

Town of Waltham
2053 Maple Street
Waltham, VT 05491

Selectboard Minutes 4-3-2023

Members Present: Andrew Martin, Brent Newton, Chair and Rhonda Williams

Others Present: Chris LaPete, Linda Devino, Cookie Steponaitis, Chris Huston, Dan Morris, Chris Von Trapp and Jeff Glassberg

Brent Newton called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Culverts were discussed first as Chris LaPete was delayed. Andrew had supplied all members with a mock-up of a new Access Permit for new curb cuts in Waltham. The Vermont State Statute Title 19:§1111(b) will be the guiding tool along with Waltham Zoning regulations 611 and 620. The permitting process will be overseen by the Selectboard and Zoning Administrator. Any new curb cut will also need to be approved by our Road Contractor. After discussion of a few minor tweaks to the form, Andrew Martin moved to adopt the Access Permit. Brent Newton 2nd and the vote was unanimous in favor. There was discussion about an additional ordinance requiring all future culvert repairs to be the responsibility of the property owner. This will be discussed at next month's meeting.

The Efficiency Vermont Rebate for commercial lighting projects was reviewed in reference to the improvements to be made to town hall. Because we do not yet have a contractor and the deadline to apply is April 30th it was decided we will not apply.

Chris LaPete arrived and reported to the Board on his progress. As well as plowing through the March storms, he has replaced one culvert on Maple Street. The next one will be a property on Green Street and then the culvert at 3689 Maple Street. He advised the board on needed repairs to Route 66 and Crosby Heights. The upcoming culvert project on Middlebrook Road was discussed as well as existing salt and sand amounts.

At 7:32pm Brent moved Andrew 2nd to enter into executive session. The vote was unanimous in favor. There was much discussion but no formal action was taken. At 8:04pm Brent moved and Rhonda 2nd and the vote was unanimous to return to the regular meeting.

The March minutes were reviewed. Brent noted a typo to be corrected. He then moved to accept them with that change. Rhonda 2nd and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Brent moved to re-appoint Julia Cox as auditor with a term to end 2025. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Brent moved to contract with Green Mountain Towing to remove illegally parked cars from Route 66 for \$125 to be paid by the owner. Rhonda 2nd and the decision was unanimous in favor.

Cookie spoke about E 911 numbers and road names. The 911 coordinator for the state said road names can only change at a town line. Therefor Andrew moved and Brent 2nd and it was unanimously agreed to notify residents that Maple Street and Green Street will be called such from beginning to end.

Cookie explained to the board what she had learned about digitization our land records through NEMRC. We will need a new scanner and most likely a new computer. Andrew moved Rhonda 2nd and the Board unanimously agreed to move forward with the process through NEMRC.

Cookie also discussed our need for a town wide reappraisal. It was agreed to contact Alyth Hescocock of Real Capital Consulting as he is local, to see if he would be willing to put us on his schedule.

Pay orders were reviewed. Rhonda moved to pay \$129,540.90 Brent 2nd and the amount was unanimously approved.

With there being no other business to discuss, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Devino

Clerk / Treasurer