

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, July 1, 2013 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Also present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Roland Poirier, Vicki & Steve MacDonald, Patty VanPatten, Jane Layo, Amanda Purcell.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order @ 7:05PM.

Public Hearing: The public hearing was opened with the reading of the legal notice. Roland Poirier, DBA Nutra-Fix would like to lease 10 acres of property from the Town of Waddington on Whitehouse Bay to grow Sorghum. It was reported that he will use the plants for research of ethanol production, animal feed, and building materials/heating source. The meeting was opened to public comments. Jane Layo asked if the land was currently leased now, did anyone else have any interest in it, and how long the lease would be for. Supv. Scott noted that the land is not leased, there has been no other interest, and that the lease would be for 2 years. Currently other agricultural lands that is leased on Whitehouse Bay is for 10 years. Mr. Poirier was asked what the spec use and care of the land would be. He noted that it is an organic growing process. There is no pesticides or herbicides. There will be some raised beds which will produce hand labor and approximately 5 acres will be grown conventionally with farm plows etc. Mr. Poirier will pay the town \$30 per acre for the lease. This is the market value for this area. Further discussion ensued. The public hearing was closed to comments @ 7:40PM.

Resolution #52

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Dalton

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to enter into a revocable Trust Agreement with Roland Poirier, DBA Nutri-Fix for the rental of 10 acres of property on Whitehouse Bay to grow sorghum. The agreement will be for a period of two years and the rate of payment will be \$30 per acre. Ayes: All

Cemetery: At the last board meeting the board received bids for the rehabilitation of the driveways in Old Brookside Cemetery. The low bidder was Bishop Construction, Ogdensburg. His bid was for \$16,200. Materials will be approximately \$25,000 for road fabric, gravel, and white topstone.

Resolution #53

Motioned by: Putney

Seconded by: Dalton

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby award the cemetery driveway contract to Bishop Construction, Ogdensburg, NY in the amount of \$16,200. The Town will provide all materials such as road fabric, gravel, and white topstone. The project will be completed by September 1st. Ayes: All

Old Town Hall: The Board discussed the bids from the last meeting that were received for the accessibility project. They have decided to move forward with the project and will award the bid to low bidder @ the next meeting on July 8th.

Vicki & Steve MacDonald asked the Board if they had had the opportunity to look at the tree between their property and the Library. Supv. Scott stated that it looked like it was on the property line. He has given the board members information about tree damage received from Vicki. The Board will take action at the regular monthly meeting.

Jane Layo reported that she attended a cemeteries meeting in Massena. If the Town has any civil war stones that are damaged they can get them replaced. They should contact the Massena historian. His last name is Castleman.

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

Adjournment: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting @ 8:05PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, July 8, 2013 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Terry Mayette, Highway Superintendent, Shaun Prentice, Sandy Wright, E. Jane Layo, Rick Rukowski, Kevin Kitzman, Patty VanPatten, Vicki & Steve MacDonald, and Amanda Purcell, Ogdensburg Journal.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Citizen's Comments:

Jane Layo noted that the acoustics are not good where the meeting table is located. At the last meeting they had a problem hearing what was being said on one side of the table.

Patty VanPatten asked the board about the crab trees at the top of Leishman Point. She noted that they have died and need to be replaced. She also noted that the road to the top of the point is in very bad shape. Supt. Mayette noted that he has graded it but there is no material left to fill in the holes. This belongs to the Power Authority. Supv. Scott noted that he would contact someone to see if we can get something done.

Unified Notice of Claims: Supv. Scott reported that the Town must file a resolution with the Secretary of State designating the Secretary of State to act as an agent for service of notice of claim for the Town.

Resolution #54

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: Dalton

WHEREAS General Municipal Law §53 requires towns to file a certificate with the Secretary of State designating the Secretary of State as an agent for service of a notice of claim; and
WHEREAS General Municipal Law §53 requires the certificate to include the applicable time limit for filing the notice of claim and the name, post office address and electronic mail address, if available, of an officer or person for the transmittal of notices of claim served upon the Secretary of State as the town's agent; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §50-e(1)(a), the applicable time limit for the filing of a notice of claim upon a town is ninety (90) days after the claim arises, or in the case of a wrongful death action, ninety (90) days from the appointment of a representative of the decedent's estate; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Waddington, County of St. Lawrence, designates Carol A. Burns, in her capacity as Town Clerk, to receive notices of claim served upon the Secretary of State by mail at P.O. Box 338, Waddington, New York and electronically at twadding@twcny.rr.com

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk to file the required certificate with the Secretary of State informing same of the town's designation and applicable time limitation for filing a notice of claim with the town on or before July 14, 2013.

Ayes: All

MacDonald Request: Vicki & Steve MacDonald were in attendance to address a ash tree that is on the border line of their property and the Town's. The tree roots are causing hairline cracks in the foundation on the north side of their house. They would like to have the tree removed with each property owner paying half. She received an estimate from Putney Tree Service. The estimate is \$1050. This includes removal, hauling away of the tree, stump removal and fill. Vicki noted that she would replace the tree with a more suitable one for the area of the Town's liking. Discussion ensued.

Resolution #55

Motioned by: Scott

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to have the tree removed that is on the property line of Steve & Vicki MacDonald and the Town of Waddington;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MacDonald's and the Town of Waddington will split the cost of removal. The estimate is for \$1050. The MacDonald's will also replace the tree with one of the Town's liking. Ayes: Scott, Dalton, McKnight, and Robinson. Abstain: Putney

Supt. Mayette noted that if there is no additional cost he would like to have the board length from the tree to use for sideboards on the plow boxes. The Board noted that if there was not an additional cost they would request this from Putney's.

Northern Corridor Transportation Group: Supv. Scott reported that he had received a letter from the Northern Corridor Transportation Group who have reorganized to a 501 (c)6 organization. They will be promoting the I-98 Project. They are asking the Town to contribute the \$500 that they pledged in 2010. The Board discussed this and decided that they would like the reorganized group to come to a regular town board meeting to see what they have in store.

AMP: Supv. Scott reported that AMP met last week. C. Robinson was in attendance. The subject of the meeting involves litigation so the board will discuss it in executive session at the end of the meeting.

CFA Grant: Supv. Scott reported that the County grant writers are not available to help write the grant for the SPARC project. The application deadline is August 12th. The Town's match for the grant would be 25%. With the project cost of \$50,000 the town could expect \$10-12,000 match. Supv. Scott has offered to get online to see what the grant entails and try to write it himself. The SPARC project would bring in research facilities, incubator, housing, and possible agriculture. Discussion was held on the condition of the property and the entrance road that belongs to NYPA.

C. Putney stated that he would like to get the Power Authority to fix the road and rent the land to farmers. The farmer would have a contract with the Town and would tiled drain the land. The town could receive \$60-100 per acre with a 10 year lease. This would be beneficial to the town because the land would be worked and taken care of until money can be obtained to develop the property. Further discussion ensued. The Board decided that they would like to wait until next year to submit a grant for this type of project. There are a few projects in the works that they would like to see completed before moving to another. (Old Town Hall, Campground- temporary/permanent)

A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Putney to send a letter to the Power Authority requesting that they look at the condition of the road into Whitehouse Bay. Ayes: All

Allison Rd Request: Supv. Scott received a letter from the DOT acknowledging the town's request for speed reduction on the Allison Rd. They will look into it and return a reply.

Old Town Hall: Supv. Scott stated that the low bidder for the Accessibility project was Continental out of Gouverneur. Their bid was \$146,800. They are currently working on the Picken's Hall job in Heuvelton if anyone would like to see their work.

Resolution #56

Motioned by: Scott

Seconded by: Dalton

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby award the bid contract for the old town hall accessibility project to Continental Construction, Gouverneur, NY in the amount of \$146,800. The project will begin in September 2013. Ayes: All

Supv. Dalton reported that he received a quote for asbestos removal from Richardson's. The cost for removal would be \$498 to Richardson's and \$300 to Dave Cole as project manager. He would like to award the asbestos removal portion of the project so that it could be completed before Continental is set to begin. A citizen asked how much asbestos was involved. C. Dalton noted that there was some tape on ductwork and two floor tiles. C. Putney asked if they had received a quote from Brian Barkley's company. They had not. C. Dalton will request one from Brian.

It was also noted that the roof on the Town Hall is still leaking. C. Dalton will get ahold of Josh Akins who looked at it earlier in the year.

United Helpers: Supv. Scott reported that United Helpers will hold a meeting on July 25th @ 6PM in the Community Room to discuss a community home on the style of Partridge Knoll in Canton.

Committee Reports:

Library: C. Robinson reported that the Library Board met on July 2nd. James Locy made a donation to the Summer Reading Program. There were 27 children at the first program. They need a new fax machine. Edith will get prices for a new one. Christy went over a disaster plan and the board will decide what part of the plan they will keep. The board received \$5,000 from the Haggett Estate. C. Robinson asked the board if once the steps are repaired, would they consider roping off one side during the winter months. The Madrid Library does this and the board thought it was a good idea. She told them that there had been no decision made on removal of the tree. The next meeting is July 30th.

Economic Development: C. Robinson reported that she had sent out letters of interest to the other riverfront communities. She has only received one response from the Town of Lisbon who stated that they might be interested. The Village of Massena just hired Thomas Sullivan as their new Economic Developer. Tom will receive a salary of \$34,000 per year, no benefits, and will work 25 hours per week.

Highway: C. Putney reported that the Highway Department has been busy ditching, installing a culvert on the Randall Rd, patching potholes, mowing roadsides, and doing repairs and mowing at the beach.

Campground: C. Putney reported that there will be a campground meeting on Thursday evening. If the Town can't get the area for the temporary campground seeded they will look for an alternate site. They asked St. Lawrence if they can use their end of the parking lot near the boathouse. They said yes. According to the fire code the sites have to be at least 15' apart to allow for awnings and slide outs.

Rescue Squad: C. Dalton reported that the Rescue Squad held their meeting on July 1st. The squad has sent letters to all local squads asking for volunteers to cover for our shifts during the

duration of the bass fishing tournament. They got confirmation from Ogdensburg and Seaway Valley. A part-time EMT from Norwood has donated his time and will be at the Waddington Squad building for the duration of the tournament. They will be attending a meeting on July 11th in Canton with Emergency Services to get response plans in place in case of any incidents. Ongoing recruitment and training continues.

BASS Elite: C. Dalton reported that as of June 28th they have 80 different vendors. Many of the final details are being worked out. Starting this past Sunday there will be a weekly column in the local papers about the fishing tournament. The Tournament is advertised nationally and intensely in Canada. Any of the issues or concerns that the DEC and Border Patrol had have been worked out. The planners have figured out how and where they will get enough electricity for the main stage. There will be plenty of Porta-Potties on site to alleviate the concerns that came up in the editorial column two weeks ago. At last report \$100,000 of the \$212,000 projected budget has been secured. Mr. Dashnaw will be visiting the St. Lawrence County Legislators on July 15th to present the budget and receive a commitment from their economic development fund. They are still looking for volunteers.

C. Dalton asked the Town board what they were willing to contribute. The Town won \$3,500 through the WFN Fishing Contest. He would like to see that + an additional \$1,500 be contributed.

Resolution #57

Motioned by: Dalton

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby agree to contribute a total of \$5,000 to the BASS Elite Program. \$3,500 from the winnings from the WFN contest and \$1,500 from the Economic Development Fund. Ayes: All

Recreation: C. McKnight reported that the new beach director is working well. They have had two in water assists. One adult twisted her ankle and also needed assistance out of the water. They have had ongoing training schedules and drills.

The summer reading program is being well attended. They are doing it with 2 teachers instead of the three they had last year. The cost of the program will be \$4,000. They are continuing the bus run between the reading program and morning rec program at the beach. He noted that the Recreation Committee should be praised for being able to save the reading program.

Patty VanPatten reported that the first day of morning rec they had 29 children sign up. She also asked if the sand can be moved to the two benches along the beach instead of in front of the guard stand. Supt. Mayette noted he can move it to wherever anyone wants it to be.

The Clerk reported that the refrigerator in the camper has quit working. To replace the condenser it will be \$925 and a new refrigerator is \$1400. It was suggested that the town purchase an apartment size fridge and put in the spot where the current one is. The Board agreed this would be a good idea.

Cemetery: Dave Bishop was awarded the bid for the cemetery driveways in Old Brookside. They will stockpile the stone over by the vault in new Brookside. He will move it from there. Witherbee & Whalen has cleaned more stones. They still plan to finish this year. There are a few stones that are tipped and need some shoring up. The fence has been fixed by Bill & Marcia Tiernan. C. McKnight asked Supt. Mayette if he could bring some gravel up to the Union Cemetery. The young man who has community service will use it to shore up headstones that have tipped. C. McKnight will contact Todd Castagnier with a company called Loving Memories. He does stone cleaning also and will get some estimates to have work done in some of the other cemeteries that the town owns.

Library Steps: Vicki MacDonald gave the Board a package of specs for the repair of the steps at the library. The Town will have to include their specs for insurance, wages etc. She would like to have packages sent to Ernie Runions, Ken Hargrave, Con-Tech, and Harvey Construction.

WRA: Supv. Scott noted that articles for the recorder needed to be in by July 15th deadline. They are trying to get the paper out before homecoming. The July 12th concert will be the River Rat Steel Band.

Chamber of Commerce: Jane updated the tourist brochure. They are printing more directories. They have been manning the Chamber Office on the weekends. They have been distributing the Seaway Trail magazine. Their goal is to get an official computer in the Chamber Office and get all the information on it that is currently on other people's personal computers. They have been distributing tourist information to Coles Creek State Park.

Executive Session: A motion was made by Putney, seconded by Dalton to enter into executive session @ 8:40PM to discuss litigation action w/AMP & New York Power Authority. Ayes: All
A motion was made by Scott, seconded by McKnight to return to regular session @ 9:05PM.
Ayes: All No action was taken during executive session.

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

Adjournment: A motion was made by Putney, seconded by Robinson to adjourn the meeting @ 9:30PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk