

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, August 10, 2015 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

**Present were:** Supervisor Sandra Wright and Council Members: Travis McKnight, Shirley Robinson, Patricia VanPatten, and Shaun Prentice.

**Also present:** Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, Jeff Loomis, Scott Jerome, and Ashley Alguire.

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

Supv Wright reported that Jeff Loomis has approached her about heading an official energy committee. She then turned it over to Jeff. Jeff told the board that he and his wife own an energy consulting business that works with NYSERDA and other independent utilities. He would like to head up an official committee that could do some of the leg work for the board to help our community keep up with the latest energy options available. They would look at ways to better our community and bring any information to the board. The ultimate decision on any projects researched would remain strictly the boards. The Board told Jeff that they would like this and appreciated his help. He will advise the board of individuals for the committee. He will also ask the Village if they are interested once he is up and going.

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

**Citizen's Comments:** Scott Jerome reported that he is having a problem with the Code Enforcement Officer. He stated that things have gotten worse and would like the board to do something about it. He stated that there are jobs done without building permits and inspections not being done. Supv Wright stated that the Town sends the Code Enforcement Officer to school each year to keep up with the regulations and that there is a process that needs to be followed. She thanked Scott for his concerns and will look at it.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Recreation:** C. Robinson reported that the reading program finished July 21<sup>st</sup> and the beach program will end August 31<sup>st</sup>. Russ has received many compliments on the beach. There are many people coming to our beach from Ogdensburg. Russ would like to thank the Highway Superintendent and his crew for the work they did at the beach. He also thanked the Highway Superintendent for getting the trash barrels from Madrid for the Dragon Boat races.

**Rescue Squad:** Waddington Rescue Squad meet July 3rd with 10 members present. Discussion on coverage of Bass and Homecoming. They are working on the bylaws and had an Auto Pulse demo for other squads. They are looking to have demos at Island View Park on the Saturday of Homecoming. There is Webinar training available for members. One member will be attending the convention in September. They have made repairs to the boat and have added reflective decals. They are making a checklist for the rig and stretcher to keep inside the rig. They will be giving a hero's award to a child for helping respond to a cry for help from a neighbor that was in distress.

### **Tourism:**

July was a busy month. We had a great turnout for both the Bass Master Tournament and Homecoming. The Dragon Boat Races were a great success and many new people were exposed to our community. The crowd was over 800 and they all experienced paddling our mighty St Lawrence River and loved it. They all loved our beach.

Supv Wright noted that she had attended a Power Authority meeting with the Mayor and she noted that the numbers were down from Bass Masters due to the huge storm that came

through on Saturday afternoon/evening. The Bass Masters are committed to come back in two years.

**Library:** C Prentice reported that the Library meeting had been changed to tomorrow evening.

**Cemetery:** C McKnight noted that he has recently seen obituaries stating that contributions could be made to a cemetery association. Because the Town owns the cemeteries and is not an association he wondered what the channels would be to have money donated to the Town for a cemetery fund. There is still a lot of maintenance that needs to be done in other cemeteries and this could be a way to offset some costs. Supv Wright will check with the Town Attorney regarding this.

**Highway:** Supt Dalton noted that the Highway Department recently went to Union Cemetery for a stone that had toppled over. A rock shifted and caused it to go over. They were able to move the stone, reset the base and replace the stone. He has received a note that there are some stones tipped in Scotch Cemetery. There are a few but they are the real old ones and very frail. They will try to fix these as time permits.

The sand permit application was mailed on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The engineer doesn't foresee any problems. We should know within four weeks since there is a 30 day public comment period. It will then be issued and we will be able to get sand out of there for this winter. Access to the pit is through the owner's driveway. The lease is for 20 years and we will be permitting 18 acres.

The surplus auction netted the Town a little over \$6,100. The Highway Department has replaced four culverts on Harper, Randall, and Jenner Road. They have dug a few rocks out of roads that have come to the surface. Zach pressure washed the municipal building in anticipation of spraying for spiders. The paving is done in Madrid. They are currently helping them Chip seal a road. They have replaced some signs, trimming brush, helped the Village Crew with Bass Tournament, and they helped with Homecoming. The Town's paving is complete. They shared services with Lisbon, Madrid, Waddington, and Norfolk. They will be repaying the favor to Louisville this coming week. The LED lights have been installed at the beach for the flagpole. This was paid for by the Power Authority. The slab has been poured for the cottage, the building is erected and weather tight, interior work will begin.

**Cottage:** Supv Wright reported that they have received an estimate from National Grid to install a new pole for the cottage. Power needs to be brought from across the street. The cost is \$4,652.78. There are too many obstacles to avoid bringing power from the bathhouse. It could end up costing more if damage is done to water/sewer lines etc. She has spoken with Sean Doyle, Power Authority to see if there was anything that they could do to help out. Sean noted that the cost is so high because it is a secondary service on the property. National Grid suggested to Sean that the Town could have a customer owned pole and it would cut the price in half. Sean stated that if this is something the Town would like to do he could try to get NYPA to donate the pole. The Board discussed this and asked the Highway Supt to check what it would take to run it under the road.

**Brandy Brook Kiosk:** Supv Wright reported that she has been in contact with the Power Authority concerning the kiosk at Brandy Brook. They have informed her that they will be installing new non fade color maps and information beginning next year.

**McKinsey Study:** Supv Wright reported that she had attended a meeting with the McKinsey Group, RVRDA, four colleges, and other governmental officials. The group will go public with findings after Labor Day.

**Surplus properties:** At the last meeting the Board discussed the prospect of using a 13 acre parcel to mine sand. Upon looking at the property there is no road access. A right of way would need to be obtained and a roadway built. With the lease that Supt Dalton has obtained in Chamberlain Corners the cost can't be justified. This property is of no use to the Town.

**Sales Tax:** Supv Wright noted that the sales tax check was \$68,556. This is down \$2,076 from the same time last year.

**Homecoming:** Sue Caswell has approached Supv Wright about forming an advisory committee for homecoming and celebration funds. These funds have been taken over by the Town two years ago.

Resolution #56

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby appoint the following people to the Homecoming/Celebration Fund Advisory Committee:

Sue Caswell, Homecoming Committee, Patricia VanPatten, Town Board, Benny Fairchild, Village Board, the Homecoming Chairman, and Chamber President. Ayes: All

**Tax Cap:** Supv Wright reported that the board should consider passing a local law that would allow the Town to override the 2% tax cap imposed by the State. The tax cap is supposed to be the lessor of 1% + inflation factor. Last year the rate was 1.56%. This year's rate is .73%. There are many uncertainties as we begin the budget process with revenues, solar project payment, truck payment, insurance etc. If the local law is passed it just gives us the opportunity should we need it. It is not carte blanche just to go over the tax cap. The Town Attorney will prepare the local law and a public hearing will be held at the September meeting.

C. McKnight stated that everyone needs to lean on their County Legislators to get their house in order. What they do on the County level effects the taxes of everyone.

**JCAP Grant:** The Court Clerk requested permission to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program grant (JCAP).

Resolution #57

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the Waddington Court Clerk to apply for a Justice Court Assistance Program grant (JCAP). Ayes: All

**Worker's Comp Rate:** Supv Wright noted that she has received the worker's comp rate for 2016. The rate for 2016 is \$30,345. The rate for 2015 was \$46,166.

**Mowing Contract:** Supv Wright reported that the 2 year mowing contract will expire 12/31/15. She would like to put it out to bid for the September meeting so that the Board can have figures for the 2016 budget. The Board discussed a two year contract versus a yearly contract.

Resolution #58

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board will put the mowing contract out to bid for a term of one year. Bids will be opened at the September meeting. Ayes: All

**Town Barn Heat:** Supt Dalton asked the board if they had had any more thought to heating the last two bays in the town barns. He has more equipment in those bays and the air never dries out with the salt from the equipment. Heat will make a big difference. He is also looking to replace the seals on the doors and weatherproof the building because the trucks don't thaw overnight. The cost is \$4,500 installed. This is a natural gas radiant heat. The Clerk suggested using the \$2,400 AMP repayment towards this.

**BASS Masters:** Supt Dalton reported that he had filled the generators at the BASS Masters Tournament. He used 324gals. @ \$1.98 per gallon for a total of \$642.00. He asked if he should bill the Village or consider it a contribution. The Board noted that the Village should be billed.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to enter into executive session @ 8:15PM to discuss appraisal of town property. Ayes: All A motion was

made by McKnight, seconded by Prentice to return to regular session @ 8:30PM. Ayes: All No action was taken during executive session.

**Surplus Property:**

Resolution # 59

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby declare the following parcels as surplus: Tax map # 21.035-1-20- .66 acres located on McGinnis Road and Tax map # 21.002-2-5- 13.6 acres located on Brandy Brook off State Highway. Ayes: All

This resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

**Bills:** A motion was made by VanPatten, seconded by McKnight to pay bills #539- 633 in the amount of \$101,782.06. Ayes: All

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Prentice to adjourn the meeting @ 9:05PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk