

Waterford Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2017
Town Clerk's Office

Attendees:

Selectmen: Gary Allard, Fred Saar, Brent Beck

Road Foreman: Lisle Houghton & Wade Ballargeon

Clerk: Joanne Jurentkuff

Assistant Clerk: Jessy Pelow

Citizens: Kevin Gillander, Kevin Fontecha, Mike Barrett, Heather Burt, Ed Allen, Marcia Martel, Howard Remick, Francis Vigeant and Shirlene Lathe

OPENING: Fred opened the Selectmen's meeting at 7:30 p.m. Brent made the motion to approve the minutes for December 12th. Gary seconded the motion. All approved. The Selectmen signed the minutes and orders. Budget report was presented to date.

Modification of Agenda: Fred moved TransCanada to the top for first discussion so the Listers could hear the update.

TransCanada: Fred reviewed the court-ordered mediation session for the TransCanada tax appeal held in Lebanon on January 4th. The session produced a conditional settlement agreement:

All pending tax appeals for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 for parcel 692 will be dismissed.

There will be no refunds or additional taxes. The Grand List value of parcel 692 on April 1st of 2017, 2018 and 2019 shall be \$32,000,000. The Grand List values of parcels 692.1, 692.2 and 692.6 are not affected. The parties will ask the court to stand down litigation until February 21, 2017. Contingent on approval by Waterford, and by TransCanada and ArcLight by February 21, 2017.

Gary made a motion to approve the Conditional Settlement Agreement for Waterford, and Brent seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Concerns: Francis Vigeant and Shirlene Lathe were present due to their recent insurance claim. Francis advised that the sand from the town truck damaged the front of his vehicle. An insurance claim was made with the town's insurance company and with the towns approval the insurance company recommends denial to Mr. Vigeant. Gary made the motion for the approval of the denial for Mr. Vigeants insurance claim. Brent seconded. All approved.

Town Board Rep: Heather Burt was present to talk about recycling in the town. She indicated there is a lack of space at the town recycling shed, as well as an issue with mixed materials. The selectmen would like to have "Recycling Strategy" put on the February agenda with proposals for single sort from Casella and Myers.

Mike Barrett was present and talked about the town website. He said there have been a total of 4,027 visitors on the site, 19,771 page views and about 90 seconds to 2 minutes per visit. He would like to clean up the website and do so by having someone review the website material once a month and report back to him. Gary said he will do so every month. Mike will also meet with Jessy to give a brief run through of all the websites controls and functions. Mike also added, that it would be handy for the Town of Waterford to claim their Facebook page. By doing so, the Town could then utilize the Facebook page to post important upcoming events or whatever they want. Mike will touch base with Jessy on this.

Highway Budget: Lisle presented the Selectboard with a draft of his proposed budget. An increase due to the additional Highway Crew Member. Lisle is working with Joanne to get final numbers.

Other: Lisle reported that he is going to meet on Wednesday with his physical therapist to get update on the status of his shoulder recovery.

The selectmen discussed and want Lisle to return to work on full duty when his doctor gives him the final okay.

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Waterford Church Direction: Nothing at this time

Tax Map Update: The tax maps have been delivered, final review of the online site will happen and then notice to the public will happen.

Reappraisal Fund/Tax Map: It was decided in 2015 that the reappraisal fund would fund the Tax Map costs.

Census Boundary & Annexation Survey: Fred responded to the survey.

School Choice Resolution: A request is made for Waterford to consider joining city & county leaders across the country in officially recognizing January 22-28, 2017 as School Choice Week in Waterford. National School Choice week is nonpolitical and is simply to raise awareness of the K-12 education options available to children. Brent made the motion to issue the proclamation for school choice week. Gary seconded the motion. All approved.

Town Budget: Recess to Wednesday January 18th at 6:30PM to discuss.

Town Warning: Will be emailed to the Selectboard when updated.

Executive Session- Personnel: No executive session was necessary.

Other: Fred had discussion with Chris as well as Bill Dimick, they believe moving to a 5 member DRB board would be best. Fred made the motion to change the size of the DRB from a 7 member board to a 5 member board with the secretary as alternate. Gary seconded the motion. All approved.

Adjourn: Gary made the motion to recess to Wednesday January 18th at 6:30pm. Fred seconded the motion. The meeting recessed at 9:45 p.m.

Approved:
Date:

Jessy Pelow
Assistant Town Clerk