

Waterford Selectmen's Meeting
Town Clerk's Office
Monday, January 13, 2014

Attendees:

Selectmen: Gary Allard, Fred Saar & Brent Beck
Road Foreman: Lisle Houghton
Town Clerk: Joanne Jurentkuff
Assistant Town Clerk: Jessy Pelow
Zoning Admin: Gib Trenholme
Citizens: James Hayes, Howard Remick, Kevin Fontecha

Opening: Fred Saar opened the meeting at 7:42 pm

Gary made the motion to approve the December 9th minutes. Brent seconded the motion. All approved. The selectmen signed the orders.

Personnel: James Hayes said that he was told that he is over 19 ½ hrs from his vacation time in 2013. Back when he was out of work his vacation hrs were cut and when he went to take vacation he was not aware that he didn't have the hrs to take. He is concerned where the 19 ½ hrs is going to come from now. The selectmen explained that the town policy states that vacation is earned in the previous year, so James should have his entire 2 weeks in 2013 and the prorated vacation/personal time in 2014. Joanne will get the correct material together and give to James.

Walsh Rd.-SBA Tower Driveway Permit #13-03-Update: Gib reported that Heath has temporarily corrected the driveway until spring time comes and will then fix to the correct standards. Gib and Fred will go to the site in the spring.

Cross Road Curve-Guardrail-Update: Fred called and spoke with Abby Freeman of VLCT who clarified that the state did not approve a guardrail, but rather make a run off and if the town puts up a guardrail they could be liable if there was an accident. She suggests for the landowner to put up boulders as a barrier if he would like. The selectmen will let Walter know.

Recycling Update: Gary spoke with David Knights from Knights Electric and he will look into what kind of heater to use in the recycling shed. Fred recommended and will look into getting a few Cameras and post signs about no dumping of electronics, furniture or appliances.

Certificate of Highway Mileage: The selectmen signed the certificate of Highway Mileage.

Complete Streets Manual: Joanne gave information to the selectmen and will keep the manual in the office. This is now part of the highway grant application process.

Other Lisle reported that he has gone through about ½ pile of the sand. Lisle said that he was approached by Desrochers that in March they want to cross Cushman Bridge hauling a crane. Lisle expressed his concerns with the weight matter. The Selectmen told Lisle to leave that decision up to the State since it is a State bridge.

Lisle also said that Pike asked Lisle if the town would like the scrap road base material for \$3.00 a yard that they will be getting from work that they will be doing. Lisle said that this material could be crushed down and used as gravel and that typically this material would be \$7.00 a yard. The selectmen told Lisle to go ahead.

Lisle told the selectmen that he would like to apply for structure grants for culverts by Lyle Decker's on Old County Rd South and Bert Fissette's on East Village Road. The Selectmen said to apply for the grant for both areas and if only one can be done then choose which of the two need it first.

Gary mentioned that citizens are concerned with some parking that is happening at the Route 18 & Hudson Rd intersection. Lisle will look into getting a metal sign for no parking.

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NVDA FEMA Town Discussion: Move this to the February agenda to discuss.

Update of DRB actions regarding Donovan Judgment: Nothing further at this time.

Update of Keith Powers bills for illegal burn: The town has filed a claim in small claims court.

Update of VLCT training for town (Gib): Gib reported that it will cost \$825.00 for one 2 hr training session for the DRB. Gary made the motion to spend the \$825.00 for training for the DRB. Brent seconded. All approved.

Letter of recognition of Freda & Bob: The selectmen wrote a letter and Joanne will mail out.

Other Fred reported that there will be a deposition and mediation with TransCanada in the near future. Leo Bisson will attend these on the Town's behalf.

Appoint Fire Chief: Gary made the motion to accept Colin Fuccis resignation as Fire Chief and thanked him for all his hard work and dedication and appointed Kevin Fontecha as new Fire Chief. Brent seconded. All approved.

Cost of driveway permit: The current price of a driveway permit is \$50.00 and after taking into consideration the time and effort it takes for Gib and Lisle to complete a driveway permit the selectmen agreed it needs to be increased. Brent made the motion to increase the price of a driveway permit to \$100.00. Gary seconded. All approved.

Town Warning: Joanne presented the selectmen with a draft of the Town Warning. The Town Warning will be completed once the town's budget numbers are final.

Budget: The meeting to discuss the town's budget will be Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. The selectmen would also like to have Tax Map on the agenda for that night.

Marshall & Swift Agreement: The selectmen signed the agreement.

Temporary Rights of Way to Remove Timber: An article trying to get passed by the State about how if a landowner wants to remove timber on their land that the Selectboard can give the right of way even if that landowner has to cross an adjoining landowner's property. Fred will respond back that Waterford supports **not** having this article passed.

Tax Mapping Project: The Planning Board will be gathering information of what it would cost to have the Tax Maps completed and will get back to the selectmen as soon as possible.

Town Plan: Once the Town Plan has been completed it needs to come to the Selectboard to be accepted. The selectmen suggested to Howard Remick to speak with NVDA for a good example of the town plan from other towns that have all areas completed.

Other Joanne told the selectmen that she would like to have the town office painted. The selectmen asked her to get an estimate of what it would cost.

The selectmen would like to have the Town Plan on April's agenda and have Bill Dimick attend.

Adjourn Brent made the motion to adjourn, Gary seconded. All approved. The selectmen's meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Approved:

Date:

Jessy Pelow

Assistant Town Clerk