

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, August 12, 2019 @ 7PM in the municipal building.

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

**Also Present:** Carl Finnie, Darrell Clookey, Patty VanPatten, Matt Rose, Kevin Kitzman, William Tiernan, David and Julie McBath, Mark Scott, and Julie Mayette.

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

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

Darrell Clookey and Carl Finnie were present to get an update on the properties in Chase Mills. The Clerk reported that the paperwork was being prepared to go to the Town Attorney. The property on the corner in Chase Mills has not responded to the letter sent so the paperwork is being prepared to send to the attorney as well.

William Tiernan told the board that he would like to make an offer to purchase the road and the property that the Town kept above the beach. He stated that he had someone looking to develop the area and would make it a circle drive. The road would be built to town specs should the town ever take it over.

Mark Scott stated that the Town might want to consider running sewer lines at this time with more houses being built in the area. Bill stated that he wasn't interested in water and sewer. He planned to work with bigger lots so they could handle their own wells and septic.

Supv Hammond reported that now that the Village caucus and primary season have passed there is only one candidate running for the vacant seat on the town board. At this time he would like to consider appointing David McBath to fill the current vacancy.

### Resolution #49

Motioned by: Hammond

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby appoint David McBath to fill the unexpired term of Shirley Robinson. Ayes: All

### **Committee Reports:**

**Recreation:** The Clerk reported that this will be the last week for the beach bus. The morning recreation program and swim lessons end as of Friday.

**Rescue Squad:** C Prentice stated that he didn't make the meeting. Julie McBath reported that the squad answered 15 calls in July, marched in a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, accepted 2 new members, and 2 junior members are currently taking the EMT course. The squad is currently at a full roster with 25 members.

Julie reported that the permit had not yet been obtained from the DOH for the BASS Masters tournament. Hopefully they will have the permit tomorrow. The County had to step up to do the paperwork or the event would not have the proper permits. The permit is supposed to be in place 30 days prior to the issuance of the permit. Our rescue squad will be on standby to answer calls but will not be at the park during the event.

**Library:** C Loomis reported there was no meeting. He did say that the library held a book sale during homecoming.

**Campground:** C McKnight reported that there has not been a meeting. He also noted that he would like to step down as chairman of the committee due to his schedule. He would like to stay on the committee.

**Cemeteries:** C McKnight reported that the brush along the Hicks property in Old Brookside Cemetery has been trimmed and cleaned up. The cemeteries are being mowed and look very nice. Jason's crew has stepped in and is doing a great job. C McKnight noted that he had spoken with Jason's Dad and had thanked him for stepping in and cleaning up the mess. He told C McKnight that there are stones that have been knocked over and are off their bases. C McKnight noted that there are 39 stones that have come off the bases. He hasn't been to Scotch Cemetery yet. They are mostly the old stones. He would like to get a final count and contact Witherbee & Whalen to get a quote to fix them.

**Highway:** The highway department has been doing maintenance on trucks, blacktopped 177' Lisbon/Waddington Town Line Road with type 6 binder, assisted Lisbon with their end, sprayed dirt roads with liquid calcium for dust control, took garbage barrels to beach for dragon boat races and picked them up, trimmed up trees at the lookout, changed road signs on the Irish Settlement Rd, used Madrid's boom mower to do the causeway on Tiernan Rd and guide rails on Coles Creek Rd, used Seaway Timber's excavator to break up road millings that were used for the Wayne Hunter Rd, Suit Kote chip sealed the Rookey, Pork, Dunbar, and Randall Rds, moved pub mill in and cold paved Wayne Hunter Rd with millings from back yard, put trash barrels out for homecoming and picked up trash, barricades, and barrels when done, hauled 2 loads of sand for sandcastle contest at the beach, hauled blacktop for Village to Clark Point, used Madrid's lowboy to pick up new backhoe from Riverview Homes, and started mowing roadsides for the second time.

**Surplus Equipment:** Supt Putney gave the board a list of surplus equipment he would like to send to Auctions International.

Resolution #50

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby declare the following items surplus and will be auctioned off by Auctions International.

The list as follows: Old T-3 Truck, plow and wing, Hotsie, cab for D-5 dozer, truck bumpers from Internationals, pontoon boat, harder sander, sinks (old vanity sinks), Aluminum tool box for truck, filing cabinets, and 2005 NH Backhoe. Ayes: All

Supt Putney reported that the Board will need a resolution to take the money that was used from high flow for the purchase of the truck and increase his equipment line.

Resolution #51

Motioned by: Loomis

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the bookkeeper to increase Highway Equipment DA5130.2 by \$30,000 from High Flow money towards the purchase of the used truck. Ayes: All

Supt Putney reported that he had Rodney Aldous from Seaway Timber Harvesting do an inspection on the backhoe that the Town/Village is looking at. He plugged it into the computer and did an inspection. Everything checked out. The town can purchase a 2 year warranty from Cat for \$950 in the fall. Cat checked all recalls and there is one for the windshield wiper motor. The price for the backhoe is \$54,000. The Town can put the old backhoe on Auctions International with a reserve bid of \$15,000. Once the old one is sold the warranty can be taken from there and the cost of the 3 in 1 bucket which is approximately \$4,000. The balance can be put into a fund for repairs to the machine if needed.

**Gallery St Lawrence Arts:** Mark Scott reported that they have been busy with classes. They have a new exhibit at the Clark House. The visitor's center looks real nice. The brochures are

updated and they are working on updating the walking tour brochure maps. They would like to remove the sign at the old town hall that says visitor's center and relocate it at the Clark House. This will have to be looked at since it may be all one sign.

**Golf Course Committee:** Matt Rose reported that the volunteers are still maintaining the course. There is irrigation to every green and tee box. They will be looking at winterizing the system. Hopefully there will be a new owner in the spring. Larry Thomas will arrive this week. There is a potential sale of the course. There remains to be public interest.

**Old Town Hall:** Supv Hammond reported that there was a production held at the old town hall on July 20<sup>th</sup>. It was put on by the church in Madrid. They gave a donation of \$300 for the use of the building. The railing has been pinned down so the one side of the steps can be opened for public usage.

There are currently two more weddings scheduled in August and September for the hall. Supv Hammond had hired Stacey Hawkins to clean before the last event. It took her 3 hours to clean the hall, restrooms, and sweep/mop entrance. She was paid \$15 per hour. He would like to keep her on as needed and also be the person to inspect after the events have been held for return of deposits.

#### Resolution #52

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve to pay Stacey Hawkins \$15 per hour to clean the town hall before an event and inspect the town hall after an event for return of deposit. Ayes: All

**Sidewalk Update:** C McKnight and Supt Putney met with Kevin Smith last Tuesday to survey the sidewalk and parking lot. He just dropped the plans off today. Plans were looked at and discussion held. The board will put the project out to bid for the next board meeting.

**Assessor Reappointment:** Supv Hammond reported that the assessor's term is up as of September 30<sup>th</sup>. Michael Pearson has submitted a letter to the board stating his intention that he would like to remain Assessor and that he had completed his schooling required for the position.

#### Resolution #53

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby appoint Michael Pearson as Assessor for a term of 6 years commencing on October 1, 2019 and ending on September 30, 2025.

Ayes: All

**BASS Request:** A letter was received from the BASS committee requesting donations towards the BASS Masters tournament to be held here in Waddington. The Town Board had questions about the status of their budget. Supv Hammond called Bill Dashnaw to have a conference with the Board. He told them that the budget is \$20 – 30,000 short. They have cuts expenses where they can. They had to decide what is critical that you have to keep and what is nice to have. The Board asked if they can make individual requests as to where their money is spent. Last year they contributed to the dinner put on by the Seaway Smokehouse. He told them that they can specify if they would like to. Further discussion ensued. They thanked Bill for his answers.

#### Resolution #54

Motioned by: Hammond

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve to contribute \$2,000 towards the BASS Masters event. \$1,000 will be paid directly to the committee towards the dinner put on by Seaway Smokehouse and \$1,000 will be given to the Rescue Squad towards their expenses contingent upon receiving the DOH permit. The funds will be taken from the Economic Development line.

Ayes: Supv Hammond, Councilor McKnight, Councilor Loomis, Councilor Prentice

Abstain: Councilor McBath

**Clean Energy Grant:** C McKnight reported that at 4:30 this afternoon he received an email congratulating the town on receiving the \$50,000 clean energy community grant. He will be working with Sharon Griffith to receive the funds.

Supv Hammond reported that on July 22<sup>nd</sup> Zach Dupray took approximately 40 people on the tour of the old town hall. They were interested in the buildings built by Isaac Johnson. He received an email from the Adirondack Architectural Heritage Association that we were an award recipient. He and Zach will attend a luncheon in Blue Mountain Lake on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Executive Session:** A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by Prentice to enter into executive session @ 8:40PM 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. A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Loomis to return to regular session @ 9:10PM. No action was taken during executive session.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by Hammond to pay bill #12812 – 12887 in the amount of \$82,707.77. Ayes: All

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by Hammond to adjourn the meeting @ 9:12PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk