

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, August 13, 2012 @ 6PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Supervisor Mark Scott and Council Members: Shirley Robinson, David Putney, Robert Dalton, and Travis McKnight.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Terry Mayette, Highway Superintendent, Jane & Mat Layo, Sandy Wright, Don Hassig, Mike & Ken Chambers, Tracey Putney, Patty VanPatten, Larry Hicks, Maurice LaRock, and Amanda Purcell, Ogdensburg Journal.

Call to order: Supv. Scott called the meeting to order @ 6PM.

Executive Session: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Dalton to enter into executive session to interview Brad Mintner for the Economic Developer Position that was advertised. Ayes: All A motion was made by Putney, seconded by Dalton to return to regular session @ 7:15PM. No action was taken in executive session.

Call to order: Supv. Scott called the regular meeting to order @ 7:15PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Citizen's Comments:

Jane Layo reported that there will be a service at the American Legion on September 11th. The march will start from Island View Park @ 5:30PM. Kim Robertson is chairing the event.

Cancer Action Now: Don Hassig presented the Board with some brochures and a sample resolution. He reported that the Towns of Canton and Lisbon had both passed this resolution and requested that the Board consider passing it for the Town of Waddington. The resolution would authorize Supv. Scott to write a letter to Dr. Christopher Portier to request that he join into a collaborative effort to create a POPs exposure educational outreach for citizens of St. Lawrence County. The Board told Mr. Hassig that they had passed a resolution for him in the past and was not interested in adopting another. They thanked him for his time.

Library: C. Robinson reported that the Library Board met on August 7th @ 6PM. The Board adopted the agenda and minutes from the last meeting. The three teachers for the Summer School Reading Program and the School Principal attended the meeting. There were also parents and other concerned citizens. There is a big concern regarding books being overdue and fines. They think the books are not being scanned into the system before they are being shelved. Vicky reported the CPA did not file the 990 tax form, he has been ill. He may have to get an extension. They received \$2,676.10 from St. Lawrence County Library funding. Next month the board will work on the budget. They went into executive session. The next meeting will be September 4th.

Sandy Wright expressed her concerns with the way things have been running at the Library. She stated that the teachers were there because they had some problems with the library manager during the summer reading program. A young child had written a letter to the Board concerned that the program would be done away with. They held a block dance in which 6-8 people showed up and paid a DJ \$300 for 2 hours of work. She is greatly concerned that the recent hiring of employees did not come from within the Town/Village of Waddington. She addressed these issues with the Library Board but has not gotten any satisfaction from them. Supv. Scott stated that the issues were a Library Board problem. The Town Board has nothing to do with the operation/hiring of the Library. C. Robinson stated that the Library Board has spoken with the Library Manager to get these things straightened out. C. McKnight stated that maybe the Town Board needs to meet with the Library Board to voice their concerns to them.

Discussion was held and a motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Putney to give the Library Board a month to work on their problems and if there is no success the Town will meet with them. The rest of the board agreed with this.

Recreation: C. McKnight reported that the summer program was running well. There were some concerns on how the lifeguard schedules were done. Head Lifeguard Chuck came to a meeting to explain his scheduling and rotations at the beach. He also explained that his swim program is the same ten level program taught through SLU and Plattsburg State. He has been involved with this swim program for many years. Chuck has reorganized the records for the Department of Health. They have all been put in binders so that anyone can answer questions should they show up. This will probably be Chuck's last season as Head Lifeguard. He will be graduating from college and pursuing employment opportunities.

There has been some discussion about closing the beach gate early due to some vandalism that has happened. Maurice LaRock suggested that the Town install some type of security cameras to catch the vandals.

Patty VanPatten reported that there were 80 kids signed up for the Morning Recreation Program which ran from 9-Noon. There was an average of 30-35 kids per day to do arts and crafts and play games. Some children that were visiting family in the area attended the program for weeks at a time. She was pleased with the outcome of the program.

Rescue Squad: C. Dalton reported that the Rescue Squad met on August 6th. They were thrilled that they had very few incidents during the heat of homecoming weekend. They had to attend to 6 people. They discussed upcoming courses for EMT's. The next course will run from August 22- December 20. This course is 2-3 nights per week and Saturdays. They did the second reading of the bylaws. They were voted on and passed. They are working on a manual for junior members. The smoke detectors/exit lights have been repaired/installed. They are investigating one new member. There were two new members in attendance.

Highway: C. Putney reported that the Highway department is on the second round of roadside mowing. They have been paving with the Town of Madrid and the Village of Waddington. They should be paving Irish Settlement Road next week. They have been working on the old barn behind the fuel pumps.

WRA: Supv. Scott reported that the concert series have been well attended. The concerts will be starting at 6PM instead of 7 due to the length of daylight now. The Recorder will be coming out in October if anyone has any news to be reported.

Chamber of Commerce: John Steen reported that the Chamber has put out a new publication on the canal/dam from the 1800's. They need to make more copies of the self-guided walking tour. They have distributed 150 copies of Waddington's brochures to Ogdensburg, Massena, Canton, and Potsdam. They are still working on their welcome to Waddington packages. The Junior Carp Tournament will begin on Thursday. This is the tournament's 10th anniversary. They will be having food stands and fireworks. John stated that the Chamber discussed the request to accept the money from the WFN fishing contest on behalf of the group that won. They will do this and distribute it as the group designates.

New Business:

RFP for Grant Administrator: Supv. Scott reported that the Board needed to advertise for someone to be grant administrator for the grant which was applied to provide handicap accessibility to the Old Town Hall. A sample advertisement was distributed. Applications must be submitted by September 4th.

Resolution #55

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for a grant administrator for the Old Town Hall grant. Applications must be submitted by September 4th. Ayes: All

Workwell Health Initiative: Supv. Scott reported that Carol Zimmerman has requested that the Town participate in the next health initiative program. Employees took part in portions of the last round of programming. Supv. Scott would like to have Carol come speak to the Board about the next round. The Board agreed. They will ask her to come to the September meeting.

Attorney: Supv. Scott reported that there were a few items that the Town Attorney wished to discuss with the Board but had gotten called to court. They are as follows:

Class Action Suit: The Town has received correspondence regarding a class action suit for the purchase of municipal derivatives. Attorney Johns stated the town does not need to take any action on this at this time.

Small Claims Assessment: The Town is being taken to small claims by John Krol for assessment. The Town was taken to small claims by the same person last year. The Assessor has all his data for the property and will represent the Town once a date is set.

Rules, Regulations & Release of Liability Town owned Grill: Attorney Johns has submitted a release of liability to the Town for people to sign that rent the town owned grill at the pavilion. The Board discussed this and a motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Robinson to adopt the waiver. This will be signed by anyone renting the grill. Ayes: All

The rules for using the grill at the beach begins with the person going to the lifeguard stand to rent the grill, the tank is then installed by a town employee for use and removed when finished. Patty VanPatten reported that she has seen people bring their own tank and put it on the grill for use. Supv. Scott noted that the Town will have to chain the top closed to avoid this type of use.

Budget: Supv. Scott reported that he and the Town Clerk are beginning work on the 2013 budget. His goal is to keep the tax levy stable. If the Board has any requests or projects that they feel need to be in the budget please get this information to him before September.

Fire/ Rescue Squad contracts: Supv. Scott reported that both the Rescue Squad and Fire contracts are both due to expire on December 31, 2012. He asked C. Dalton to meet with him and the Rescue Squad on August 27th @ 7PM to discuss any new requests. C. Dalton noted that the only thing he could see that would be different is the issue of use of fuel. He asked the Highway Supt and Town Clerk to get year to date figures for fuel usage.

Supt. Scott asked if another member would like to meet with the Village concerning the Fire Contract. C. McKnight stated that he would be able to do this. They would like to meet on August 30th @ 7PM.

Leishman Point: Supv. Scott reported that he received information that Leishman Point has been well received as a geocaching site. According to the Seaway Valley Trail website to date there have been over 266 people who have logged visits to the site. They would like to continue using Leishman Point as a geocaching site.

Resolution #56

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: Dalton

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the continuation of geocaching on Leishman Point. Ayes: All

Mowing Contract: Supv. Scott reported that he has heard favorable reports about the cemetery, four corner, and Municipal Building mowing. He would like to put this out to bid for the 2013 season so they can have figures for the budget.

Maurice LaRock asked Supv. Scott if the Town was really saving money by contracting the mowing out. Supv. Scott stated that he did not have the exact figure but that there was savings. Mr. LaRock asked if he could get figures. Supv. Scott stated he would get them.

Resolution #57

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Putney

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the request for bids for mowing contract for the 2013 season. Ayes: All

Town owned properties: Supv. Scott reported that Jim Thew had done a small layout on Leishman Point that would represent 4 RV site examples. He has staked them out and mowed the area. He encouraged the board to go up and look at them.

Supv. Scott reported that the Garrish's are still interested in bringing a hotel to Waddington. They are looking at other sites that include the finishing of Clark House.

Whitehouse Bay: The Board asked Supv. Scott if he had heard anything back from Mr. Ma concerning Whitehouse Bay. He stated that he had not. Mr. LaRock voiced his opinion in the possible sale of Whitehouse Bay to Mr. Ma.

Property owners present questioned the timing on the appraisal of the property along the old river road that adjoined their property. Tracey Putney stated that the Board requested a meeting with these property owners in January where they were told that the Town would have an appraisal of the lands done and would get back to them. To date there has not been any further communications of the progress. C. McKnight reported that he received a call from Farm Credit East stating that they feel that the Town has dropped the ball on the appraisals. He was told there had been no communication concerning the River Road. Is the Town keeping the road, are they going to maintain it, where do they want the boundaries of these parcels to be? Apparently there have been some miscommunications in this area. Board members noted that at the July board meeting it was decided that the boundaries would be the old road. Further discussion ensued between the Board and the property owners.

The Board directed the Town Clerk to draft a letter to Bob Hostetter@ Farm Credit East stating that the boundaries for the adjoining property on the old River Rd will be at the road. Where the road ends the boundary will be the Power Authority property line. The Town will retain ownership of the road but at this time will not maintain it as such.

Resolution #58

Motioned by: Dalton

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby state that once the appraisals have been received on the property along the old river road the adjacent land owners will have the option to purchase the property @ the appraised value. Any sales of this property will be subject to permissive referendum.

Roll call vote:

Supv. Scott: Aye

Councilor Dalton: Aye

Councilor McKnight: Aye

Councilor Putney: Abstain

Councilor Robinson: Aye

Cemeteries: Supv. Scott asked C. McKnight for an update on progress that the cemetery committee has had with Old Brookside Cemetery. He told the Board that he has been in contact with a person in Watertown who specializes in old stone repair. He will be up this way in the fall and will contact him. It was noted that there was also a story on Channel 7 News concerning the repair of old stones. He will look at that to see if it is the same person.

Adjoining PA lands: Supv. Scott reported that C. McKnight has been compiling a list of properties that should have been returned by the Power Authority in the last round of conveyances. He noted that if there are more that should be included to please let him or C. McKnight know. He also asked the board if they would like to actively pursue the return of Ogden Island in the process. The consensus of the Board was yes.

Caretaker Camper: C. McKnight reported that he had gotten together with Andy from Roll Lock Truss to discuss the structure that can be built over the camper to keep the weather off of it. Discussion was held and the board would like the clerk to contact local contractors for prices on the structure. C. McKnight will get the specs to the clerk.

The Town Clerk noted that she had tried to get a quote from Carney's sales for repair of the trailer but was not successful. She will try for the September meeting.

A motion was made by Dalton, seconded by Putney to request quotes from local contractors for the structure over the trailer at the beach. Ayes: All

Jane Layo asked the Board if they were going to do anything about the tent caterpillars that are along the River Rd by the beach. The Board asked who owned the tree. She said she was unsure. Someone will look at it.

Bills: A motion was made by Scott, seconded by Dalton to pay bills #634 -732 in the amount of \$45,543.05. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by Scott, seconded by Putney to adjourn the meeting @ 9:10PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk