

Regular Meeting

Because of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency and State and Federal bans on large meetings or gatherings and pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 220.1 issued on March 12, 2020 suspending the Open Meetings Law, the Waddington Town Board Meeting scheduled for March 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm was held electronically via Zoom instead of a public meeting open for the public to attend in person. Members of the public were invited to join the meeting from their homes.

Present were: Supervisor Alex Hammond and Councilmembers: David McBath, Scott Loomis, and Shaun Prentice. Councilmember McKnight was not present at the meeting.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, David Putney, Highway Superintendent, Mark Scott, Patty VanPatten, Kevin Acres, Tenley Amo, Marjorie Todd, Katherine Putney, Kelly Gatzke, Shannon Robinson and Bonnie Sabatini.

Call to Order: Supv Hammond called the meeting to order @7:02PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public Hearing: Supv Hammond stated that he would open the public hearing for Local Law # 3 of the year 2021 entitled: an amendment to Section 7 entitled, "Solar Energy Regulations", of Local Law No 3 of the year 2019. Section 7 is found at pages 90 – 99 of Local Law No. 3 of the year 2019.

The new section added to Local Law No 3 of the year 2019 will be Section 7.7, Reimbursement of Town Legal Fees.

No public comments were given.

Supv Hammond reviewed the SEQR form submitted for the local law. The Board determined that there was no significant impact on the environment and declared a Negative Declaration. The public comment period was closed @ 7:05PM

Resolution #31

Motioned by: Prentice

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve Local Law No.3 of the year 2021 an amendment to Section 7 entitles, "Solar Energy Regulations", of Local Law No.3 of the year 2019. The new section added will be Section 7.7 Reimbursement of Town Legal Fees.

Ayes: All

Resolution #32

Motioned by: Hammond

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby declare that Local Law No. 3 of the year 2021 has no significant impact on the environment and declares a Negative Declaration.

Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments: No comments were had at this time.

Committee Reports:

Highway: Supt Putney reported that the Department has been doing maintenance on the trucks, removed snow from Village Streets, plowed and sanded 16 times and sand only 3 times, and thawed one culvert pipe. Supt Putney went to Fort Dix, started the dozer, and met the trucker who moved the dozer home. He also picked up the chipper in New York Mills.

Rescue Squad: C Prentice reported that the new rig will be here in a couple of weeks. They will then get it stocked and everyone will be trained on it. They continue to be busy. They had 21

calls in February. There still is an issue with water coming in somewhere near the window. They would like to do some updating to the office but will try to identify where it is coming from.

Library: C Loomis reported that the library has received notice from NCLS that there will be a price increase of \$600. There will be an increase each year following. The Board had not budgeted for this expense. Bonnie is doing a good job. She distributes a nice financial report to the board. The light and timer outside is still not working. C Loomis asked if someone should contact Frank Davey or Craig Debien to look at it. C Prentice noted he would contact Craig and let them know.

Bonnie noted that the library fee increase will begin in 2022 so they have time to budget for it. She will let the Board know as she gets more information. C Hammond asked if the Library board had sent a thank you note to the Sons of the Legion for the solar light on the flagpole. Bonnie noted that Marjorie Todd read it at the board meeting and it was mailed.

Grants/Alternative Revenues: Waddington Recorder article written about the new committee – no response. Toby Bogart reached out and offered to assist in this committee's work. Have not heard from anyone else.

Attended the NYSEDA grant webinar on Feb 11. Similar information as was provided by Joule Corp at previous webinar. If we do a town community solar project, the “community” only includes town residents and not village residents because of the way the law is written.

On Feb 15 provided Bonnie at the Library and copied Scott Loomis with web links to State Historic Preservation grant website – this was an annual program but does not appear to have been funded since pandemic hit. Also researched and found the Mortar spec sheet and info on the previous contractor used at Town hall (Evans Caulking, Lafargeville NY) and this info also provided to Scott and Bonnie - Town or Library Board will need to consider and RFP for quotes to get an idea what any project to do exterior mortar maintenance at the library will cost.

Feb 20 email board received from Kelly Gatzke regarding "RAP funding" – researched the Resource Allocation Plan Program on the county website. It is managed by the SLC Youth Bureau Director. I think it was Feb23 I emailed the Youth Bureau email link on their website inquiring about the RAP program and asking for further information about the town of Waddington and if we were eligible to apply to this program – to date I have not had a response.

Feb 22 Special meeting held in exec session to discuss possibility of sale of some of the Iroquois Land owned by the town to get it back on the tax rolls and help supplement current tax dollars collected. No decisions were made during this meeting, but discussion focused on the potential sale of about 104 acres of waterfront land to the west of the gravel road at Iroquois from inside the gate almost right to the Iroquois Dam. Also discussed was everyone would have an equal opportunity to purchase these waterfront lots, and it was proposed that each lot be more than 5 acres in size. The Town Code enforcement officer attended and discussed regulations related to developments and is doing research on DOH and any other associated codes or requirements that would have to be considered. There is a strict process for selling public lands that will have to be followed. The board plans to solicit community input in the near future, and the town and county planning boards will need to get involved as well. More to follow on all this as we move forward, but I think everyone on the board feels the first meeting on the topic was productive. We can take any questions about this during the second public comment period at the end of this meeting.

