

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, July 9, 2012 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Terry Mayette, Highway Superintendent, Jane & Mathew Layo, John Steen, Sandy Wright, Alice Dumas, Dorothy Locy, Patty VanPatten, Martha Sinkeldam, Amanda, Ogdensburg Journal, Benjamin Johns, Town Attorney and Dave Weissbard, CW Augustine.

Call to order: Supv. Scott called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Citizens Comments: There were no comments at this time.

Old Town Hall Grant: Dave Weissbard from C.W. Augustine addressed the board concerning the submittal of the old town hall grant. He reported that the cost of the project to install a LULA elevator would be \$280,000. This includes architectural design, entry addition, elevator, handicap accessible toilet rooms, and all administration associated with the grant. The funding would come from the following: RVRDA \$50,000, \$10,000 Town of Waddington, Special Donation \$4,000, fundraising \$6,000= \$70,000. The State matches three times this amount for \$210,000- total grant \$280,000.

C. McKnight asked if the addition would be actual stone. Dave reported that it is actually a cast stone product made to match the appearance of the stone on the building. C. Dalton asked if it was necessary to have an archeologist perform a survey. Dave noted that because the site is historic it is a requirement of the State to make sure there are no artifacts on the site.

Resolution #48

Motioned by: Putney

Seconded by: McKnight

Resolved that Mark Scott, as Supervisor of the Town of Waddington, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation in accordance with provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in the amount not to exceed \$280,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to this municipality for rehabilitation of the Old Waddington Town Hall and, if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property assisted property. Ayes: All

Committee Reports:

Library: C. Robinson reported that the friends are having a membership drive and getting ready for the book sale. The Board went over Employee policies regarding absence from work and being to work on time. They should receive the final check for the roof this month. Martha attended the June 14th County meeting. They have not issued the library money. During citizen's comments a Waddington resident voiced her opinion on hiring the Library Aid. She felt they should have hired a person that lived in Waddington and paid taxes here. The Board explained their 1st choice was from Waddington but she refused the job when notified. The citizen asked that they rethink their decision. A request for repairs from the Library Board has been distributed to the Town Board members. The next meeting is August 7th.

Recreation: C. McKnight reported that the beach opened on June 25th. The Madrid bus has started coming to the beach. The geese are under control. The concession stand is open.

There was an incident with a small child who stepped on a drill while the lifeguards were assembling a lifeguard stand. She was taken to the hospital with a small hole in her foot but will be okay. The beach was not open at the time of the incident. The lifeguards have instilled a rule that there are to be no children on the lifeguard stands or in the lifeguard shack. They will be training at least two times per month. The beach and pavilion have been very busy. There was a wedding there on Saturday. The camper has been deemed safe to stay in.

Supv. Scott reported that Steve's RV's from Potsdam came to look at the camper to determine the damage that has been done by the leaking roof. The estimate given was 2928.64 to rebuild the slide out roof, replace the rolled roof on top and seal all the outside seams. If this is done it should give the trailer another 8- 10 years. Supt Mayette reported that he has mounted a gutter under the main part of the camper to deter the water from the slides roof. He tried to fix the gasket but it is very brittle. C. McKnight suggested that the Town construct an open sided pavilion over the camper. This would keep it out of the weather and avoid it leaking. The board discussed this and asked C. McKnight to work up some specs and get an estimate to build the pavilion. They also asked the clerk to contact Carney's RV's in Louisville for an estimate.

Grill Request: The Seaway Valley Senior Citizen group has requested that the Town consider a gas grill to rent for groups using the pavilion. There are also other groups who would use the grill because it is difficult for some people to haul one for such an occasion. The Board discussed the proposal and thought that it would be a good idea.

Resolution #49

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: Putney

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to purchase a gas grill for the pavilion at the beach that can be used by people who have reserved the pavilion. The cost of the grill is not to exceed \$500 and is pending the liability of the Town through the insurance company. Ayes: All

The beach caretaker has requested a cigarette butt tower to be installed near the parking lot of the beach. She has to clean up a lot of cigarette butts in the area. The Highway Superintendent has already ordered them and will figure a way to affix them that they don't come up missing.

Patty VanPatten reported that the electrical outlets on the stage at the beach pavilion do not work. Supt. Mayette also noted that there needed to be a better system to turn the lights on under the pavilion. It requires a two prong key which does not work well. He has seen people use all kinds of items to turn them on. The Board asked the Clerk to call Craig Debien to have him look at the stage electrical. She will contact the Power Authority concerning the key issue with the lights.

Rescue Squad: C. Dalton reported that the Rescue Squad's bylaws have been re-written, revised, and discussed. They will be voted on at the next meeting. They discussed homecoming. They will be holding a cross training session with the fire department to coordinate the processes for an accident scene or a fire. There is ongoing training for new members.

Chamber of Commerce: John Steen reported that the new copy of Waddington's tourist brochure is completed and is being distributed. He has sent out a newsletter to all members of the Chamber. They received a call from the County Chamber to request a copy of their poster for the campaign to "buy local". They are putting together a "Welcome to Waddington" package that will be given to new people in town. If there is anything that businesses would like to include in they package they should contact John. Nancy is currently working on the homecoming schedules.

WFN: Supv. Scott reported that he had been contacted by the WFN concerning the winnings from the contest that Waddington recently took second place in. The money needs to be channeled through an organization. Deanna Champine has set up a committee to make the decisions on how the winnings should be distributed. The Board discussed this and thought

that the Chamber could accept the money for the group. This will be discussed further as the time progresses.

WRA: Supv. Scott reported that the recorder was going to be out later than anticipated due to illness. The concert in the park series is on going.

Highway: C. Putney reported that the Highway Department has been busy cutting shoulders on the Irish Settlement Road, they are still cleaning brush on Pork Street, and cold patching roads. They have also been putting some time in for repairs at the beach.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan: Supv. Scott reported that he had received a letter from the County requesting the Town to participate in a county wide Hazard Mitigation Plan. Discussion was held.

Resolution #50

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

WHEREAS, Town of Waddington has limited capability to undertake extensive participation in the preparation of hazard mitigation plan, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County is able to act on behalf of the Town of Waddington in the analysis and development of a hazard mitigation plan, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County shall prepare a hazard mitigation plan in accordance with 44 FEMA requirements at 44 C.F.R.201.g, and

WHEREAS, St. Lawrence County shall deliver a draft copy of the Plan for public comment as well as the governing body's comment during the planning process and prior to adoption,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board authorizes St. Lawrence County on behalf of the Town of Waddington to prepare the St. Lawrence County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which shall be reviewed and considered for adoption by the Waddington Town Board upon completion. Ayes: All

AMP: Supv. Scott reported that he had received a letter from Bob Best with AMP requesting a letter and resolution be sent to Governor Cuomo regarding the appointment of members to the AMP Board. Discussion held.

Resolution #51

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: Dalton

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington is a member of the Alliance for Municipal Power (AMP),

WHEREAS, the Town of Waddington is very interested in seeing the North Country Power Authority begin its work to create a municipal electrical utility within the AMP communities, and

WHEREAS, the first step in doing that is to have a full board of directors appointed as directed in the legislation governing the North Country Power Authority,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Waddington authorizes the Supervisor to sign the letter of support for the North Country Power Authority to the Governor and to AMP State Representatives. Ayes: All

NYPA Task Force: Supv. Scott reported that there was meeting of the NYPA Task Force to talk about the upcoming review in 2013. In the language of the contract it states that NYPA is obligated to review the agreement. The Task Force has hired the Duncan Lawfirm from Washington DC to review the contract and make suggestions.

E-Waste Alliance Network: On April 1, 2011 NYS created a new law that makes it mandatory for citizens to recycle their electronic waste. A company called E-Waste has contacted the Town to participate in a program where citizens can dispose of their old computers, televisions, monitors, keyboards, fax machines, printers, VCR's, DVD players, etc. There is no cost to the Town to participate. It would be a service to the community. The collection box is 4'x4' and would have to be put in the Town Barns. Discussion was held.

Resolution #52

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board would like to participate in the disposal program through E-Waste. Ayes: All

The Clerk will mail the paperwork and a time will be set up for drop off.

Budget: Supv. Scott reported that budget time will be approaching shortly. If any Board member has something they would like included in the budget please let him know.

Economic Development Study: Supv. Scott asked the Board if they were ready to accept the draft copy of the Economic Development Study. C. Putney asked if the Town had to complete everything that was listed in the Study. Supv. Scott stated that these were merely suggestions and the Town does not have to do any of it if they do not want to. The study is a good tool to help with obtaining grants.

Resolution #53

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Putney

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the draft copy of the Economic Development Study submitted by the LeBarge Group as a final document. Ayes: All

Economic Development Coordinator: Supv. Scott reported that the Town has advertised for the position of Economic Development Coordinator. There were no applications submitted for this position. We are half way through summer so will try to fill the position for next season.

Town owned properties: Supv. Scott reported that there was no new information concerning the town owned properties that have been discussed at the last few meetings. The Garrish family is still interested in Waddington as a proposed hotel site. Nothing has come back from Mr. Ma.

Jane Layo asked why the Garrishs did not make their hotel presentation to the Village Board. Supv. Scott noted that he had tried to connect with the Mayor but was unable to pin a date. They will present to the Village.

C. Putney asked if there were any word from Hostetter on the appraisal of the lands. Supv. Scott stated that he had a couple questions about the old river road. Whether the Town would keep this or include with the property could make a difference in the value of the land. The Board consented that the property should be appraised up to the old road.

Road Inventory: At the last board meeting a proposal to do a road inventory was submitted by Dashnaw's Town Budget Services, Inc. A development plan would be prepared that would contain Highway construction and road maintenance to meet the goals of the Town of Waddington. The plan will consist of an official road inventory, road condition ratings and priority ranking, narrative of the common treatments for the various conditions, traffic count data to include vehicles per day, peak traffic flows, and truck travel, and a summary that includes budget estimates and schedule of the type of maintenance to address the deficiencies identified. The total cost for this plan is \$1,500 and would be completed within two – three months. Discussion was held.

Resolution #54

Motioned by: Dalton

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to hire Dashnaw's Town Budget Services, Inc. to conduct and prepare a highway construction and road maintenance plan for the Town of Waddington in the amount of \$1,500. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments:

Patty VanPatten reported that the curtains on the pavilion at the beach work great. They were recently used during the morning rec program and during the wedding this past Saturday. The caretaker and head lifeguard both have keys for them to be operated.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Putney, seconded by McKnight to enter into executive session to discuss the contract with the New Town Attorney @ 8:25PM. A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Putney to return to regular session @ 8:35PM. Ayes: All
No action was taken during executive session.

Bill Dashnaw discussed more details with the Board concerning the Road maintenance plan.

Bills: A motion was made by Scott, seconded by McKnight to pay bills #533 - 633 in the amount of \$61,888.92. Ayes: All

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk