

Town of Waltham
2053 Maple Street
Waltham, VT 05491

Selectboard Minutes 11-6-2023

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

Others Present: Chris LaPete, Linda Devino, Cookie Steponaitis and Leslie Huston

Brent Newton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Chris LaPete reported to the board of his intention to grade all the dirt roads ASAP. He explained the charge for a truck from Panton. He noted the large amount of trash in the pull off at So. Middlebrook Rd and Green Street. He showed the board a paper identifying who may own the trash. There was discussion of a new culvert in Pine Oak Park. He said he was contacted by a company interested in a constructing a manure digester in Addison County and use of Waltham's road for the project. Chris will tell them to contact the Selectboard. Tree trimming on Route 66 and discussion of the "walk" with the arborist and his suggestions was next. Andrew explained what was concluded. Teachers Tree Service will come and trim trees that hinder the overhang and will mark the trees that need to be removed. The purpose being safety of motorists and future maintenance of the road. Andrew moved to accept this proposal of \$3300 per day to box trim the road and mark the trees for us to remove. Rhonda 2nd and the vote was unanimous in favor.

October minutes were reviewed. Brent moved to accept them as written. Rhonda 2nd and they were unanimously approved.

The Selectboard discussed Waltham's representation on the Maple Broadband Board. Andrew will step down Jeff was appointed as an alternate and on the Executive Committee. Leslie Huston will be appointed to the governing board beginning 12-1-23. Brent moved to make these changes/appointments. Rhonda 2nd and the vote was unanimous.

There was a brief discussion of the town hall repairs. No action taken.

Road speed and enforcement thereof was discussed. Brent explained some of the processes needed and how it would affect ticket revenue. He also suggested putting speed limit changes to a vote on Town Meeting Day. He will work on the wording it for next month's meeting.

E 911 numbers and road names were discussed. The Vermont 911 board has requested RT 17 to be called Otter Creek Highway in Waltham and noted that some of the house numbers are currently incorrect. Andrew moved to approve the name change for E911 purposes. Rhonda 2nd and the change was unanimously approved.

Financials were discussed. Linda noted most all tax payments have been received. We are all set to pay ANWSD by December. Andrew said we have been approved for the MERP audit to help with the Town Hall renovations. Linda noted that one of our accounts in NBM has become dormant. She suggested combining two of the accounts. Andrew disagreed and said he will call the bank to stop the dormant fee.

Pay orders for October were reviewed. Brent moved to approve \$17397.77. Rhonda 2nd and the amount was unanimously approved.

Correspondence was reviewed. Linda commented on the boxelder bug infestation and that she had gotten an estimate for removal. It was agreed that our budget would not support the fees. The Selectboard reviewed a letter in reference to VARS coverage and decided to let it be.

Andrew said he was leaving at the end of this term. ☹ There was discussion of someone to replace him. That discussion will continue

With there being no other business to discuss, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Devino

Clerk / Treasurer