RVRDA grant – application is due April 16 – everyone on the board was sent the information on Feb 8 before the last meeting. Let me know if anyone has any project ideas they want to submit? We will need to start soon on an application if the town wants to submit one.

The Gallery/Clarke House: Supv Hammond reported that the Clarke House has obtained a matching grant from the Sweet Grasse Foundation. It is a \$15,000 grant to install a period correct ceiling on the first floor. They need to raise \$7,500 by June 1st. To date they have raised \$2,350. There is a reporter coming to do a report of the history of the hotel.

Mark Scott reported that the concert series group will meet to discuss the requirements imposed by the State concerning Covid-19. The series will all be dependent on whether the concerts can comply with the requirements.

Museum: Kathy Putney reported that the board met last month in the museum. She is doing research on their next steps. She has been in contact with Mimi VanDusen who retired from the Potsdam museum. She is going to come and give her some ideas on how to get the museum going. They will try and meet again next month.

Kathy asked the board if they had any input on the acceptance of the old depot. Did they have any ideas for use or location? The board noted that they hadn't given it any thought but would let her know if they had any. Mark Scott asked if an RVRDA grant could be used for this. Supv Hammond asked C Loomis to add this to his discussion with Russ.

Radio Tower Update: C McBath reported that he had spoken with Matt Denner last week. The County has gotten a communications grant and they are working on the FCC license to install the repeaters for the Sheriffs, County Highway, and emergency services.

Baildon's: No update to report.

Generator Bids: There were three bids received for the generator that was opened at the last meeting. Upon speaking with Cummings NE recommended either of the low bidders. They are both good contractors. It will be a matter of the monetary aspect. C. Prentice noted that Tel Inc. from Heuvelton came in low bidder and moved that we pick a bidder and award the project. Supv Hammond asked where the money would be coming from. C. Prentice noted we had talked about high flow money. This use has more merit for the money than just using it to balance a budget. Supv Hammond noted he would like to have a full board present to vote on the project. He asked if it merited a brand new system or could we look at a used generator. C Loomis noted that we planned to use the money from somewhere or we wouldn't have asked for bids. C Prentice noted that it had been discussed, they met with contractors, and there has been a lot of work through the process. C McBath noted he also was in favor of the project but stated he would wait till the next meeting with a full board.

A motion was made by McBath, seconded by Hammond to table a decision on the award of the generator bid until the April meeting. Ayes: Loomis, McBath, and Hammond. Opposed: Prentice.

Court Security Officer: Supv Hammond reported that he has spoken with Justice Robinson before the meeting. She has a phone call in to one more agency and then will present everything to the Board.

Local Government Task Force: Supv Hammond reported that the joint marina project has been brought before the LGTF and the resolution of support was passed by a majority. He spoke with Rob Daley from NYPA to see what the next steps would be. He said it will be reviewed internally and then find a project manager. They should know more in the next couple weeks. The Village has \$750,000 towards the project through the State's Ready Grant.

Clerk/ Code Enforcement Annual Report:

Resolution #33

Motioned by: McBath

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept and approve the Town Clerk and Code Enforcement Officer's annual report for 2020. Ayes: All

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020

Conservation Licenses	4569.00
Dog Licenses	2798.00
SPCA Redemption	.00
Marriage Licenses	440.00
Certified Copies	970.00
Misc. Sales	.00
Building Permits	2124.20
Cemetery Funds	9690.00
Ag Permits (PA lease)	4499.90
Beach Pavilion Rental	<u>185.00</u>
Total Collected	25276.10

Paid to Town Supervisor	20281.73
Paid to DEC	4316.87
Paid to Ags & Markets (dogs)	430.00
Paid to Dept. of Health (marriage)	<u>247.50</u>
Total Paid out	25276.10

Taxes Collected & paid to Town Supervisor	332203.00
Interest collected & paid to Town Supervisor	3054.17
Taxes collected & paid to County Treasurer	<u>1192259.30</u>
Total Taxes collected	1527516.47

CODE ENFORCEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

There were 30 building permits issued in 2020. There were 6 permits issued for new dwellings. Their estimated assessed value is \$580,000 down \$240,000 from 2019. The remaining 24 permits were issued for alterations, additions, yard barns, barn, garages, deck and swimming pools.

There was a decrease of 4 building permits from 2019.

The building permit fees collected in 2020 was \$2124.20 a decrease of \$1582.55 from 2019.

East Coast Watercross: Supv Hammond asked the board if they were still in favor of the East Coast Watercross competition coming to Waddington in 2021. The tentative date is June 26th & 27th. He is going to get in contact with Brooke Rouse, County Tourism Director and Chris from East Coast Watercross. The board asked if the County was still going to put up the sponsor fees and what can be done with the Covid regulations. Supv Hammond noted that this is all things he will have to find out but doesn't want to put the time and effort in if the board is not in favor of bringing it here. He noted that BASS masters would be coming this summer with restrictions. The board agreed to have Supv Hammond contact them to see where things stood and then a decision can be made based on the information he receives.

Public Employer Emergency Plan: The final plan has been reviewed by the board and a letter was received from the Teamsters union stating they didn't have any problems with the document.

Resolution #34

Motioned by: Hammond

Seconded by: Loomis

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby approve the final draft of the Public Employer Emergency Plan. Ayes: All

Agreement to spend highway funds:

Resolution #35

Motioned by: Loomis

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to spend \$150,000 for general repairs on 39.88 miles of town roads. Ayes: All

Deputy Clerk Resignation: The Town Clerk reported that her deputy clerk was resigning as of March 26th. She has agreed to stay on as a fill in when the clerk needs to be out of the office. The Clerk would like to keep her on for this purpose and not fill the position at this time.

Resolution #36

Motioned by: McBath

Seconded by: Prentice

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby accept Deputy Clerk Kerri O'Bryan's resignation of regular hours in the office effective March 26th.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does also give the Town Clerk permission to hire Kerri O'Bryan on an as needed basis at a rate of \$15.00 per hour not to exceed the budgeted figure for 2021. Ayes: All

Court Review: C Prentice and McBath conducted the annual court review. C McBath noted he had learned a lot and that Kerri did a good job with the record keeping. C Prentice noted that she is prepared and does a great job. When you ask questions she provides the answers immediately. There were no issues. Everything is well kept.

Resolution #37

Motioned by: Loomis

Seconded by: Hammond

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board accepts the audit of the Town Court Books conducted by Councilor McBath & Prentice for the year 2020. Ayes: All

Citizen's Comments:

Mark Scott noted that the next recorder deadline will be April 19th. This would be a good place for recognition of the Town Employee who helped the citizen on his plow route.

Mark noted that land usage has been discussed at Whitehouse Bay. He asked about infrastructure and how the land will be sold. Will it be by the piece or as a whole? Supv Hammond reported that there will be no infrastructure associated with it. The lots will be no less than 5.1 acres. He asked about timeline etc. Supv Hammond noted that this is in the very beginning stages and will be a lengthy process. They want to do it right and have the public involved throughout the stages.

Mark also asked if this area is the same place where they are considering solar. C Prentice noted that it was but he has gotten some feedback and this area is not a good place for solar. Mark noted that about 5 years ago Jeff Loomis was helping with some plans for solar. It might be a good idea to get him involved again. It can't hurt to have another opinion. C Loomis will reach out to Jeff.

Mark also noted that C McBath mentioned a grant opportunity with the solar for the town but doesn't include the Village constituents. The Village is part of the town so it doesn't make any sense. C McBath noted that this is the way that the municipal agreements are written. If there is another jurisdiction within it is treated as separate. It is considered a separate entity in the law.

C. McBath asked Mark about the website for dry camping which he had mentioned before. Mark noted it is called hip camp. You can have 4 -5 sites without any infrastructure. It is posted on their website.

Bills: A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by Prentice to pay bills #21-00091 – 21-00177 in the amount of \$90,052.44. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by McBath to adjourn the meeting @ 8:25PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk

Special Meeting

Because of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency and State and Federal bans on large meetings or gatherings and pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 220.1 issued on March 12, 2020 suspending the Open Meetings Law, the Waddington Town Board Meeting scheduled for March 22, 2021 at 12:00 pm was held electronically via Zoom instead of a public meeting open for the public to attend in person. Members of the public were invited to join the meeting from their homes.

Present were: Supervisor Alex Hammond and Councilmembers: Scott Loomis, and David McBath. Councilmembers McKnight and Prentice were absent.

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk and David Putney, Highway Superintendent.

Supv Hammond reported that the purpose of the meeting was to give approval to the Highway Supt to purchase a 2008 International snow plow truck off Auctions International. He turned the meeting to Supt Putney.

Supt Putney told the board he would like to be able to bid on a 2008 International Pay Star snowplow on Auctions International. This would be purchased out of the equipment line in the budget. He would put this truck in the spare slot and remove the 2003 & 2001 Macks and sell them on Auctions International. The truck has a blown head gasket but the town that owns it didn't change it because they had three other trucks in service. An inline overhaul kit is \$3,000 + labor. He noted that C Prentice has expressed that he doesn't like to see buying used equipment but he feels that this is a more progressive approach to bring the fleet up to date. The aluminum box alone on the truck goes for \$40,000 as quoted by Stadium International.

Discussion ensued. C McBath asked Supt Putney if he had any concerns for funding to get through the end of the year. Supt Putney noted that he did not. This purchase would come out of the equipment line and the sale of the surplus equipment would be put back into that line. He anticipated \$12- 15,000 for the sale of the two trucks.

Resolution #38

Motioned by: Loomis

Seconded by: Hammond

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize Supt Putney to bid on the 2008 International Pay Star snowplow with a cap of \$15,000;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby declare the 2201 & 2003 Mack trucks and the 1985 Brush Bandit Chipper as surplus and to list on Auction International.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Loomis, seconded by McBath to adjourn the meeting @ 12:30PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk