

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, May 13, 2019 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

**Present were:** Supervisor Alex Hammond and Council Members: Travis McKnight, Scott Loomis, and Shaun Prentice.

**Also Present:** Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, David & Julie McBath, Bryan Mott, Tanor & Alex Smith, MaKenzie Sharpe, Richard Hough, Ryan Hayes, Craig Bogart, Patty VanPatten, Chris & Brody Baldwin, Mark Scott, Albert Hanson, Fred Ruddy, Russ Strait, Jane Lawrence, Larry & Juanita Blackmore, Richard Pandel, Elaine Stasko, Kevin Kitzman, Matt Rose, Kari Doelger, Lee Young, Matthew Rutherford, Bill Todd, Rick Mayette, Tom Snider, Morgan Sabre, and Matt Daley.

**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 Prentice, seconded by Loomis to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: All

### **Citizen's Comments:**

Kari Doelger spoke concerning Supv Hammond's comments about our County Legislator. She stated that he said he represented the residents of District 15 when he spoke. She felt that it was a suppression of her vote and didn't feel it was right. She wanted him to know that he should choose his statements more carefully from now on.

Patty VanPatten said that the Waddington Garden Club will be putting up their hanging baskets. If anyone would like to donate a basket the cost is \$25. You can have the baskets put in memory of someone if you wish just state it on your check. Checks can be mailed to the Waddington Garden Club c/o Evelyn Fisk, P O Box 43, Waddington.

Alex Smith addressed the board concerning the gate at Iroquois Dam. He stated that he had become a member of the Waddington Fish and Game Club and does have a UTV to get around the gate. This area is becoming a muddy mess. The Town might want to consider putting stones or bollards so that vehicles can't get around it. They might also consider opening the gate.

Mark Scott received an email from Tony David that the US Section of Lake Ontario River Board will meet tomorrow at the Louisville FD @ 7PM to discuss water levels on the river.

Matt Rose approached the Board concerning the golf course. He stated that a group of people have gotten together to discuss the reopening of the golf course. Due to the health of Larry Thomas the golf course will not open this year. He stated that there is a sense of urgency to sell the golf course. He has suggested that the Town purchase the golf course using NYPA money. He noted that he had heard that there was over 1 million dollars available for the recreation project in Waddington. There was no reason why the town couldn't purchase the golf course and put the rest towards the campground that they had been discussing. Discussion ensued. Supv Hammond stated that he would like to put together a golf course committee that a board member would chair to look at all the possibilities pros and cons for the purchase of the golf course. He asked C Loomis to chair the committee. C Loomis declined. He asked C Prentice if he would be interested. C Prentice noted that this would be conflict of interest for him with the Power Authority being involved. Supv Hammond stated that he would chair the committee. Matt Rose told the board that they have received permission from Larry Thomas to use the equipment to maintain the course this year. If it is not mowed and maintained the greens will be lost by next year. They may even have a Thursday night league this year.

C Prentice noted that there are a lot of questions that would need to be answered before the Town could even begin to look at this project.

C McKnight noted that when the discussion was first had with the Power Authority the town was told that if the golf course fails the town can't sell the property for building lots. It must stay as a recreational facility of some sort. He told the committee that they would need to have a plan for the property should the golf course fail. Other members of the audience spoke in favor of the purchase of the golf course.

**Public Hearing SEQR:** Supv Hammond opened the public hearing @7:30PM reporting that the Town of Waddington had submitted a SEQR application for the proposed parking lot at the municipal building. He asked for any comments from the public. No comments were had. He stated that the Board has had the application and asked for any comments from the board. The Board noted that there were no environmental impacts for this project.

#### Resolution #31

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby declare a negative declaration for the Municipal Parking Lot. Ayes: All

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Recreation:** Russ Strait reported that they are mid-season and looking applications for the morning recreation, beach, and reading program. The tourist center at the Clark House is moving along. They will be recreating the website and renovating the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. There will be an ADA ramp in front. Last Saturday they took delivery of the old chandeliers from the old town hall. They have already installed 5 of them.

**Rescue Squad:** C Prentice reported that the squad is making preparations and plans for upcoming summer events such as the dragon boat races on July 13<sup>th</sup> and homecoming in August. They are looking at having a potential PR event to promote house numbering. They need to make the public aware that houses need to be numbered with identifiable numbers that can be seen when they are responding to a call.

Julie McBath noted that there will be a pamphlet going out that will give people suggestions about house numbers, turning a light on when there is a call, maybe leaving a key with a neighbor in the event of an elderly person.

The squad has been in discussion for the BASS master tournament. They were told that their services were not needed. They had another EMS to do the job. Since then they have contacted the Waddington Squad again and are talking.

Julie also asked about the progress of the emergency services tower. The board noted that the County has been here to take core samples for the tower.

**Library:** C Loomis reported that the Library Board met last Tuesday. They are working on their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary plans. They will be in July and August. They are talking with Chris Grub to bring a portable planetarium. They will share the costs with Madrid and a grant from Arconic. They will be promoting the library for 100 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

The LED lighting over the bookcases are new and won't be included in the lighting update. The ones when you first come in the door and the older circular ones will be replaced. Hopefully they will replace the bulbs that are currently out while they are there.

The walls with the carpets on them in the basement are leaking glue through them. They haven't heard back from the installers yet.

**Cemeteries:** C McKnight reported that the cemeteries have been mowed once. The clerk stated that Jamie had called her with questions concerning the mowing that needs to be done. She was unsure of boundaries and if the trimming in the cemetery needed to be done every week. Supt Putney will meet with her to look at the mowing and discuss procedure.

Supt Putney told the board that the road in New Brookside cemetery needs to be stoned like we had done in Old Brookside. C. McKnight stated he would get the clerk some specs for the project so we can advertise for next month's meeting. Supt Putney also stated that there have

been some complaints about the overgrown cedars and trees in both New and Old Brookside. He and C McKnight will look at them.

**Highway:** The highway department plowed and sanded one time in April. The trucks and plows have been unharnessed. They have been performing maintenance on most equipment and trucks. They have done repair on the backhoe. It is now back together. They have been patching pot holes, fixed mailboxes, swept the River Rd walking trail, hauled blacktop for Lisbon, dug 1 cremation and 1 grave, switched out the old pickup for the new one, and attended an 811 dig safe certification at Lisbon.

The tanks from Innovative Services have been set up by the salt shed. We got a load of calcium chloride for the dirt roads. There has been spring maintenance on some dirt roads including grading, new stone, and dust control. Used the new liquid sprayer. It worked well.

Supt Putney reported that he has had some problems with the grader. The transmission controller that was rebuilt is not shifting again. It is not working in 2<sup>nd</sup> forward and 2<sup>nd</sup> reverse. It is \$800 for the shifting part. Champion graders are made in Canada and parts are hard to find. He reported that there is a John Deere grader on Auctions international with 36-40 hours on it. It has no electronic parts. It is a manual transmission. He would like permission to look and see how it is selling. If we can update for a reasonable cost and get out from under the Champion before it can't move at all. The auction ends next Monday. He would anticipate that the cost of the John Deere would come in at around \$20,000. The town could recoup at least half of this from the sale of the one that we have. It is in Massachusetts. Supt Putney estimates that it will cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000 to have it trucked here. C Prentice asked if this purchase will have an effect on the snowplow we are trying to purchase. Supt Putney stated that it could. If the Town was to purchase this grader it would still have \$30,000 left towards the plow. Discussion ensued.

#### Resolution #32

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize Supt Putney to bid up to \$20,000 contingent on inspection by the Highway Supt and Liaison. Ayes: All

**Gallery Lake St Lawrence:** Mark Scott reported that is the Gallery Lake St Lawrence Art's third anniversary. There will be a celebration on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> between 3-5PM. Come meet the artists, check out the gallery, the artisan gift shop, and classroom space. Refreshments will be served. They will also do tours of the Old Town Hall at this time so that artists can see what is available for dance, theatrical and musical performances.

**Old Town Hall:** Supv Hammond noted that there were a couple young ladies in the audience that attended the prom at the old town hall. He asked them how they liked it. The said it was very nice. A little hot but the decorations came out nice. Patty VanPatten stated that the bathrooms downstairs were dirty and the floors had not been washed. The Board needs to consider finding someone to come in at least once a month to do this or at least before an event is to be held there.

The clerk brought it to the Board's attention that there are three leaks in the roof. Three of the new tiles in the building are water stained. According to the Code Enforcement Officer the center set of stairs needs to be blocked off because there are chunks of cement out of the stairs. The lock on the front door also needs to be changed to a handle style set. The regular door knob that has been installed is very hard to open and scrapes your knuckles when you try to open it. The Board discussed the roof. The Town has had the roof repaired a couple of different times. They will have to call someone to look and see if it is the roof itself or if it could be the vents in the attic. Either way something will have to be done with it. They asked the clerk to contact Bertrand Construction out of Morristown to have them come look at it.

**Campground:** C McKnight stated that they could not get a meeting together. They will meet before the next town board meeting with an update.



**Leishman Point Signage:** At the last meeting the board discussed signage for Leishman Point in regards to pet leash and clean up and no vehicles. C Prentice found some signage and sent samples to the Board. Both signs cost \$35 each. Supt Putney checked with MIS and their signs are \$52.89 each.

Resolution #34

Motioned by: Loomis

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the purchase of 2 of each sign @ \$35.00 per sign. Ayes: All

**Iroquois Horse Trails:** Supv Hammond reported that he had received an email from Lowell McAllister. He said that the Boy Scouts helped the trail members clean up on Whitehouse Bay. The summer season will be starting up soon. Supv Hammond stated that he feels it is time that the Board open the gate at Iroquois for the summer season. He feels that we should give people the chance to redeem themselves. C Loomis noted that he was under the impression that the Power Authority would not improve the road unless the gate was closed. C Prentice and McKnight agreed. C McKnight noted that he can see both sides but because people can't respect the land we should keep it closed to vehicles. 98% of the people respect it but there are those who don't and that is the problem. Further discussion ensued. The clerk will look for the document that the Town signed concerning the road. The Board will revisit at the next meeting.

**Homecoming Stage:** Supv Hammond stated that he was approached by Mike Hammond, Mayor of Rensselaer Falls. For the last couple of years Rensselaer Falls has rented our stage and requested to purchase it if the Town doesn't use anymore. The board discussed and noted that the stage is still used at BASSMasters and great lighted pumpkin contest. They are not interested in selling it. They are welcome to rent it again if they would like.

**Moratorium Commercial Solar Farms:** The Clerk brought a request to the Board from the Planning Board. They are requesting that the Town Board put a moratorium on commercial solar farms. There are currently no regulations on the books to regulate these. The Planning Board is working on a solar regulation at this time. Attorney Nash stated that you have to pass a local law for this. He will draft the local law and the board will hold a public hearing on June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15PM.

**Vacant Council Seat:** Supv Hammond noted that at the last meeting there was some confusion concerning the number of votes needed to pass a resolution. Attorney Nash stated that even though there is a vacant seat on the board it is still considered a five person board. You need three for a quorum, 3 to pass, and a super majority is 3.3. So everything is 3. Supv Hammond stated that he doesn't want to fill the seat until election in November. C Prentice stated that the board needs all the support it can get to make decisions in the projects that the town has going on. C Loomis stated that after last month's meeting he felt it wasn't fair to either person running for the seat to appoint one of them. C McKnight stated he agreed with C Loomis. He is not into political games in Waddington. Attorney Nash noted that the board could agree to fill the seat at any time. It didn't have to be right now.

Resolution #35

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to leave the vacant council seat empty. Ayes: All

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Loomis to enter into executive session @ 9:20 to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Ayes: All A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by McKnight to return to regular session @ 9:30PM. No action was taken during executive session.

**Bills:** A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to pay bills # 12601 - 12675 in the amount of \$110,803.80. Ayes: All

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to adjourn the meeting @9:45PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk