

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, September 9, 2019 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

**Present were:** Supervisor Alex Hammond and Councilmembers: Travis McKnight, David McBath, Scott Loomis, and Shaun Prentice.

**Also Present:** Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Patty VanPatten, James Miller, Jane Lawrence, Brittany Bush, Toby Bogart, Mike Zagrobelny, William Tiernan, Jonnie Claeys, Tim Martell, Mark Scott, Zachary Dupray, and Kevin Kitzman.

**Call to order:** Supv Hammond called the meeting to order @ 7:04PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

### **Citizen Comments:**

Toby Bogart and Brittnay Bush recently purchased the Main St Perk Coffee Shop. They addressed the Board to request money from the economic development fund to purchase the materials for a handicap ramp in front of their business. They estimated that it would cost \$1500- 1800 in materials. The Board asked if there would be an impact to the sidewalk if they installed the ramp. Toby stated that it would be between the building and the patio. He has already spoken with Code Enforcement about the ramp and a sign. They asked if he had drawn plans. He stated that he didn't yet but he can do them and stamp them. The Board discussed the request and decided that since they have never had this type of request they should run it by the Town Attorney before making any decisions. Toby thanked them.

Toby also asked the board who was in charge of the business district sign at the four corners. The board noted that at one time all the businesses were listed on the sign. They believed it belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. Toby stated that he would like to see something done to advertise what is on Main St. The Board noted that the businesses should get together to discuss. Mark Scott stated that he would contact Toby and they could set something up.

Mike Zagrobelny addressed the board concerning the joint T/V museum. He has met with Zach Dupray and they have come up with a list of people interested in serving on the museum board. They have also put together a constitution and by-laws. They were put together by using the Village of Potsdam's by- laws. He noted that the Board would help provide direction for the museum. As of right now the materials are secure and locked up at the current Moore Museum. They would like to move them to the old town hall to catalog and see what is there. Discussion was held as to where the museum was going to be set up. Mike noted that the first thing to do is to form the board, inventory and catalog the holdings and then seen what the condition of the current building is and go from there. Further discussion ensued and the following resolution passed.

### Resolution #55

Motioned by: Hammond

Seconded by: Loomis

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Waddington are desirous of creating a shared service in the Waddington Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Waddington budgets allow for the salary of "Village and Town Historian"; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Waddington budgets allow for contractual expenses related to "Historian"; and

WHEREAS, the Town and Village of Waddington employ a "Historian";

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town and Village of Waddington shall:

Establish the creation of Waddington Museum according to the Waddington Museum Constitution and Bylaws (attached) to be developed and agreed upon by both boards; and Change the title of Historian to "Museum Director"; and Appoint the inaugural Board of Directions of the Waddington Museum (attached); BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town and Village of Waddington shall enter into discussions regarding the lead financial agency for the shared service, joint funding of the title of Museum Director and contractual expenses related to the Waddington Museum, and any other matters pertaining to the shared service of the Waddington Museum exclusive of any real estate holdings of the Town and Village. Ayes: All

Tim Martell introduced himself and his wife Jonnie Claeys. He addressed the board concerning Whitehouse Bay area. He opened Seaway Outfitters on July 4, 2019. He is looking for new places to run his business out of and noted that Whitehouse Bay would be the perfect fit. He is a mobile business that conducts kayaking, paddleboards, guided ATV trail tours, Bicycles, and rollerblades. He is currently working out of the Dobisky Center on Main St in Ogdensburg. He is mobile and can get the word out to people as to where he will be setting up at any time. Whitehouse Bay can be used for kayaking and paddle boarding with little work to be done in the area except maybe some signage and limited clearing. An upgrade to the Brown Swallow Trail would allow for ATV trail tours. Discussion was held. The Board asked Tim if he had a written proposal to show the footprint of the land to use. He stated that he didn't have anything yet but would work one up for them. The board noted without any written documentation they can't consider it. Tim stated he would work something up and come back.

**Committee Reports:**

**Recreation:** All recreation programs have been completed and the beach is officially closed for the season.

**Rescue Squad:** C Prentice stated he was out of town for the Rescue Squad meeting. C McBath noted that they were meeting this evening.

**Library:** C Loomis reported that they Library had completed their budget for 2020. It is the same as last year. The Library Board questioned why they were charged \$278 for the use of a lift. The Clerk stated that the Town had to rent a lift to remove the Christmas Decorations, remove the storm windows and install the air conditioners in the library, and the Highway Superintendent used it in the barn for a day. Each line item was charged for the time used.

**Campground Committee:** C McBath reported that he had not held a meeting yet. He was getting together the email group to set something up.

**Cemeteries:** C McKnight reported that there are a total of 137 gravestones that are broken. Witherbee & Whalen is looking at them to come up with an approximate bid by the hour. They will come up with a proposal. He also noted that the mowing in the cemeteries looks good.

**Highway:** C McKnight reported that the highway department supplied three trucks and a loader for Bassmaster for trash removal. They also hauled trash to the transfer station. They hauled stone for the Hardscrabble Rd project, completed shoulders on the Wayne Hunter Rd, completed shoulders at intersection for Village at Clark Point, hauled blacktop for Norfolk for 2 days, and Louisville for 1 day, helped Madrid pave Buck Rd 1 day, got surplus equipment ready for Auctions International, changed out water hydrant at 4 corners by the gazebo, did maintenance on equipment, mowed the lookout and solar panels, currently cutting shoulders on McGinnis Rd, and the roadside mowing has been completed for a second time this summer.

Supt Putney gave the board a report on road maintenance from to 2013 and 2019 to compare what has been done during that time period. He would like the board to ride the roads with him. He told them it would be very educational to see the conditions of the roads. They will send out an email for dates and see when everyone can make it.

Supt Putney requested the board grant him permission to look at a 2009 plow truck that is coming up for State Auction. It has had some accident damage and has 119,000 miles. If it is

good it could replace the spare truck. It would be better than the spare we have now. The spare will need approximately \$7,000 to repair. Depending on the damage to the truck he would like to spend up to \$7,000 for it. Discussion ensued.

Resolution #56

Motioned by: Loomis

Seconded by: McBath

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent to spend up to \$7,000 at the State Auction on a 2009 snowplow if he feels that it is worth purchasing.

Ayes: All

C McBath reported that he had produced a spread sheet with the truck quotes obtained by the Highway Superintendent. He has spoken with the USDA Rural loan office and their budget cycle begins October 1<sup>st</sup>. He was told if we got our application in early we would have the best chances. It could be possible to get \$30-40,000 grant money and the balance a low interest loan. The interest is lower than any on the spreadsheet. The Town of Madrid has benefited from this program for two trucks. He has completed a considerable portion of the application but wanted to make sure that the board wants to do this before he puts any more time into it. Discussion was held. The Board wanted to him to continue the application. C McKnight stated his only question was if the Town is obligated to take the award if it decides it doesn't want too. C McBath noted he would ask that question.

**The Gallery at Lake St Lawrence:** There is a working group that meets every Tuesday that is working towards making the area between Massena and Waddington a regional tourist destination. Jonnie Claeys reported that she is working with the group. They recently held a public meeting @ In-Laws Brewing Company to get public input for potential events to draw tourism. They are working on a grant to hire a consultant to put into an analysis. Mark Scott reported that the Art's Council Regional Celebration was held at the old town hall last year and they would like to hold it there again on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk noted that the date was available and she would put it on the calendar.

**Golf Course:** Kevin Kitzman reported that the volunteer group will be maintaining the course for the next month. They will be wrapping it up and winterizing shortly. The owner of the golf course is currently in town fielding offers. They are working with the IDA to come up with solutions. They have saved the course for this year and hopefully there will be a new owner for next year.

**Sidewalk update:** Kevin Smith turned in the scope of work for the sidewalk proposal. The Board looked at it and determined it to be acceptable. Bid requests will have to be put out to see where the cost comes in and determine if it can be done this year due to the time constraint with the weather. Discussion was held. The Board will hold a special meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7PM to open bids for the sidewalk. The Clerk noted that they should also request bids for the cemetery mowing contract so they will have numbers for the library.

Resolution #57

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board will hold a special meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7PM to open bids for the sidewalk project and the cemetery mowing contract. Ayes: All

**Supv Meeting:** Supv Hammond reported that the County Supervisor's meeting was held at River lanes on August 27<sup>th</sup>. They discussed negotiations for sales tax. The County is looking to change the way that the sales tax is distributed. The Supervisor and Mayor's association will be drafting a resolution to send to the City Ogdensburg looking for their support to keep the formula the same. The City of Ogdensburg is the only one that the County must negotiate with.

**Local Government Task Force:** Supv Hammond reported that there is no bid update from the Local Gov't Task Force. The main topic is the Massena intake. Supv Hammond would like the board to pass a resolution giving him and Deputy Supv McKnight the authority to negotiate with NYPA for the three recreation projects the board has discussed. Brandy Brook, Campground,

and the Golf Course. The Board had discussions concerning the three projects. There are plans already for Brandy Brook. The Board was working with NYPA and found out that the trail was out of the plans due to the cost but the remainder of updates at Brandy Brook was still feasible. The campground was brought to the Local Gov't Task Force for their approval. NYPA in turn said it had to be on NYPA property. Supv Hammond feels that he is just getting the runaround from them. He would like to go over Mark Slade to see what NYPA would support for the Town. Discussion ensued.

Resolution # 58

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Hammond

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize negotiation powers to Supv Hammond and Deputy Supv McKnight w/NYPA to see what the possibilities are for the campground project, Brandy Brook project, and Golf course.

Roll Call Vote:

Supv Hammond:	Aye	C Loomis:	Naye
C McKnight:	Aye	C Prentice:	Abstain
C McBath:	Naye		

**Island View Park Pavilion:** Jim Thew reported to the Board that the Village will dedicate the Island View Park Pavilion in Bill Shoen's honor on September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3PM if anyone would like to attend.

**Purchase Offer:** William Tiernan submitted a purchase offer of \$1,000 per acre for the road and land the Town withheld from the land auction west of Waddington Beach. The road will be kept open forever to the public.

Bill told the board that he had some serious people interested in building houses there. The Board discussed and noted they would have to take this to the Town Attorney to see if they can sell property this way. They will get back to Bill.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by McKnight to enter into executive session @ 9:40PM 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. A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by McKnight to return to regular session @ 10.05PM. Ayes: All No action was taken during executive session.

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

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by McBath to adjourn the meeting @ 10:20PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk