

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, September 10, 2012 @ 7PM in the Municipal Building.

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

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Terry Mayette, Highway Superintendent, Benjamin Johns, Town Attorney, E Jane & Mathew Layo, Kelly J. Tiernan, Bill Alexander, John Turner, Robert & Kay Smith, Janet Otto-Cassada, James & Elisabeth Blackmore, Brian Norton, Jane Lawrence, John Steen, Sandy Wright, Dorothy Locy, Rebecca & Jeffrey Gerrish, John Dumas, Edie Streeter, Louise & Dana Smith, Ken Chambers, Jennifer & Mike Chambers, Carmen Wagner, Anthony & Nicole Zeledon, Jim Thew, and Jim Pipher.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supv. Scott noted that there are two citizen comment periods during the meeting. He stated that because there are so many people in attendance he would like to keep the any comments to those periods unless invited to do so by the Board.

Approval of Minutes: C. Dalton requested the minutes and agenda be distributed earlier than they have been. They were emailed on Friday and his computer had been down. A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to accept the minutes as submitted.

Mowing Bids: There were two bids received for mowing and maintenance of the 5 town owned cemeteries.

Seaway Valley Lawn Care:

Contract #1: Town Cemeteries: \$21,400

Contract #2: Town Square & Municipal Building: \$2,700

Contract #3: Waddington Hepburn Library: \$800

Wagner Farm Enterprise Lawn Care:

Contract #1: Town Cemeteries: \$21,320.

Contract #2: Town Square & Municipal Building: \$2,158

Contract #3: Waddington Hepburn Library: \$780.

Resolution #59

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Robinson

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby award the following bids to Wagner Farm Enterprise Lawn Care for the 2013 mowing season beginning May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013: Contract #1 Town Cemeteries: \$21,320, Contract #2: Town Square & Municipal Building: \$2,158, and Contract #3: Waddington Hepburn Library: \$780. Ayes: All

Old Town Hall: Supv. Scott reported that the Town had advertised for architectural & administrative services that would be needed if the Town is successful in obtaining the Old Town Hall grant. There were 5 submissions on Friday. They will be distributed to the Board members for review.

Supv. Scott stated that he would like to have another meeting to discuss the tentative budget. The FISHCAP people would also like to attend to discuss the BASS Elite Tournament. They could also look at the RFP's that were submitted. C. Putney stated that if they were going to work on budget the meeting should be for that purpose. The rest can happen at the next regular town meeting. The Board agreed on September 17th @ 7PM.

G2G Presentation: At a previous meeting of the Town Board Jeff & Becky Gerrish came to pitch a plan to construct a hotel in Waddington. Since this time they have come with a different type

of plan that would utilize the resources in Waddington. This would be a public/private venture that they feel would be mutually beneficial. They propose to be the Town's concessionaire in which they would develop and operate a campground @ Leishman Point and the nearby River Road parcels of Town property in conjunction with the Clark House, which they will seek to renovate into a hotel and conference center supported by use of the Town's old town hall as a banquet and event facility. This is still in the early stages of preparation and much still needs to be done. C. McKnight asked if they were still pursuing the hotel in Potsdam. They stated that Potsdam is out of the picture and that they were committed to making the project work in Waddington. There was a question and answer period from the audience. Supv. Scott thanked them for their presentation and noted that he looked forward to continuing talks once they meet with the Power Authority, RVRDA, IDA, and DOH. Jeff Gerrish stated that they would be back as they learn more.

Citizen's Comments: Jane Layo asked Supv. Scott what was the markers on Leishman Point were for. Supv. Scott noted that Jim Thew had done some surveying to show what a typical RV site would be on the point.

John Dumas told the Board that there are three local men running in the motorcycle cannonball run. They are all riding 1928 Henderson motorcycles. Mark Hill has been working on motorcycles out of his shop and has had people from area states come to have him do work on their bikes.

Patty VanPatten asked if the old town hall roof had been repaired. Supv. Scott noted that the company was supposed to come back to look at it. He will contact them directly.

Committee Reports:

Library: C. Robinson reported that the Library Board held a special meeting on August 28th. There was a discussion regarding the checking out of books and what to do about late fees. North Country Library System (NCLS) sets the amount to be charged but can be overruled. It was suggested to notify patrons by mail or phone. An article will be placed in local newspapers regarding (NCLS) rules and how to care for library books. Library staff will check the records on the 1st and 15th of each month for overdue books and check the shelves to make sure they have not been returned. There will be an amnesty period for the month of September. A letter will be sent in reply to letters received, indicating that people's concerns are being addressed. The board went into executive session.

The regular meeting of the Library Board was held on September 4th. The board has requested that the Town put snow guards on the roof. Mary will order canvas bags to give to the children to help them organize their library books in one place. New chairs are being ordered for the children's area. The friends received \$564 from the book sale. The board went over employee policies. In the 2013 budget they will review the process and consider the purchase of computers. The board approved the Joint Automation Board Bylaws. Mary and Tiffany will attend a Digital Literacy workshop in Canton on October 1st. One citizen attended the meeting and expressed concerns. Dana and Christy will work on the budget. They went into executive session. The next meeting is October 2nd.

Recreation: C. McKnight reported that the beach is done for the season. There is a meeting scheduled for this month. They will be working on rink startup and writing a job description for the beach director and rink attendant.

Rescue Squad: C. Dalton reported that the Rescue Squad was meeting this evening.

Highway: C. Putney reported that the Highway Department has paved ½ mile of the Irish Settlement Road and 9/10 of a mile of the Halfway House Road. They will be working on the shoulders. They have painted and sided the old barn. They have been working on roadside mowing in their spare time.

Chamber of Commerce: John Steen reported that the Chamber has had 97 people sign in @ the chamber office between July 1st & September 1st. They feel that they have had a successful summer. There will be an open house at the Chamber office on September 29th from 1-3PM.

WRA: Louise Smith reported that the concert series was successful. She stated that the attendance has tripled from two years ago. She will once again apply for a grant to help the series for 2013 and asked the board to support the program.

Resolution #60

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

Resolved, that the Town of Waddington does hereby agree to partner with the Waddington Redevelopment Association to provide the use of the historic Old Town Hall to hold a summer concert series. Ayes all

New Business:

Speed reduction request: A letter had been presented to the Board requesting that the speed limit be reduced to 40 MPH on County Route 31 through Chipman Corners at the intersection of CR 31 & CR 33.

Maurice LaRock asked the Board to consider a reduction in speed for the Irish Settlement Road. Since the road has been repaved it has become a speed track and he is concerned for the safety of children playing.

Resolution #61

Motioned by: Robinson

Seconded by: McKnight

WHEREAS, CR 31 has had a significant increase in slow moving, large agriculture equipment, large trucks hauling tons of haylage and corn silage and the dramatic increase in liquid manure tanker trucks traveling through the intersection @ 55MPH; and

WHEREAS, this becomes a hazard due to one corner of the intersection is partially blocked by a house that is close to the road causing vehicles to nose close to CR 31 before entering the highway;

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby request that the County consider reducing the speed limit in this area from 55 MPH to 40 MPH. Ayes: All

Resolution #62

Motioned by: Putney

Seconded by: McKnight

WHEREAS, there has been a significant increase in traffic on the Irish Settlement Road; and WHEREAS, cars travel at speeds of 55MPH or greater and there are children that live along the road;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby request that the County consider reducing the speed limit on the Irish Settlement Road from 55 MPH to 40 MPH. Ayes: All

Pole Building: The Town Board sent requests to four local contractors for quotes to build the pole building over the camper at the beach. There was only one estimate submitted. It was submitted by Tiernan's Construction. The cost would be \$12,096. The Board thanked Tiernan's for their estimate and would table it to see what will work in the budget.

Jim Thew stated that he would like to see a cabin installed to replace the camper. Jeff Gerrish told Supv. Scott that you could put in an uninsulated 36 x14 w/1 bedroom, bath, living room & kitchenette for approximately \$23,000.

Town owned property: Supv. Scott reported that the Board received the appraisals today and had not had an opportunity to go through them. C. Dalton noted he had not looked at them yet but they are available for the public to look at. They will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Cemeteries: C. McKnight reported that he hopes to have an estimate from Witherbee & Whalen by next month for the repair of the gravestones in Old Brookside Cemetery. He stated that there are a lot of stones that need repair. It is a slow process. Some of the oldest stones may not be able to be repaired to stand up so they put them back together like a puzzle in a cement pad and are laid down.

Budget: Supv. Scott noted that he is working on the budget and would like to be able to keep the tax levy stable. He again noted that if there is additional equipment etc. to please let him know.

Citizen's Comments: Maurice LaRock stated that he didn't see how the Village/Town could sponsor a major event like the BASS Elite. He noted that all of the boat launches are currently filled to capacity. He just doesn't think that we have enough facilities. Mayor Otto-Cassada spoke on that note stating that the tournament will have to be a collaboration of all of the Towns along the St. Lawrence River from Massena to Ogdensburg. Waddington will not be the only place that the event will be held. Waddington will be the main hub but all will be involved. She also noted that the Village is aware of the capacity at the boat launches and is working to increase our access.

Kelly Tiernan asked if the Code Enforcement Officer had regular hours at the Municipal Building. The Clerk noted that he did not but can set something up for someone if they have questions or problems.

Sandy Wright told the Board that she has made the Library Board aware that there were two other DJ's in Waddington that should have been considered for the block dance held at the library. She has also spoken with the Friends of the Library concerning this.

Jane Layo spoke and stated that she didn't think that the Town Board was being fair to Tiernan's Construction. She didn't think that the Board should be letting the price out to other contractors. The Clerk noted that she asked four contractors for quotes and Tiernan was the only one that was interested.

Executive Session: A motion was made by McKnight, seconded by Dalton to enter into executive session @ 8:45 to discuss. A motion was made by Dalton, seconded by Putney to return to regular session @ 9:40 PM. Ayes: All

Bills: A motion was made by Dalton, seconded by Putney to pay bills # 733-812 in the amount of \$.115,616.67 Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by McKnight to adjourn the meeting @ 9:55 PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk

Budget Meeting

A special meeting of the Waddington Town Board was held on Monday, September 17, 2012 @ 7PM to discuss the budget.

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

Also Present: Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk, Terry Mayette, Highway Superintendent, Jane Layo, Anthony Zeledon, and Jonathon Putney.

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

The Board went over the tentative budget line by line. Supv. Scott noted that there is talk from the County Legislatures to reduce the amount of sales tax money given to the towns. They are also looking to reduce the money for snow removal contracts. If this happens the town will be down approximately \$125,000 in revenues. Jonathan Putney, County Legislator was present to discuss the situation with the Town Board. He stated that this is just in the beginning talks and would keep the town informed as the process goes along. Supv. Scott told Legislator Putney that the fund balance that the Town has would only carry the Town along for a couple of years and that this would then be depleted. Further discussion ensued.

Tax Cap Override: Supv. Scott noted that due to the uncertainty of revenues with the County Government the Town should consider passing the local law to override the 2% tax cap imposed by the State. If the Town passes the local law it doesn't mean they have to use it but if they don't pass it and need to go over the 2% the Town won't be able to.

Resolution #63

Motioned by: McKnight

Seconded by: Dalton

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby propose to enact a local law to override the 2% tax cap imposed by the State. Ayes: All

The Clerk will get the copies of the proposed law to the Town Council Members and a public hearing will be held at the regular October meeting.

Budget Adjustments: Supt. Mayette reported that he had a balance of \$18,400 in his road contractual for 2012 and would like to have it rolled over for use this year. A budget request was also submitted from the Library.

Resolution #64

Motioned by: Putney

Seconded by: McKnight

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to make the following budget adjustments:

Increase DB5110.4 Contractual by \$18,400 to reflect a carry over from 2012

Increase 7410.46L Office Supplies by \$1,000 from account 7410.43L Utilities

Increase 7270 Culture & Arts by \$250 from 7410.45L Mileage

Increase 7410.46L Office Supplies by \$207.98 to reflect a returned check. Ayes: All

Cemetery: C. McKnight reported that he had received a quote from Witherbee & Whalen to repair the stones in the Old Brookside Cemetery. Witherbee & Whalen will repair 68 memorials. The estimate includes straightening & leveling memorials with sand and gravel mix (no concrete), redrill and pin memorials when needed, rejoin memorials when needed, replace any fallen top pieces, and cleaning of memorials. Total cost \$14,000. C. McKnight stated that he had contacted Evergreen Memorials and Bill Fishbind from Watertown. Evergreen stated that they don't do that kind of work and Mr. Fishbind is at least one year out before he can begin any new projects. According to the Town's procurement policy any public works contracts up to 19,000 requires written quotes. C. McKnight stated that he would get letters of non interest from the other contractors.

Resolution #65

Motioned by: Putney

Seconded by: Dalton

RESOLVED, that the Waddington Town Board does hereby agree to hire Witherbee & Whalen to restore 68 Memorials in the Old Brookside Cemetery in the amount of \$14,000. Ayes: All

Adjournment: A motion was made by Putney, seconded by Dalton to adjourn the meeting @ 9:10 PM. Ayes: All

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Burns, Town Clerk