

Town of Waltham
2053 Maple Street
Waltham, VT 05491

Select Board Minutes 6-6-2022

Members Present: Don Ross-Chair, Brent Newton and Andrew Martin

Others: Cookie Steponaitis and Linda Devino, Ken Wheeling – ZA, Mike Merrigan, Phil Nowell, Lee & Harold Francis and Jeff Glassberg by phone

Don Ross called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Mike Merrigan discussed the lack of visibility of the stop sign at Pearson Road and Route 17. He will be installing a 'Stop Ahead' sign. Also he noted that the majority of the vegetation has been trimmed but the sign is still blocked by a pole. He updated the board on the progress of road work this spring and noted he has used 13 sign posts this year alone. The recent damage done to Maple Street was discussed and how to repair it. Green Street's large pothole was also discussed the estimate for paving was approved by the board. Mike will get Waltham on their schedule ASAP.

Ken Wheeling apprised the board of a few Zoning violation issues that have come up. There are three properties in question. One for bringing in fill. The second for business use of a property without a permit and the third for both the illegal filling of a property and improper use of a barn for the zone it is in. Ken has contacted all three property owners and will follow up again with more forceful letters in order to insist on zoning compliance by all three parties. Jeff Glassberg DRB Chair agreed and noted that the rules are put in place for the benefit of all townspeople and people need to respect the laws.

Jeff Glassberg also noted to the Selectboard that the Enhanced Energy Plan is ready for review/approval by them and the Development Review Board is hoping for a public hearing on 7-11-2022 along with the next Selectboard meeting.

The May minutes were reviewed. Brent Newton motioned to accept them as written and the vote was unanimous in favor.

The safety issues at Pearson Rd & RT 17 intersection were discussed. Andrew Martin will look into a flashing light/sign.

The financial report was reviewed. No action was taken.

Brent Newton moved to enter executive session per VSA § 313 to discuss contracts. Andrew Martin second and session started at 7:45 pm. Andrew Martin moved to return to regular

meeting Brent Newton second and the Board came out of executive session at 8:10pm with no action being taken.

The Pay orders for May were reviewed. Andrew Martin moved to pay the amount of \$17,163.06 Brent Newton second and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Correspondence was reviewed. The board approved the reappointment by the State of Mike Grace as Forest Fire Warden.

In new business the damage caused to Maple Street by a manure hauling company was discussed as was how to prevent it in the future and the cost to repair the road.

Cookie Steponaitis spoke to the board about the need and costs of a new website. She showed everyone a couple of examples and why she liked them. When asked who will maintain it Linda and Cookie will. Andrew moved to approve up to \$800 for a new set up Brent Newton second and the motion was approved.

Cookie Steponaitis then spoke about having an annual town picnic again. Sunday August 28th was chosen. Some particulars were discussed/arranged. Andrew Martin moved to approve a budget of \$500 for the picnic. Don Ross second and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Cookie Steponaitis told the board that the grand list has been lodged. Notice of change letters have been mailed. Grievance hearings has been scheduled for 6-17-22 from 5pm – 7pm.

The next Selectboard meeting will be scheduled for July 11 at 6:45pm for the road report and then the public hearing for the Planning Commission presentation of the EEP and selectboard meeting will follow.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Devino

Clerk / Treasurer