

## Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, July 12, 2021 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

**Present were:** Supervisor Alex Hammond and Councilmembers: David McBath, Scott Loomis, and Shaun Prentice. C McKnight was not in attendance.

**Also Present:** Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, mark Scott, Tom Hunter, Sue Papasian, Kelli Tiernan, Jim Thew, Tenley Amo, Phyllis Acres, Kathy Putney, and Patty VanPatten. Supt Putney was not in attendance.

**Call to order:** Supv Hammond called the meeting to order @ 7:05PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Mark Scott reported that the deadline for the Waddington Recorder is July 19<sup>th</sup>. He noted that candidates should try and send in a bio because the next recorder won't be out in time for elections.

He also noted that the Board should look at the law passed to legalize marihuana. In the law the municipalities have the option to opt out so that marihuana dispensaries are not legal in the town. If the Town opts out it must be done by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The town would also have the option to reinstate the dispensaries at any time. Supv Hammond noted that they would look into it.

### **Committee Reports**

**Highway:** C Loomis reported that Supt Putney would like permission to bid on a 2011 F-250 Crew cab pickup on Auctions International. He would like to spend between \$18-20,000. The Board discussed. C McBath noted that this is not the time to buy a used truck. Prices have gone crazy. C Prentice noted that he was not ready to give approval because this was the first that he had heard of it. The board also discussed the possibility of leasing.

Supv Hammond read the highway report that was submitted.

The highway department has been doing general maintenance on trucks, they cleaned up and leveled dirt along the beach, the excavator was used for one day at the beach cutting sand away from the sidewalks, chipped brush along River Rd where ditching was done, dug out bad spot on River Rd at the beach entrance and replaced with gravel and stone, delivered garbage barrels to the beach and placed no parking signs for the water cross event, cleared trees and brush along Allison Rd removing stumps, replaced three culverts at McGinnis Rd with ditching, had three cremations and 1 full burial. Suit-Coat ground and added stone to the Allison and Randal Roads. The Town graded and rolled them. Two trucks from Madrid helped haul stone from the stock pile. Two trucks and the loader went to Madrid and helped cut shoulders for two days. Two trucks went to Lisbon to help with blacktopping for two days. Moved the loader to the sand pit, hauled three loads to beach and 7 loads back to the yard for culvert pipe replacement. A driveway culvert was replaced at the Dailey lot and ditching was done up to the road crossing culvert and gabion stone installed at the end of road crossing culvert. Alpine Fence Company fixed the fence and replaced the corner post at the beach entrance.

**Rescue Squad:** C Prentice reported that they attended the water cross competition. It was quite. They will not be sitting at BASS Masters but will be on call should the need arise. With Covid restrictions lifted they are down volunteers and EMT's because people are out more.

**Library:** Supv Hammond stated that they would wait for the library report until the librarian got here. She was on her way.

**Grants/Alternative Revenue:**

Iroquois Lands: The planning board had met and noted that they were on board with the sale proposal submitted by the Town. The town will have to submit a SEQR Type 1 along with the application for subdivision. The board discussed and the clerk will gather information for the SEQR process to see if the board can submit or we need to hire someone to do this work.

The Town has received a letter from the RVRDA awarding \$14,852 towards our request for fire notification system for the municipal complex. The funding award is a reallocation of the remaining balance on the award granted in 2016 for the old town hall renovations. The project had expired and the RVRDA decided to remove the remaining balance of funds to fund the 2021 application. The board discussed that they will have to come up with the remaining \$3,148 for the system. Supv Hammond said it could come out of the buildings line.

Resolution #54

Motioned by: Hammond

Seconded by: McBath

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept the grant award in the amount of \$14,852 from the RVRDA for a fire notification system for the Municipal Building complex. Ayes: All

C McBath worked at the town beach all day with 2 employees of Thew Associates on their barge dredging the beach program swim area of weeds. Jim Thew worked an additional couple days at the water level removing weeds for the ECWE event. A huge thank you goes to them for their donated labor and equipment. Without it the beach program or ECWC event would not have been able to occur.

HIP Camp: The board met on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss and finalize information from the June meeting. The town will open a separate bank account for this purpose. C McKnight and Jim Thew discussed making fire pits from concrete and getting them up to the beach. We will use the picnic tables in the worst shape from the beach pavilion for the campsites. We will stage RV's and campers/tents for pictures for the HIP Camp website.

At the last meeting C McBath shared information on a County Youth Bureau development program grant. The Librarian is going to apply for funds to create a Teen Centered Makerspace Room at the library. Applications are due Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

ARPA- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: C McBath previously sent the board an electronic copy of the US Dept of Treasury Compliance and Reporting Guidelines for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and suggested we need to start having discussion on how we plan to use this money as there are reporting requirements and timetables and deadlines for this reporting. It appears the Town has to report by 10/31/21 how we plan to use this funding. C McBath suggested the wastewater project for the town garage that has been discussed for the past several years appeared to be an eligible project for this funding. The board will further discuss how we plan on using this funding @ the special meeting planned for July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Cemeteries & Safety:** Supv Hammond reported that he has had some complaints about the trimming in the cemeteries. The clerk will contact Jason to let him know.

