not allow for group funding requests. **R. Clapp made a motion to continue with current practice that each new petition for funding must have signatures from 5% of our voter checklist and cannot be combined with others. C. Viens seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Town EFUD MOU – Manager

W. Shepeluk would like a joint meeting on October 17th to discuss topics including an MOU detailing cost sharing responsibilities for shared staff and health care coverage costs in 2023.

Consider joint representation request from SP&F, PC for property transfer

W. Shepeluk brought a copy of an agreement from Stitzel Page & Fletcher that outlines the necessary title work and legal fees for the transfer of 4 EFUD properties to the Town of Waterbury. The attorney's need authorization from both Boards for joint representation. **C. Viens made a motion to authorize W. Shepeluk to sign the agreement with Stitzel Page & Fletcher PC to represent the Town of Waterbury in the transfer of properties from EFUD. A. Johnson seconded the motion; a vote was held and passed unanimously.**

Update Grayson v. Waterbury legal proceedings

W. Shepeluk updated the Board on the proceedings of a lawsuit regarding land on Sweet Road Waterbury Center. The appeal has gone to trial with the judge hearing testimony from all parties. The judge has not made a ruling yet and the Town attorneys have indicated they do not anticipate a ruling before the end of this year.

C. Viens moved to adjourn at 8:43pm; motion seconded by R. Clapp passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Town of Waterbury Select Board is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2022