

Town of Waltham
2053 Maple Street
Waltham, VT 05491

Selectboard Minutes 6-5-2023

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

Others Present: Chris LaPete, Linda Devino, Cookie Steponaitis, Amanda Bodell and Alyth Hescoek

Brent Newton called the meeting to order at 6:59pm.

Chris LaPete discussed with the board our paving needs and the fact that we need to get on a paver's schedule quickly or it won't get done this year. He said he will be doing the grant work on the Route 66 ditches and removing the trees that are in the ditches. He noted that some residents are wondering when the roadsides will be mowed. He has contacted Dave Miner who will begin soon.

The Board reviewed the Driveway Access Policy Andrew prepared and the No Parking ordinance for Route 66 that Brent prepared. A few minor edits were noted for both. Brent moved to warn the adoption of the Access Policy for July's meeting and Rhonda 2nd. Andrew moved to also warn the Parking ordinance, Brent 2nd. The votes were unanimous in favor for both motions.

Amanda Bodell was in to speak to the board about the trees in Sunset View Cemetery. She was pleased with the work Chris has done but unhappy with the lack of communication from the Selectboard. The Board assured her they will communicate better with her in the future.

Alyth Hescoek addressed the board in reference to our needed town wide reappraisal. He told the board of his qualifications and experience working for surrounding local towns. He can scheduled Waltham for the summer of 2024. He discussed two different types of reappraisals. The full regular reappraisal and a statistical reappraisal. He explained the difference in the two. He noted his fee will be per parcel charge with a separate per hour fee for grievance hearings for either type of project. The board asked him if he could prepare two separate proposals. Alyth agreed and will prepare both within the month.

The April and May minutes were reviewed. Andrew moved to approve both Brent 2nd and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Discussion about upcoming renovations to town hall began. Brent said Multy Builders has agreed to undertake the project. Linda will arrange for a storage unit to be delivered to town hall ASAP so the building can be emptied and readied for construction.

The financials were reviewed. Linda explained that some of the numbers are skewed because of the ARPA funds. Linda will adjust the spreadsheet to reflect those numbers.

The pay orders for May were reviewed. Andrew moved to pay the amount of \$7,337.59. Brent 2nd and the amount was unanimously approved.

The annual Local Emergency Management Municipal Action Plan was reviewed with the necessary changes and signed for submission to Addison County Regional Planning Commission. Also reviewed and approved were the appointments to various boards for ACRPC.

The proposal for auditing from Telling and Telling was approved and signed. The contract with ACRPC for consulting throughout preparation of a new Town Plan was approved and signed as well.

The July meeting will be changed from 7-3 to 7-10 because of vacation schedules.

With there being no other business to discuss, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Devino

Clerk / Treasurer