

Town of Waltham  
2053 Maple Street  
Waltham, VT 05491

Selectboard Minutes 9-11-2023

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

Others Present: Chris LaPete, Linda Devino and Cookie Steponaitis

Brent Newton called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Chris discussed the culverts on Route 66. Two are in need of replacing ASAP. He/we will warn a road closing for Sept 20-22 giving him a window of time in case of inclement weather. There was also discussion of a culvert on Green Street that will also need to be replaced.

The tree clearing process for Route 66 was also discussed. Andrew said he has made an appointment with Greg Ranallo of Teachers Tree Service to walk Route 66 and inspect the trees needing to be tended to. This walk will take place on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.

The August minutes were reviewed. Andrew moved to approve them as written. Brent 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was unanimous in favor.

The estimate for renovation of the town hall from Multy Builders was reviewed as well as the current bills for work done so far. Andrew moved to agree to the estimate and move forward. Brent 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was unanimous in favor. Andrew is working with Adam Lougee in hopes to receive some additional funding through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program to aid in the process.

Funding for the So Middlebrook culvert was discussed. Rhonda said she had been in touch with Dave Pellitier of Department of Transportation and will let the board know if there is any funding available there.

Both the contract for the upcoming 2024-2025 Town wide reappraisal and the fire contract with Vergennes were reviewed and signed.

The tax rate was discussed. Andrew will meet with Linda in the morning to wrap things up.

The pay orders for August were reviewed. Andrew moved to pay the amount of \$15,471.73. Rhonda 2<sup>nd</sup> and the amount was unanimously approved.

Correspondence was reviewed. No formal action taken.

Brent spoke about Vergennes PELS and how he felt about the possible 'line' through Waltham. He would like to survey Waltham residents to be sure they are aware of the details.

Cookie commented on the picnic and everyone agreed that it was well attended and received. She also let the board know that there are some local people who would like to make needed improvements to both the cemetery on Route 66 and Sunset view.

With there being no other business to discuss, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Devino

Clerk / Treasurer