

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, March 10, 2014 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

Present were: Supervisor Sandra Wright and Councilmembers: Shirley Robinson, Shaun Prentice, and Patricia VanPatten.

Also present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Robert Dalton, Highway Superintendent, and Mark Scott.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Citizen's Comments: There were no comments at this time.

Solar Project: Rob Campany from Fourth Coast Inc. to update the board on the status of the solar project. The Board reviewed the SEQR form and determined that there was no significant environmental impact.

Resolution #25

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: Robinson

WHEREAS, the Waddington Town Board had been established as lead agency in the SEQR process for the Town of Waddington Solar PC Array; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form submitted;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby find that the solar project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and therefore, an environmental impact statement, need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

Roll Call vote:

Supervisor Wright: Aye

Councilmember Prentice: Aye

Councilmember Robinson: Aye

Councilmember VanPatten: Aye

Rob reported that the Town of Waddington has been approved for \$53,000 through NYSERDA for the project. The Board discussed fencing. Rob stated that it is not mandated but is preferred to deter people from damaging the panels. Rob told the board that their next step would be to have a bond resolution prepared. The total project is \$206,000. We should make the bond resolution for \$250,000 which would cover the fence and any contingency that might arise. The clerk will contact the attorney to begin this process.

Committee Reports:

Library: C. Robinson reported that the Town Supervisor attended the March 4th library meeting. Sandy and the board discussed the responsibilities for the upkeep of the library. C. Robinson feels that there is a better understanding between the Library Board and the Town Board. There will be a reptile show in the Community Room on April 21st between 12-2. Marilyn Burwell would like to continue as trustee. The Board will keep her position open for three months. The friends will be asked to share the cost of purchasing a people counter. 474 people used the library in February. The next meeting is April 1st.

Rescue Squad: Supv. Wright reported that she attended the Rescue Squad meeting on Monday. They have been busy. June reported that they will not be doing the Jr Program. They will be holding a boat course the 1st week of May. Rhona will review the map of the town with the fire department. She is also checking on extensions for the stretcher. They are working on a list of people who are on home oxygen.

Recreation: C. VanPatten reported that she had attended the Recreation meeting. They discussed the lifeguards for the beach. They will be in need of new guards in the near future. Russ will be sending a letter out to school. Anyone who is interested should come to a meeting where they will be given the intro to becoming a guard. They will have to have all their courses up to date. Greg Mintz will be head coordinator again this year. They are looking to purchase a body board for the lifeguards to use when there is a breakdown of the boat. The ice rink will stay open until the weather makes it close. It has been a long season and the rink has had a lot of attendance.

Tourism: C. VanPatten attended the Homecoming meeting on March 4th. The theme this year will be Small Town School. Anyone interested in helping with this event should call Shelly Shirley. She also attended the Bass Masters meeting on March 6th. She is working on a canoe race for Saturday, September 27th. They are hoping to bring in more people for the "Party in the Park Festival".

Campground: Supv. Wright spoke with C. McKnight about the campground. He stated that they are a work in progress and that the goal is to have prices on everything by the April meeting.

Cemeteries: Supt. Dalton reported that he and C. McKnight have been discussing the driveway to the vault in the New Brookside Cemetery. It is in need of repair. There is still fabric left from the project at Old Brookside and the only thing needed would be some stone, time and weather cooperation. The Board agreed that this should be done as permitted.

Highway: Supt. Dalton reported that snow removal and sanding continues. To date they have traveled 2831 miles. Truck and equipment repair is ongoing. They have had a rash of blow hydraulic lines due to rust, mostly from salt corrosion and old age. They have dealt with water on roads in a few locations due to frozen culverts or ditches. (McKnight Rd, County RT 28, County RT 33, Jenner Rd, and Dunbar Rd)

Chamber of Commerce: Matt Turcotte with North Shore Solutions will be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, March 12th to show them his website designs. This is the company that both the Town and Village of Waddington use.

Old Town Hall: Supv. Wright received a letter from Crawford & Stearns with the project closeout materials. They have sent all the drawings and paperwork concerning products used during the renovation. It is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Supt. Dalton reported that he had been able to free up some time to do some work at the old town hall. Approximately 162 man-hours. Most of the plaster patching has been completed, the exterior wall has been painted in the chamber's office, the east end stonewall that was exposed has been cleaned. Loose and broken concrete has been chipped out and replaced, the floor in the ladies room as had floor leveling compound used, and it is now ready for paint. The majority of the woodwork has been repaired, scraped, and ready for paint. They are preparing to start the drop ceilings.

Received bids for 100 amp sub panel to be installed at the stage area with power new dimmer switches for house lights.

CD Electric \$ 2150 S&L Electric \$3,560 Norsworthy Electric \$1,728

Received one quote for the duct work. It was from Merkley Brothers Heating & Cooling. Supt. Dalton spoke with Bryan Mott Plumbing and he was going to get him a quote. Merkley Brothers has computer software to help them design the system for the best efficiency possible. Their price is not to exceed \$6,500. The Board discussed both proposals.

Resolution #26

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby elect to hire CD Electric to do the installation of the 100 amp sub panel in the stage area of the old town hall. The price for the job is \$2150. Ayes: All

The Board further discussed the heating proposal. It was decided to see if Bryan Mott can get Supt. Dalton a quote by the end of the week. If he gets Supt. Dalton a quote Supv Wright will pole the board to let them know so that Bob can move along with the project due to time permitting.

RVD Gun Club: At the December meeting the RVD gun club asked the board permission to hold a dog sporting event at Whitehouse Bay. The board gave permission baring he provided the Attorney with their certificate of insurance and anything else that was determined to be needed. There seems to be a breakdown in communication between the gun club and the Town Attorney. At this point the Town's Attorney has recommended that the Board put the club on notice that unless they provide the information requested the event will be off. Discussion was held.

Resolution #27

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby state that they will formally approve their request to hold a dog sporting event at Whitehouse Bay once they present the Town with a detailed proposal and certificate of liability insurance. Ayes: All

RVRDA: C. Prentice reported that he has sent everyone a word document of the application to the RVRDA for the solar project. He asked that the Board members contact him if they had any comments or changes concerning it. There is a \$100 application fee. The Board discussed submitting another grant application to continue the project at the old town hall. This one would be to replace windows, expand on the electrical, and insulate the attic. Supt. Dalton will be gathering some information for this project. The Board discussed that the RVRDA will only approve one project but by putting in the one for the old town hall it will be in the queue for the next round.

Resolution #28

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve two application fees of \$100 each to the RVRDA. Ayes: All

Justice Report: At the last meeting C. VanPatten reported that she & C. Robinson had met with the Justice and went over their books. She recommended that the Board approve them as submitted.

Resolution #29

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the Justice annual report for the year 2013. Ayes: All

Psych Center:

Resolution #30

SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF APPROXIMATELY 160 ACRES OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SITE OF THE ST. LAWRENCE PSYCHIATRIC CENTER, OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK TO THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, since 1887, the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center has provided specialized care and vocational programs to New York State residents in need of long-term, inpatient psychiatric care, and

WHEREAS, between 1957 and 1968, the Office of Mental Health's (OMH) focus on treatment changed from inpatient to community-based care and resulted in the vacating of several of the buildings formerly used to house, treat, sustain and teach residents, and

WHEREAS, the transfer of these unused lands and structures to the City of Ogdensburg would (i) enable the development of the properties for potential residential, commercial, industrial and recreational use, (ii) help stimulate the local economy by creating jobs associated with such development, and (iii) move previously tax-exempted property to the local tax rolls, and

WHEREAS, there is no publicly known or advocated plan by OMH to make productive use of the parcels referred to in the proposed legislation, nor is there any reasonable expectation that any of the parcels requested under the legislation would be needed to expand, or even maintain, the current levels of service provided thereat,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board supports the proposed conveyance of 160 acres to the City of Ogdensburg, and strongly urges favorable consideration of the bill by the members of the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly, without delay, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senators Ritchie, Griffo, and Little, and Assemblypersons Russell, Duprey, Blankenbush, and Butler. Ayes: All

Cemetery fees: The Board discussed increasing the cemetery fees to bring us in line with other local cemeteries.

Resolution #31

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the following cemetery fees effective immediately:

Grave opening & Closing: \$400

Cremation opening: 100

Friday/Saturday/Sunday/legal holiday burial: Additional \$100

Winter Burial: Additional \$400

1 Plot Cemetery lot: \$250 Ayes: All

Zoning & Planning Boards: Supv. Wright reported that the Town is in need of people to serve on the Zoning and Planning Boards. There are two vacant seats on Planning & 3 on Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board discussed this and will try to reach out to people that might be interested and the clerk will advertise for help.

Payroll request: The Bookkeeper has requested permission to change the Code Enforcement and Dog Control Officer's payroll to bi-weekly instead of monthly. They are the last two on monthly and she has to process a separate payroll for them.

Resolution #32

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby give the bookkeeper permission to switch the Code Enforcement & Dog Control Officer's pay from monthly to bi-weekly. Ayes: All

Official Newspaper: Supv. Wright reported that at the January 2014 meeting the board appointed the Ogdensburg Journal as the Town's official newspaper. Since then the Ogdensburg Journal has changed its publishing schedule to Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. This can cause problems with time restrictions when publishing legal notices. The Village recently changed their official paper to the Courier Observer. Discussion was held

Resolution #33

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: Prentice

WHEREAS, the Waddington Town Board had appointed the Ogdensburg Journal as their official newspaper, and

WHEREAS, the Journal has changed their publication schedule to Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, and

WHEREAS, the Town needs to publish legal notices from time to time in which are time sensitive,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby rescind their Resolution # 8 of the year 2014 designating the Ogdensburg Journal as its official newspaper,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby designate the Courier Observer as its official newspaper. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments: Mark Scott asked some questions about items discussed in the meeting.

Bills: A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Robinson to pay bills #154-238 in the amount of \$127,598.76. Ayes: All

Executive Session: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by VanPatten to enter into executive session @ 9:05PM to discuss the employment history of a particular employee. Ayes: All A motion was made by Prentice, seconded by Robinson to return to regular session @ 9:45 PM. Ayes: All No action was taken during executive session.

Town Attorney: The Board discussed the reappointment of Benjamin Johns as Town Attorney. Supv. Wright asked if there was any support for the reappointment. All board members voted no.

A vote was taken to appoint Michelle Ladouceur with the following results: Robinson: Naye, VanPatten: Aye, Prentice: Aye, Wright: Aye

A vote was taken to appoint Eric Gustafson with the following results: Robinson: Aye, VanPatten: Naye, Prentice: Naye, Wright: Naye

Resolution # 34

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: VanPatten

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to terminate the services of Benjamin J. Johns as Town Attorney effective March 31, 2014. Ayes: All

Resolution #35

Motioned by: VanPatten

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to hire Michelle Ladouceur as the Town's Attorney effective immediately.

Ayes: VanPatten, Prentice, & Wright

Naye: Robinson

Adjournment: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Prentice to adjourn the meeting @ 10:00PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk