

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, August 18, 2023 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Supervisor Travis McKnight and Council Members: David McBath, Kelley Tiernan, and Thomas Hunter.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Sean Frusco, RIC Energy, Melinda Martin, Emma Martin, Jim Thew, Sue Papasian, Mike Martin, and Patty VanPatten.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were not sent out for approval. The board will approve it at the August meeting.

New Board Member Appointment: Supv McKnight reported that his vacancy committee has appointed Melinda Martin to run in his place as Councilmember on the November ballot. He would like to have the board appoint her at this time to fill the vacancy on the board.

Resolution #55

Motioned by: McBath

Seconded by: Tiernan

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby appoint Melinda Martin to fill the vacancy on the Waddington Town Board for a term of 08/14-12/31/23. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments:

Sue Papasian wished Tom Hunter a Happy Birthday.

Committee Reports:

Highway: Supt Putney reported that the highway department has been performing general maintenance on trucks and equipment, started the second round of roadside mowing, changed 5 cross culverts in McKnight Rd and Irish Settlement Rd, installed on driveway culvert and did away with one road culvert on Irish Settlement Rd, Graded and rolled all three roads for cold paving, had trucks from Madrid, Lisbon, Norfolk, and Louisville for cold paving roads, did rebates for Madrid and Waddington, helped Madrid cold pave with two trucks, mowed the Sucker Brook outlook, dug two graves, trimmed up trees at the town square and dug up cedar trees at the old town hall and gristmill wheel,

Suit Kote milled the parking lot for the Town and Village, hauling crusher run to the town board for road shoulders.

Cleared off and around the Ogden vault. Putney Tree Service cleared banks for NYPA at Old Brookside and removal of danger trees at cemetery for the Town.

Helped get ready for homecoming. Two loads of sand to the beach, picked up trash for two days, closed the road down and put-up barricades for fireworks.

The grader had been vandalized. The Sheriff's department was called and the person is doing community service.

Supt Putney showed the board pictures of the culverts that were removed on Halfway house Rd. The culverts were replaced with 36" pipes. One culvert was big and replaced with 60" plastic. There are two more big culverts that need to be replaced on Hardscrabble Rd. These will need permits from the DEC due to the swamp area.

Supt Putney noted that the board should begin looking at the purchase of another truck. The orders for new trucks are two years out before a new one can be gotten.

While the parking lot was being milled it was discovered that the C channel in front of the overhead doors in the highway garage rotted. There is nothing left to the steel. He noted that these should be replaced before the parking lot is paved because there is nothing for the black top to go up against. He will get a quote from Frank Davey to replace them.

Library: The library board would like to submit Ethan Cragg as the new library director pending his fingerprint process. If all comes back clear he is ready to start.

Resolution #56

Motioned by: Hunter

Seconded by: McBath

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the hiring of Ethan Cragg as the new library director pending cleared fingerprint process. Ayes: All

Supv McKnight reported that Evan’s Caulking has begun its work at the library. He noted that the steps are being damaged from the salt that is being used on them. Waddington True Value has gotten the ice control based on what they were told to use. He noted that if it tastes like salt it shouldn’t be put on the steps. Supv McKnight will get more information on what brand/type should be used.

Grants/Alternative revenues:

2022 RVRDA grant – Town Hall stonework – as of last meeting, still needed a contract signed with them. Work is being done now. When the invoice is received and paid, we must submit to RVRDA program to get our reimbursement of total project cost of \$11,250. (RVRDA will reimburse \$5000, town must cover the other \$6,250).

2023 RVRDA Grant application – (\$20,000 for Leishman Point Campground)







We received a \$15,000 grant award for this in late July (reimbursement grant).

They will send a grant agreement. Need a resolution to accept and sign the agreement when it is received.

ARPA Grant: We need to reconcile records on remaining work done. Log invoices on remaining phases 1 and 2 work. Update our budget spreadsheet with those numbers for that work. Once that is done any remaining funds in this grant will be put toward phase 3 paving of parking lot.

LEISHMAN POINT CAMPSITES:

2023 current future reservations (as of 087/14/23):

| HIPCAMPER | CHECK IN | CHECK OUT | LISTING | SITE | CREATED |
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|  Catherine H. 3 4 1 Message | Thu, Aug 24, 23 3 NIGHTS | Sun, Aug 27, 23 | Site 1 - Leishman Point Park | Site | Mon, Jul 10, 23 BOOKING ID #1972355 |
|  Billie Jo B. 3 1 Message | Thu, Aug 24, 23 3 NIGHTS | Sun, Aug 27, 23 | Site 2 - Leishman Point Park | Site | Mon, Jul 10, 23 BOOKING ID #1972387 |
|  Billie Jo B. 4 1 Message | Thu, Aug 24, 23 3 NIGHTS | Sun, Aug 27, 23 | Site 3 - Leishman Point Park | Site | Thu, Jul 13, 23 BOOKING ID #1980295 |
|  Elizabeth W. 2 2 1 Message | Thu, Aug 24, 23 3 NIGHTS | Sun, Aug 27, 23 | Site 4 - Leishman Point Park | Site | Thu, Jul 13, 23 BOOKING ID #1980129 |
|  Jesse H. 2 1 Message | Sat, Sep 9, 23 1 NIGHT | Sun, Sep 10, 23 | Site 1 - Leishman Point Park | Site | Mon, Jul 10, 23 BOOKING ID #1971791 |
|  Jesse H. 2 1 Message | Fri, Sep 15, 23 1 NIGHT | Sat, Sep 16, 23 | Site 1 - Leishman Point Park | Site | Mon, Jul 10, 23 BOOKING ID #1971794 |

Department of Energy Grant: Pre-application was submitted for \$500,000 grant to add to current solar array at town facilities. DOE will notify those pre-applicants in late August timeframe that have been approved and selected to be allowed to formally apply.

NY Forward Grant: Application completed and shared with board members prior to submission. Submission made prior to deadline. \$888,305 request for work to be done on Town Hall. Application will now be reviewed by the Local Planning Committee and recommendations made to the state who makes final award decisions.

C McBath reported that the sign for site #1 on Leishman Point has been run over. Jack has straightened it. The Board discussed contacting law enforcement to have them swing through the area to keep an eye on the area.

Recreation: C Tiernan reported that the library program was 3 weeks this year with consistent numbers. Rec Program last day this week, August 16th.

Historian: Attended the NY Forward meetings in June and July.

Initiated correspondence with Randy Crawford about a Building Conditions Assessment for the church property.

I Conducted a children's Walking Tour for the recreation program. We had 40 children in attendance, and they learned about some of Waddington's, River front and Main Street history. We ended the tour at the museum and many of the kids got to try out our latest donation item. It's a 1915-coin sorter from a bank in Canton. It was purchased and donated by the Waddington Historical Society for the museum.

I conducted another Walking tour the next day with only two in attendance. One being our x Town Supervisor and he invited us to tour his historic house, it was fun to see how he is working on preserving the inside.

I will be meeting with Professor Krueger and the honors class at Clarkson on August 31st to explain the community program and helping with projects at the museum this fall as part of their class assignment.

Together with Tracey Putney we worked on uncovering and cleaning up the Odgen Cemetery stones and the area behind the church. I want to thank the town and village crews for their help in mowing and removing all the trees and brush. I have been contacted by some Odgen family decedents from Conn. And they are coming to visit Waddington in the near future.

I continue to have museum hours, Weds., 2:00 – 5:00 and Saturday's 10:00 – 12:00

I am working with the WHA on our fall Celebration of History on Sunday October 22nd from 2:00-4:00 in the Town Hall. Our focus this year will be on the schools and sports.

I will host another Walking tour at 10:00 on Sept. 16th starting at the old Town Hall, please spread the word.

The next museum meeting will be on Sept. 20th at 6:00 in the Town Hall

Next WHA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 26th at 7:00 in the Town Hall.

Jackson Land Purchase: Supv McKnight reported that he attended the Village Board meeting and had a conversation with Jim Thew. It seems that there is a development in who owns the four corners. According to the deed found by Jim the Village owns the four corners. He did note that to convey a piece of property owned by the town is not in our best interest. He noted that the Town could grant a license for use of the property for a certain time period. If a person uses a piece of property they can claim it by prescription. If you grant a license it would take away the prescription. Discussion ensued with the Board and Jim and it was decided that the town and village board should have a joint meeting to further discuss the ownership of the corners and where we should go from here. The Board hasn't received a purchase offer from the Jackson's at this time.

Iroquois Dam Vandalism Update: Supv McKnight reported that they have been playing phone tag with the Investigator. A message was left today and she was supposed to contact the Clerk but we haven't heard anything yet.

Municipal Parking Lot: The asphalt has been ground out. It was thicker in some spots. The Highway Department will be burying conduits to the fire department and out to the solar panels for future wires that may need to be run. This will avoid cutting and digging up the new blacktop. The Village had some concerns about Perras driving in and out once the road is paved. There will be enough millings to add an extra inch of blacktop. Suit Kote will be back to pave in approximately three weeks. Then it will be chip sealed 2-3 weeks after that.

NY Forward Grant: The application for the NY Forward Grant has been submitted. The projects were reviewed and will be submitted to MJ Engineering on September 9th. There were 11

projects submitted. A couple were outside the grant boundary so won't be submitted. The good news about this is that the Town doesn't have to wait until the total project is completed to receive reimbursement. Requests for reimbursement can be made at the 25,50,75 & 100% mark. The awards will be announced in November.

NYSERDA Grant: Supv McKnight reported that Frank Davey is finishing his updated quote for the metal siding, strapping, and spray foam insulation. Rob Company is calculating the green house gas reduction for the project. This will all be submitted through the NYSERDA portal.

RIC Host Community Agreement: Supv McKnight reported the solar moratorium is still on but that Sean Frusco from RIC Energy was present and let him address the board. He told the board that he had attended the Planning Board meeting last week. They have asked him to go back to his engineers to see if they can move the project further out of the prime farmland section. Sean asked the board if they had given any more thought to the Host community agreement. He has taken it to them and will report back with an updated site plan. Supv McKnight noted that speaking with the Town's attorney he was told that the solar project was getting out of his line of expertise. Supv McKnight has suggested that the Board find an attorney that is fluent in solar. He is working to secure some retainer information. Supv McKnight told Sean that the board is not trying to stick this on the back burner, they just want to be sure that they make the best choices for the community.

The board discussed having a special meeting to discuss the code updates needed for the solar regulations in the development code. Tony has sent the board the differences and similarities between Waddington and Canton.

Old Town Hall work update: Supv McKnight reported that Evan's Caulking has set up and is working on the old town hall. They did a color match on the grout in the back of the building. When they did the grout turned to powder. It needs to be fixed now. They will be working upfront on the north tower where the cracks are the worst, the roof above the front entry where most of the water comes in, and the south tower patch spots that are bad. Evan's looked at the steps and said he could fix them that would last 4-5 years. He will chip broken and cracked cement, drill, and pin, and treat with acid. The total to repair them while he is here is \$3550. If he comes back at another time he would add another \$1500 for set up etc. The Board discussed. They felt that they were justified in having a change order in the project. It would still be within the budget they were working with.

Resolution #57

Motioned by: Hunter

Seconded by: Tiernan

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to a change order in the project to include the repair of the steps at the old town hall in the amount of \$3,550. Ayes: All

Municipal Building: Supv McKnight reported that Robla's has come and cleaned the municipal building since the construction was completed. They did an excellent job.

Caretaker Cottage: Supv McKnight reported that the Caretakers at the beach have submitted an estimate to purchase a new mattress. The old one is extremely lumpy to sleep on. They have flipped it and doesn't make a difference. She obtained a quote from Ashley's Furniture in the amount of \$777. This included a \$139 fee for delivery and removal of the old mattress. Supv McKnight noted that he did a search on Amazon and found a similar mattress with a 4.5 rating and 3,016 positive ratings for \$279 w/free delivery. The Clerk noted that she had the same mattress in her home and camper. They discussed and the Highway Superintendent will install and take the old mattress. He noted he had to go to the transfer station with a couple mattresses that were dumped on the side of the road. Supv McKnight noted that there is a \$2,000 line item in the NYPA contract that this would fall under.

Resolution #58

Motioned by: Tiernan

Seconded by: Hunter

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to purchase the mattress through Amazon with a cost not to exceed \$300. Ayes: All

RVRDA Award: The Board has been awarded \$15,000 towards the campground project that was submitted. They asked Supt Putney what his timeline to begin the area of the new sites. He noted he would like to start in September weather permitting. The balance of the funding for the project will come from the Leishman Point Fund.

Resolution #59

Motioned by: McBath

Seconded by: Tiernan

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the \$15,000 grant funding through the RVRDA towards the campground project at Leishman Point. The Board further approves Supv McKnight to sign the award paperwork. Ayes: All

Supervisor Appointments:

Deputy Supervisor: David McBath

Grants/Alternative Revenues: David McBath

Recreation: Missy Martin

Rescue Squad: Kelly Tiernan

Library: Missy Martin

Highway: Tom Hunter

Cemetery: Tom Hunter

Chase Mills: Supv McKnight reported that this is for information purposes only at this time. Apparently sidewalks were installed by the County back in the 1970's and have not been maintained. Someone fell and broke their arm. Their family contacted the County and was told that the sidewalks are the Town's responsibility. He is looking into this.

Citizen's Comments: Patty VanPatten asked if the board looked at the tower on the south wall. She noted that where the base of the tower meets the ground level there is an opening. Supv McKnight noted that they will look at it. She also wanted to thank the town crew for their help with homecoming. She also noted that the crew did a great job cleaning up around the town square. Thank you again.

Executive Session: A motion was made by McBath, seconded by Hunter to enter into executive session @ 8:20PM for the acquisition, lease or sale of real property or securities when publicity would substantially affect the value. A motion was made by McBath, seconded by Tiernan to return to regular session @ 8:45PM. No action was taken during the executive session.

Bills: A motion was made by McBath, seconded by Tiernan to pay bills #23-00490 – 23-00551 in the amount of \$173,641.76. Ayes: all

Adjournment: A motion was made by McBath, seconded by Hunter to adjourn the meeting @ 9:15PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk