

Town of Waltham
2053 Maple Street
Waltham, VT 05491
Selectboard Minutes 1-2-2023

Members Present: Don Ross Chair and Andrew Martin

Others: Cookie Steponaitis, Chris LaPete, Linda Devino and Julia Cox

Don Ross called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

Chris reported on his progress cutting trees on the side of the roads. He discussed with the board posting of the roads this spring and the wording on Excess Weight Permit. He told the board that he will be getting 12ft posts for the new electronic speeds signs as they are sturdier. He commented on the number of people who are still plowing their driveway snow onto or across the roads and asked if there was anything that can be done about it.

Andrew moved to approve the December minutes. Don suggested the edit of one sentence. Andrew agreed and the minutes were approved without the sentence in question.

Financials were discussed. Julia asked a number of questions from her point of view as a Town Auditor. There was some discussion on simplifying the account list in the NEMRC system for ease of understanding.

December pay orders were reviewed. Linda noted concern over the Otter Creek Engineering statement and the fact that she is not getting invoices, just statements. Andrew approved the amount of \$28,309.97 pending confirmation of Otter Creek Engineering statement. Don second and the approval was unanimous.

Correspondence was reviewed. Our new Common Level of Assessment from the State was discussed. It appears that the new number will require a town wide reappraisal. Cookie is working on a Request for Proposal for this and told the board that because of the high number of towns that will be required to do the same, it would most likely not happen in 2023 but rather 2024.

The budget was discussed and the progress Andrew has made. Andrew will meet with Linda to continue to work on it. The progress of the Town report was discussed. Cookie gave the board a number of pages/reports for them to review and or edit before publication.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Devino

Clerk / Treasurer