**Recreation:** Recreation Chairman Russ Strait sent the following report. The beach opened July 1<sup>st</sup>. About 175 people used the beach on opening day. Usage has been very good most days. Summer recreation started July 5<sup>th</sup>. The reading program in the Village pavilion has approximately 26 attendees, 13 in each group. The morning recreation program at the beach pavilion has 45 attendees. Swimming lessons start @ 12:30 each day. They are fully staffed for the season. The signup for our various programs was streamlined this year and they will be making changes for next year as well. They are grateful for the Village Board (Jim Thew, Michael Thew and company) and the Town Board- David McBath, Scott Loomis, and Travis McKnight for their continuing help in the weed control. Supt Putney and the crew made improvements to the beach with additional sand, edging of sidewalks, and a load of sand for our new soon to be adult volleyball court.

Suggestions to consider: 1. A serious look at the creation of walkway between the village and town walkway toward the beach. 2. Placing speed berms or bumps on the roadway from the beach access road to the base of the hill and into the parking lot. These are removable and can

be taken out for winter season plowing. This would give us a great degree of safety for people using the beach and nighttime speeders. 3. Since ballet is no longer offered we are pursuing a cheerleading instructional class instead and have asked for RFP's.

**Gallery/Clarke House:**

Mark Scott reported that the exhibit by Tina Seabull will run through July 24<sup>th</sup>. A new exhibit by Sharon & Mary Ingles will run through August 7<sup>th</sup>. They are doing as much programming as possible safely. Wilson Bickford held painting classes at the old town hall.

There will be a dance for middle schoolers on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 10PM in the old town hall as part of the Homecoming schedule.

**Museum:** Kathy Putney reported that they have been busy working in the Moore Museum going through contents and doing inventory. They have been finding new items that are not listed on the current inventory. They are trying to reinstate the historical society now calling it an organization. There is a lot of buzz and interest. They have started a Facebook page for the public museum and have been posting articles as they come across them. They will be doing an exhibit in the old town hall on how the seaway affected Waddington. They have a diorama that was built by the shop class in the 80's and all kinds of information. They will be open to the public Thursday- Friday 3 – 6PM. They will also be open homecoming weekend.

Kathy asked about the cleaning in the old town hall. The museum is working on becoming a 501.C3 organization so that they will be eligible for grants and be able to accept donations. The board discussed and will have the cleaner come in biweekly to take care of it. She also mentioned a problem with the toilet in the handicap restroom. There is also leaves and debris coming in under the door by the handicap ramp. Apparently it has not been completed from when they fixed the cement. The clerk will contact Andy Miller to make sure it is done. There is a broken window in the front tower. Pigeons have been getting in there.

**Generator Project:** The mayor just received a letter today from Tidel Associates stating what would have to be modified to have the generator have an automatic transfer switch for both the fire department and the Municipal complex. It would cost the Village \$18,000 and the Town \$27,000. The board would like to have a joint meeting with the Village. It will be set for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July.

**Local Government Task Force:** Supv Hammond reported that there will be a barge doing boring samples for the marina by the end of this week. The Massena intake project is close to being done.

**East Coast Water cross:** Supv Hammond thanked Jim Thew & Crew, Jack Thrasher, and the lifeguards for their help with the weeds. He also thanked Gwen for cleaning of the bathroom trailers, the fire department for parking and traffic control, and the Rescue Squad for their volunteer hours spent there. There were 50 cars parked for the event at one time. The people not from Waddington were very impressed with the area and the way things were handled. There were about 18 campers and 7 tents on the top of Leishman Point for the weekend. Everything was cleaned up. You wouldn't even know anyone was there. We can send the deposit check back to them. The total cost to the Town without the lifeguard salaries was \$6,576 to be taken out of the economic development line.

**Court Security Officer:** C McBath reported that the town will have to apply to become a security guard employer. The hire needs to be registered. It is a \$25 fee. The position will have to be posted. An hourly wage will have to be agreed upon. The person doing the magnetometer can also do the Covid screening. We will need to decide on a uniform. Supv Hammond and C McBath will reach out to the justice to set up a meeting with her. C McBath also noted we should be putting up signs for surveillance cameras and weapon free zone.

**Charter Communications:** There is nothing back from the attorney concerning the franchise agreement and the board just received a copy of the old agreement to compare. A motion was made by McBath, seconded by Loomis to table until the next meeting. Ayes: All

**Old Town Hall:** The board discussed the repairs that need to be done on the fascia and soffit near the front tower. C McKnight spoke with the clerk about Frank Davey coming to look at the project to give an estimate. Both the Clerk and C McKnight have contacted Nick Bertrand and he is so busy but will try to look at the work when he is in town.

**Library:** Supv Hammond noted that the librarian has still not shown up so he asked C Loomis for his library report. C. Loomis reported that the summer reading program has begun. 570 people have used the library, 26 used the computers. There was a problem with the lock handle on the handicap entrance. Barkley's came and fixed it. The grant for the AC has been awarded and work has begun for that.

They are working on a grant for the repair of the masonry and a fire alarm system. The total grant cost is \$62,296.75. The grant is a 75% match. The grant would provide \$46,722.56 and the library would have to cover \$15,574.19. They will be requesting that they cover \$5,000 and the town cover the balance of \$10,574.

Darcy Backus and Heather Jock have resigned from the library board. They would like to replace them with Michelle Patenaude and Richard Hinkle.

Resolution #55

Motioned by: Loomis

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the appointment to the library board of Michelle Patenaude and Richard Hinkle. They will replace Darcy Backus and Heather Jock. Ayes: All

**MOU:** A letter was received by the Town's Attorney concerning the MOU submitted for review. The board had some questions for the attorney. A motion was made by McBath, seconded by Prentice to table until the next meeting for clarification from the attorney. Ayes: All

**Bills:** A motion was made by McBath, seconded by Loomis to approve bills # - in the amount of \$. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk