

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, December 8, 2014 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present: Supervisor Sandra Wright and Councilmembers: Travis McKnight, Shirley Robinson, and Patricia VanPatten. C. Prentice was absent from the meeting.

Also present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, and Mark Scott.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments: Mark Scott asked if the Supervisor could give any information about the Whitehouse Bay Project. She noted that she has requested that they submit information to the Board and that once this was received she would put their project on an agenda to present to the public. He also asked if there was any information for the public with the NYPA negotiations. She again noted that the Task Force was in discussion with their attorney and NYPA. They hope to have something by the end of the year. Mark also asked about the donations towards the new digital sign and what the total cost was. The Clerk reported that the sign was 13,700. The Town has received \$4,000 from the Village, \$1,500 from the Chamber, and \$450 from other local businesses in the area.

Committee Reports:

Library: C. Robinson reported that Steve Bolton from the North Country Library System met with the Library Board on Monday, November 24th. C. Robinson noted that she would like to meet with him but was not invited to the meeting. She was told that they went over 2015 funding options.

Bruce McDonald will build two new book cases at \$400 each. The Board agreed to get rid of one phone line.

They may have to use some of their fund balance for the carpet downstairs. The Board discussed the carpet for downstairs. Highway Supt. Dalton was concerned if they were carpeting the basement because the moisture would still come through the cracks in the concrete floor. C. VanPatten noted that she believed they were going to use some area rugs in parts of the basement to construct their teen center.

Three computers have been replaced. The three old ones will go to Marilyn Burrill to use for Treasurer Reports, Edith to use at home, and one put in storage for a spare. Supv. Wright asked if the Library would have to dispose of their equipment as surplus. Council Members noted that it would cost more to put them up for auction than they were worth.

The Town Supervisor will be asked with the Board to appoint Marilyn Burtill as Treasurer and Robert Lenny as trustee. The Supervisor will address the appointments at the Town's Organizational Meeting. The next meeting will be January 6th.

C. VanPatten noted that Steve MacDonald was concerned about the tree in front of the library. It has a lot of dead limbs. The Board noted that this is a Village concern and will contact them.

Rescue Squad: Supv. Wright reported that the Squad held their meeting on December 1st. They held their election of officers. They will remain except for the Chief who is now Tammy Kocher. She has replaced Rhonda Wells. They have 18 members, 3 EMT's w/one more coming on board in January and two in mid-June. They did Ebola training in November and will have another in January. They are looking to get a grant to purchase an Auto Pulse Non-invasive cardiac support pump. The cost of the equipment is \$16,000.

Recreation: C. VanPatten reported that there was no Recreation Meeting this month. They have sent out flyers to the high school in regards to finding so new beach guards for next year. No one is interested as of yet and they might advertise it in the paper. They also want to get together with the village about the rink for this season.

Tourism Report

C. VanPatten reported that she is helping Waddington Chamber with setting up Dec. 19th at 6:00pm to go Caroling with the Girls Scouts. The Rescue Squad will be dedicating their memory tree also that night. We'll have refreshments at the old town hall afterwards.

Agriculture, Cemeteries, Campground: C. McKnight noted that there were no meetings. He was able to find the maps and appraisals for the lands above the beach. He will bring them to a future meeting when all are in attendance.

Highway: Supt. Dalton reported that the trucks have all been harnessed with plows, wings, and sanders. Routine maintenance and service work is ongoing.

The freestanding sand screen is working quite well for loading the sanders. There are still a few bugs but they are ironing them out. This project has eliminated the need for the drivers to climb up onto the sanders, which eliminates the chance of a fall and serious injury.

Supt. Dalton and one many worked with the Village crew to repair a water main break on Rt 345 near the bridge. Also work with the Village paving the street near Weldon Barkley's house on St. Lawrence Ave.

The air conditioners have been removed and the storm windows have been installed at the library with the help of the Village crew.

The Gradall is still in sick bay so the Town of Madrid brought their machine and operator over to take care of some necessary ditch work before winter. Supt. Barkley and Dalton will be getting together in the next couple weeks to compare notes and see how we are coming out on expenses incurred from shared services. They are also in discussion of jointly purchasing a gravel roller as both towns have had to rent a machine numerous times during the year.

The Highway Dept. had 4 grave openings this past month. They also got the dead pine tree cleaned up that was taken down in the Scotch Cemetery.

They worked with the Village to remove the docks from the waterfront. They have repaired and installed the Christmas decorations with the help of the Village crew when available. Supt. Dalton thanked Patty VanPatten for repairing and setting up the antique carolers at the four corners.

C. Prentice and Supt. Dalton met with Fourth Coast once the solar panels were turned on. He got a better understanding on how it works and at some point they are going to set up a method of tracking power produced and power used. At this point in a seven day period from December 1 to December 8 the Town has generated 738kWh. The total production to date is 3315 hours.

Supt. Dalton asked the board to consider the purchase of a container for the Christmas Decorations. He can get one from New Jersey for \$3,600. The Town was unsuccessful in the bid for containers from the Seaway Corporation.

NYPA Maintenance: Bryant Bullard and Brian Terry met with Supv. Wright, Supt. Dalton, and Clerk Burns to discuss the maintenance program. They gave Waddington a good report. There were only a few minor issues. They are budgeting to reseal the parking lot and sidewalks at the beach in 2015. They also discussed new rubber synthetic mulch for the playgrounds. Supt. Dalton will send them an estimate to put lighting on the new flagpole once it is installed.

WRA: Mark Scott reported that Louise Smith has been working on the summer concert series for this coming summer. She will receive more money from the Art's Council. The Recorder is at the printer.

Solar Project: Supv. Wright reported that we have not received the final bid from National Grid. There is a bill to be paid to Fourth Coast for \$40,538. To date we have spent \$139,186. We received \$59,081.07 from the RVRDA. We will submit for more once we have cancelled checks from this payment.

County Snow Removal:

Resolution #78

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the terms of the three year contract for snow removal with the St. Lawrence County Highway Department. The Board further directs the Town Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, and Town Clerk to sign the documents. Ayes: All

Whitehouse Bay: Supv. Wright reported that she has given a list of items that needs to be submitted by December 29th to the group who is proposing a project at Whitehouse Bay. Once these items are submitted she will set a date for them to make a public presentation.

Budget Adjustments:

Resolution #79

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to make the following budget adjustments:

Increase 1620.41A Town Hall Bldg Improvements by \$54,319.20 from grant money received

Increase Resource Center Rent 1620.43A by \$5414.52 from Buildings Contractual 1620.4A

Increase Band Concerts 7270A by 1,119.00 by money received from grant

Increase Homecoming Weekend Expenses 7271A by \$648.92 to reflect money brought in by festival

Increase Parks & Cemeteries Personal 8810.1A by \$1,691.38 from 14204A

Attorney: Supv. Wright read a letter of resignation from the Town's current attorney Michelle Ladouceur and a letter of interest for the position from Attorney Charles Nash.

Resolution #80

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the resignation of current Town Attorney Michelle Ladouceur effective 1/1/15; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does hereby appoint Attorney Charles Nash to the position of Town Attorney effective 1/1/15. Ayes: All

Dump Truck: Supt Dalton reported that he had secured a price with Mr. Maginn from Heritage Homes for the purchase of a 2002 GMC C7500 Dump Truck. He is asking \$7,500. Supt. Dalton checked with three different dealers to compare the prices. This truck has been well maintained and will be a considerable upgrade from the '79 Ford that is currently in the fleet. Supt Dalton is concerned that the brakes are rotted and the box is really showing its age.

Resolution # 81

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the purchase of one 2002 GMC C7500 Dump Truck from Heritage Homes with a price of \$7,500. Ayes: All

Surplus Equipment: Supt Dalton spoke to the Board about cleaning house from surplus equipment that is no longer of any value or use to the Town. Further discussion ensued. The Board will get a list from Supt Dalton and the equipment will be listed on Auctions International. The Clerk will also post an ad in the newspaper that these items will be available at this website.

Retirement Bill: Supv. Wright reported that the Town will save \$346 if they pay the annual retirement bill in December instead of February. She feels that we have the extra money to do this why not save the money?

Resolution #82

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby give the bookkeeper approval to pay the annual retirement bill in December. Ayes: All

Digital sign: Supt Dalton reported that the sign is not in operation yet. There are some items that need to be taken care of with the electrical contractors and National Grid. Karen Thew has given the Town permission to plug it into the pedestal by the old school until the problems can be resolved.

C. McKnight reported that he had spoken with Supt Dalton about an abandoned road in the Town of Waddington. He noted that the Board should look at the Miller Rd to see if the end that is not seasonal use has been abandoned. Supt Dalton will check the road inventory to see what it is listed as.

Citizen's Comments:

Mark Scott asked several comments in relation to items discussed during the Board meeting.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to enter into executive session @8:30PM to discuss NYPA negotiations. A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by VanPatten to return to regular session @ 8:55PM. No action was taken during executive session.

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

Adjournment: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to adjourn the meeting @ 9:25PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk