

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, August 8, 2016 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Supervisor Sandra Wright and Council Members: Travis McKnight, Shirley Robinson, Patricia VanPatten, and Shaun Prentice.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, Karen Thew, Mickey Miller, Bruce MacDonald, Andy Henry, Vicki MacDonald, Mark Scott, Tom Roidl, Larry Langley, Warren Kocher, Mike Chambers, and Judy Jones.

Call to order: Supv Wright called the meeting to order @ 7PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Citizen's Comments:

Mark Scott reported that the concerts at the old town hall sponsored by the Gallery Lake St. Lawrence Arts were well attended. There were approximately 100 people. They have given a check in the amount of \$100 towards renovations. He asked when the work will begin. Supv Wright stated that they will get to this later in the meeting but that the old town hall will not be available for rental until after October 1st. She will let him know if it is available any earlier. He also asked about the agenda items concerning dissolution of health district. He stated that this had been done while he was in office. Supv Wright noted that the board had dissolved the position of health officer not the district.

Public Hearing: Supv Wright opened the public hearing @ 7:03 with the Clerk reading the legal notice published in the newspaper. She began by reading an explanation of an easement as per the Town Attorney.

Supt Dalton explained that this discussion of abandoning this portion of the River Rd has come about over the last couple of years. In another township a person built a home on a limited use road and had children that needed transportation to school and they were forced to build a road to state standards to allow the school bus entry. In 2013 the NYS road survey listed 41 miles of roads to be maintained. 35% of these roads showed signs of distress or serious repairs needed. The CHIPs program allows the town to do 1- 1.6 miles of road per year. The 2015 Road inventory indicates that .95 miles of the River Rd is no longer considered a road by standards so there is no money allotted for maintenance.

Supv Wright opened the hearing to public comments:

Karen Thew spoke for her husband Jim who could not attend the meeting. She noted that his questions had been answered during Supt Dalton's discussion. She also noted that he stated he is not in favor of abandonment. He feels the Town should refrain until they decide how they are going to sell the property.

Andy Henry noted that at one time Brookview Drive was private. He noted that if the Town sells lots and there are 40-50 houses there who would plow. He was told that it would be private first and they would have to build the road according to specs before any takeover would happen. The Town doesn't feel that they should be property owners and it should be put on the tax rolls.

Warren Kocher noted that he would be in favor as long as an easement is granted and that the property wouldn't be land locked.

Bruce MacDonald noted that this is a conundrum that he isn't sure how it can be solved. It has been there for 10 years and nothing has happened. Maybe the Town will have to make it more attractive by reducing the price and possibly building a road. 25 years ago there were no houses where he is and once they started to build another 6-7 houses were built then. He is in favor of putting money into building a road into the gas line, turn around and come back.

Larry Langley stated that he has taken a lot of walks/jogs up there and wasn't sure how the road had been utilized over the years. One time the gate is locked and the next time the lock is cut off. He noted that it can be treacherous to walk on now and might be a liability.

Mark Scott noted that public access is important. The public should be granted access through an easement after the property is sold. He feels that the town could build a road piece by piece without a great burden to the taxpayers.

Supv Wright asked if anyone else had any comments. No further comments requested the public hearing was closed @ 7:45PM.

Supv Wright stated that the next order of business was for the Board to make a decision on the abandonment of the portion of River Rd in discussion.

C. McKnight stated that unless someone can come up with a clear way to pay for a road to be built in this area he could not support this concept. There are many dirt roads in the township that need the attention. He can't justify to those people how the board could sink money into the River Rd and not theirs. Some of the dirt roads lose 1" per year unless properly maintained. He also noted that the Town wouldn't land lock any of the property above the gate. Easements will be worked into the deeds.

C. Prentice has stated that we need to bring the tax base up in the community. He has heard from many constituents who state do what needs to be done but don't raise taxes. There are many on fixed incomes who just can't afford them. The Town is in a good spot right not but with all the state and county mandates that come in it may begin to be ugly. Look at what is happening with the sales tax right now. We need to be more conscious of spending. He also agreed that easements will be worked into the deeds.

Resolution #48

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

WHEREAS, that the highway in said Town of Waddington, known and described as a portion of River Road, has not been opened or worked within six or more years from its dedication to the use of the public, and it has not been traveled or used as a highway for six or more years prior to the date of this certificate;

WHEREAS, The description of said highway that is proposed to be abandoned is 0.94 miles of road commencing at a gate which is across the lands of the Town of Waddington known as parcel no. 8660 on map no. 1111C of the lands of the Power Authority of the State of New York, the St. Lawrence Power Project, and said road proceeds generally in a westerly direction from the gate across Parcel No 8660 and across Parcel No. 8659 of the Power Authority of the State of New York, the St. Lawrence Power Project, Map No. 1110C, and said road dead-ends at a point in the southerly boundary of Parcel No. 8659, as shown on the attached map.

RESOLVED, that said highway is hereby declared abandoned pursuant to §205 of Highway Law as a highway and a public right-of-way.

Roll call vote:

Supv Wright: Aye C. VanPatten: Aye

C. McKnight: Aye C. Prentice: Aye

C. Robinson: Aye

Committee Reports:

Recreation:

C. VanPatten reported that the beach has been running well. Riders for the bus are again in low numbers. Reading Program went very well. Well attended.

Tourism:

C. VanPatten reported that the You Gotta Regatta was held on July 30th. 16 Kayaks participated. They are hoping for more entrants next year. Everyone enjoys our water course. The 41st Annual Homecoming took place on Aug. 5-7. The weekend didn't have a very good start with rain on Friday night and canceling events at 9. The new location of events has had a lot of conversation. Most vendors I talked to love the new location.

Jr. Carp Tournament starts Thursday Aug. 11, and they fish till Saturday night Aug.13th at 5. Boat Races will take place Aug 19 & 20.

Rescue Squad: C. Prentice stated that he was unable to attend the meeting.

Library: C. Robinson reported that the meeting was held on August 2nd. Edith said the reading program was well attended. The teachers had the Nature Center come for a turtle and owl presentation. The own presentation was very interested. C. Robinson attended and there were 13 children that enjoyed it.

In the children's area they noticed three carpenter ants. Edith asked that C. Robinson let Bob know. She said she has them because they store wood in their basement. She uses a mixture of borax, sugar, and water in a small container. That takes care of them. Maitlands gave an estimate of \$10,342 to install vinyl tiles in the basement. Bob checked the toilet in the basement and found one of the blue bags caught in the drain. Ken Hargrave will repair 23 steps. Kevin said there are two tables left in the store room and he will strap them together. Bob fixed the screen door. A patron cut her finger on it. There was some excitement toward the end of the meeting. A bat came flying around and Kevin and Cheryl caught it in a net. The next meeting will be September 6th.

Cemetery: C. McKnight reported that he had someone approach him who received 40 hours of community service through the court. He would like to work in the cemeteries. C. McKnight would like permission from the board to supervise his work. The board stated that he had their permission.

Highway: Supt Dalton reported that they have spent some time working in conjunction with Lisbon and Norfolk hauling blacktop as payment for their trucks working with us. They have been replacing necessary road culverts. They worked in conjunction with Iroquois Gas Company insulating the gas line on Dunbar Rd to see in the future if it will help dissipate the heat from the gas line, which in turn would let our road freeze and not have such a dip in it. The paving has been completed on Dunbar Rd and Jenner Rd. They are preparing Leishman Point for blacktop this week. Shoulder material has been mixed and is scheduled to start being laid next week. They worked with the Village in preparation for Homecoming weekend. There is ongoing trimming around road signs, culverts, and intersections. They started roadside mowing again last week.

C. VanPatten stated that at Homecoming Co-Chairperson she would like to thank the highway department for all they do for the weekend.

Chamber of Commerce: C. VanPatten reported that they are in the process of filling goody bags for the Jr. Carp Tournament.

Old Town Hall: Supv Wright reported that she asked the three companies from last month to requote the masonry work at the old town hall. Of the three that submitted the only one still interested is Evan's Caulking from LaFargeville. His new quote is \$9,700. The cost for the lift through Brian Haggett is \$2200 per month. Evan's can begin on Wednesday. Vicki MacDonald has offered to volunteer to be clerk of the works for the project. She would like to have a pre meeting before the job begins. Discussion was held and the following resolution offered.

Resolution #49

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby name Vicki MacDonald as clerk of the works for the old town hall project at no salary cost;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby hire Evan's Caulking, Lafargeville NY to do the masonry work as specified in the job proposal in the amount of \$9,700. The Board also authorizes the Supervisor to sign the contract with Evan's Caulking.

Ayes: All

Painting contract: Supv Wright requested quotes to have the windows painted and repaired from the following:

Scott Painting- Alexandria Bay, NY

Windows- re-glaze, prime, and paint	\$15,900
Trim- scrape, prime, and paint all trim	\$19,900
Exterior Stairwell- steps, railing, door	\$ 2,100

LaFaver's Painting- Madrid, NY

Windows- pressure wash, scrape, prime, re-glaze & paint	\$6,300.00
Trim- pressure wash, scrape, prime, caulk & paint	
Front entrance- Pressure wash and paint hand rails	
Supplies/lift rental	1,500.00
Reopen all windows after painting is complete	600.00

The Board further discussed painting of the windows and noted that this wasn't in the scope of the grant at this time. We should get more quotes from contractors should we decide to pursue this.

Supv Wright noted that the suspended ceiling needed to be taken down before we can see what needs to be done to the original ceiling above. She has met with an engineer and Code Enforcement Officer to look at the beam structures above the ceiling. She has received a quote from AOK Engineering- Karl Bender in the amount of \$2,675 to do the following work:

1. Create base drawings for second floor and attic space for the proposed HVAC system.
2. Create a HVAC design for heating and air conditioning for second floor only.
3. Review structural aspects of existing ceiling structure for the addition of the insulation and make recommendations on type of insulation and installation method. This is assuming that the structure is capable of accepting the additional loading.
4. Provide engineering estimate for the HVAC design.

The Town will take care of the bidding and selection of the contractor.

The Board discussed the need for the engineer. Supv Wright asked for a motion to accept. No motion granted.

Library Steps: There was a deficiency with the material used to repair the library steps. Ken Hargrave will repair the nosing on the steps for the cost of \$20 per step. There are 23 steps for a total of \$460 in labor. The total job should be under \$1000 with materials. The Town will purchase the materials.

Resolution #50

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve Ken Hargrave to repair the nosing on the steps at the Library for a total of \$460. The total job with materials is not to exceed \$1,000. Ayes: All

MacDonald Proposal: A purchase offer was made by Vicki MacDonald to purchase a 99' x 52' parcel of land that adjoins her property behind the old town hall. The other adjoining landowners were offered the opportunity to purchase. There were no other offers made.

Resolution #51

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept a purchase offer from Vicki MacDonald to sell a 99' x 52' parcel of land located behind the old town hall in the amount of \$450. There are to be no easements necessary on the parcel.

Roll Call Vote:

Supv Wright:	Aye	C. VanPatten:	Aye
C. McKnight:	Aye	C. Prentice:	Aye
C. Robinson:	Aye		

Ogdensburg Rescue Squad: Supv Wright reported that she has received a letter from the Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad. They are in the process of updating their Certificate of Need to reflect their current operational conditions. This includes mutual aid response for the Town and Village of Waddington among other communities. They are requesting a letter of support from the Board to go with their certificate.

Resolution #52

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby support the Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad's update of their certificate of need. Ayes: All

Health District Dissolution: Supv Wright stated that on June 30, 2010 the Town Board voted to dissolve the Health Officer position due to the County taking over the responsibility. This didn't dissolve the Consolidated Health District. This is causing problems with the annual report and the tax cap because there is no report filed due to not the district not being active.

Resolution #53

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby dissolve the Consolidated Health District. Ayes: All

Tax Cap: Supv Wright reported that the tax cap for 2017 is .42. It was .73 for 2016.

Dutchess County Request: Supv Wright reported that she had received a request from Dutchess County requesting the Town's support in their initiative called "Think Differently" which is a great step forward for residents with special needs.

Resolution #54

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

Resolution calling on the Town of Waddington, residents and business owners to adopt the "Think Differently" Initiative to assist individuals with special needs and their families.

WHEREAS, the "Think Differently" initiative is about promoting awareness and acceptance of all people, and advocating for the inclusion of all individuals living on the Autism Spectrum and with special need; and

WHEREAS, our state and communities are stronger because of our diversity and differences; and

WHEREAS, for some people with special needs, the very things that make them unique can also keep them on the sidelines, separate from those who might not understand their differences or uniqueness; and

WHEREAS, it is important to promote and provide guidance to those with special needs on how to access publically supported services available to them in the community; and

WHEREAS, it is important to encourage and educate the community and businesses on ways they can make facilities and services more accessible and on how to train staff to welcome and support special needs customers and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this initiative is to provide a supportive and inclusive environment for individuals of all abilities by support community events that expand family friendly opportunities for people with special needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, adopting the "Think Differently" initiative is an important statement that our Town officials, business owners and residents can make to show their support for the differently-abled children and adults with special needs and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Waddington residents and business owners to adopt the "Think Differently" initiative so that all are better prepared to communicate with, provide for, and support those living on the Autism Spectrum and with special needs. Ayes: All

Handicap Equipment: Supv Wright stated that Claxton Hepburn has donated \$2,000 for the Dragon Boat races held at the beach. The Recreation Chairman has expressed interest in purchasing some handicap playground equipment at the beach. We have spoken with the Power Authority and it isn't in the budget. She would like to allow him to purchase this equipment with the money donated.

Resolution # 55

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of handicap playground equipment for Howard Park not to exceed \$2,000. Ayes: All

Equalization Rate: The equalization rate for 2017 is 100%.

Payroll Charges: Supv Wright requested that the Board give permission to charge 1 payroll to recreation for Carol, Darlene, and Kerri for all the time spent taking care of the beach, morning recreation, and reading program.

Resolution #56

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to charge one payroll to recreation for work done with programs by Carol Burns, Darlene Ellis, and Kerri O'Bryan. Ayes: All

Asbestos Survey:

Resolution #57

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the partial pre-remodel asbestos survey for the old town hall to be conducted by David Cole in the amount of \$500. Ayes: All

Energy Program: C. Prentice reported that there is a new program in which municipalities working toward greener energy usage will be able to apply for up to \$250,000 in grants to help reduce energy consumption and increase clean energy use. Communities can earn Clean Energy Communities designation by completing 4 of 10 high impact actions. He will further investigate the program to see what would need to be done.

Hwy Supt Dalton noted that a salesman from Barrett Paving had come to measure the road for Leishman Point. He asked that the Board be told he brought his grandchildren to the beach. They had never swum in a river only Municipal pools. He stated that they enjoyed themselves and that Waddington has a beautiful facility.

Executive Session: A motion was made by McKnight seconded by Prentice to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and contract negotiations. A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to return to regular session @ 9:45 PM. No action was taken during executive session.

Bills: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by VanPatten to pay bills # - in the amount of \$. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by McKnight to adjourn the meeting @ 10:00PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk