

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, May 14, 2018 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Supervisor Alex Hammond and Councilmembers: Travis McKnight, Shirley Robinson, Scott Loomis, and Shaun Prentice.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Mark Scott, and Patty VanPatten.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Citizen's Comments: There were no comments.

Committee Reports:

Recreation/Tourism: C Robinson reported that there was no meeting held. Russ is working on getting the beach up and running. Jack & Gwen Thrasher will return as caretakers. The park will officially open on May 20th.

C McKnight noted that the Village has retracted the funding for the fire department for traffic control. It was budgeted for \$4,400. The Fire Department has no choice in providing the traffic control. They have told the Fire Department that they can keep all the money made at the beer tent but want them to pay \$700 for the spot. C McKnight stated that this wasn't right and the fire department will be meeting with the BASS committee to straighten out.

Rescue Squad: C Prentice stated that he couldn't attend the meeting but had spoken with Julie McBath. They have been working on some housekeeping stuff, policies etc.

Library: C Loomis stated that they Library Board had met with Munson Miller to get an estimate on some shrubbery that they would like to do. The step repair is almost complete. There were 740 people who used the library and 218 used the computers.

Cemeteries: C McKnight reported that they had begun mowing the cemeteries. Supt Putney noted that a Legionnaire had approached him about the tree line along the side of Old Brookside Cemetery. It really needs to be cleaned out and thinned. It is encroaching on some of the plots. C McKnight noted that he would look at it to see what we can do.

Supt Putney asked if there was money to do the driveways in New Brookside like they were done in Old Brookside. C McKnight stated that this was done with the Hagget Estate Money. When the town had finished the work in old Brookside C McKnight spoke with Paul Haggett to see if the money can be used in other cemeteries and he stated that it could. There is \$14,600 in this account. We will look at the driveways.

Supt Putney told the board that he had been working in the New Brookside cemetery and that it was very difficult to figure where the plots begin and end if they don't have corner markers. He requested that the board make a policy that would require new people buying plots to have the cornerstones installed. The Board discussed the possibility. The Clerk will contact Witherbee & Whalen to see what a basic corner marker runs. We can discuss it further at the next board meeting.

Highway: The Highway Department plowed four times and all but 1 truck has been unharnessed. The trench for electrical service was dug and installed pole for car charging station. They have cleaned culverts where the beaver have plugged them. Put a flat bed/dump box on F250. The old box was rotted off and this allows us to utilize the vehicle more. Washed salt and sand off trucks.

Put culvert in on McKnight Rd to run a pipe through for liquid manure. This is taking approximately 500 truckloads off this road. Lisbon ground the road for us which worked very well. Need to do some ditching there and will pave when finished.

Installed No Thru signs on Allison, McGinnis, Coles Creek, Irish Settlement, Hardscrabble, and Halfway House Rd due to the Franklin Rd Bridge being out.

They opened up the beach. The water is on and need to change a valve for temperature control. The lawn was mowed. Will be doing it again this week and also swept River Rd walking trail.

Went to Ferdonia to look at Roller and purchased it. Have already used it on the Henry Rd where we cut shoulders and rolled new stone. It worked very well.

Crew replaced road signs on Irish Settlement and culvert markers, cleared debris from wind storm out of right of ways, and attended annual safety training with Madrid and Safety Joe. Auctions International representative looked at surplus equipment for auction. Two grave opens have been done and poured foundations for two headstones.

Supt Putney reported that he met with the DEC at the old Hunter Rd gravel pit to find out about potential gravel at that pit. The permit renewal comes due again in November and there is a potential to expand the permit to get gravel that will be needed to replace some of the bigger culverts. He noted that we should have the boundaries flagged to make sure we are within our area. The clerk has emailed Jim Thew to ask if he would be interested in doing this.

Supt Putney has drawn up a culvert policy and a General town road requirement policy for any new roads that may come into town by a developer or individual that may ask the town to take over. With this in place the Town will be able to be sure the roads are built to specs. The board discussed both policies. A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Loomis to send the documents to the Town Attorney for review. Ayes: All

Agreement to spend Highway Funds:

Resolution #41

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board authorizes the sum of \$157,117 be expended for general repairs on 30 miles of Town Highway from Item I Appropriations. Ayes: All

Surplus Property Auction: Supv Hammond updated the Town Board on the timeline for the auction of surplus property. If the Town wants the date for sale to fall within the general election time we must hold the auction on July 30th or after. Discussion was held and the following resolution passed.

Resolution #42

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby rescind Resolution #34 setting the date for a public auction on Thursday, June 7, 2018 to sell 177.4 acres located on the old river rd;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the date for sale of 177.4 acres of surplus property, located on the old River Rd to be held on Thursday, August 2, 2018 @ 1PM in the Municipal Building. Ayes: All

Mark Scott brought paperwork to the Town Board requesting that the Board reconsider the abandonment of the old River Rd and make it qualified abandoned so that the Town would retain ownership without having to maintain the road and still allow public access. Supv Hammond made a motion to at least ask the question to the Attorney about the possibility. The Board noted that we could ask.

Car Charging Station: C Prentice reported the new car charging station is here. They may have to make an adapter plate for mounting since the new one is different base than the original. He

has put in for a primary reconnect with National Grid. They will do this Thursday @ 9AM. He will contact Craig for hookup.

Attorney Fees: The Board requested an estimate of fees spent with the Town Attorney to date. He has submitted an estimate of 7.5 hours of work to date @ \$150 per hour.

Leishman Point Development Opportunity: Supv Hammond reported that he had been in touch with Armand a week ago and was told that the study has been sent into the ESD. The ESD will make it public when they are ready.

Old Town Hall: The ceiling and fans have been installed. The next step will be repair of the plaster and paint. The Clerk received an estimate from Booras Construction for this work. Discussion was held and the Board has decided that they would like to use the specs submitted by Booras and put it out for bid. Bid opening will be at the June 11th meeting. The Board discussed the painting of the wall radiators. This will have to be done by someone other than someone a general painter. It will need to be someone who can spray them. The Board will find someone for this once the walls are complete so the paint can be matched.

Local Government Task Force Annual Meeting: C McKnight reported that he had attended the Local Government Task Force Annual Meeting. The Power Authority discussed all the accomplishments, implementations, and what they will be moving forward with. They are working to move the Buildsmart North Country program forward. The Task Force Attorney is reviewing the agreement given to the towns.

There is still \$8,800 left in the adjoining landowner pot for the Town of Waddington. In order to use it the Town will have to come up with a project and they will approve. They have also suggested that the Towns take back the parcels of property that had not sold in the program. Waddington has already denied taking the parcels back.

They discussed the trail at Sucker Brook. It has finally been told that there is not enough money in the pot to put the trail where the town wants it. It is doable but the fees and boardwalks through the wetlands give it a price tag of 2-3 million. The numbers will be brought to the local government task force to see what is available. July 1st the 50% drawings will be completed by the engineers. The town will have the opportunity to make changes etc. Once we agree on the project they will put it out to bid.

Roller Purchase:

Resolution #43

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase 1- 1994 Ingersoll Rand DD110 Roller from Outlander Enterprises- Stephen Mead, Forestville NY in the amount of \$8,000. Ayes: ALL

Road Postings:

Resolution #44

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent to post the following roads with a "No Thru Traffic" signs:

Allison Road, McGinnis Rd, Coles Creek Rd, Irish Settlement Rd, Hardscrabble Rd, and Halfway house Rd due to the bridge closing on Franklin Rd.;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent to post the Rookey Rd as 5 ton weight limit due to the culvert that needs to be replaced. Ayes: All

Iroquois Dam Horse Trails: C Loomis stated that he had attended a meeting for the Iroquois Dam Horse Trails. They have requested to put a sign up so that people know where it is located. It would say Iroquois Dam Horse Trail, open dawn to dusk, and owned by Town of Waddington and NYPA. He also asked if the town was going to move the gate to the other side

of the parking lot. Discussion was held and the board thinks that they should do the entrance road as originally discussed. They also noted that before they put NYPA on the sign they had better check with them for permission.

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

Adjournment: A motion was made by McKnight seconded by Loomis to adjourn the meeting @ 9:10PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk