

At the Town Board Agenda Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Waterford held on Tuesday September 24, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Waterford Town Hall 65 Broad Street Waterford, NY and via Zoom, the following transpired:

There was present:

Councilman James Boudreau
Councilwoman Laurie Marble
Supervisor David Ball

Those absent:

Councilman Brian Bruso
Councilman Frank McClement

Also present:

Craig Falcone, Wastewater Chief Operator
Eileen Haldeman, Community/Senior Center Director
Jeff Cleary, Harbormaster
Danielle Clemente- Budget Officer
David Woodin- Planning Director
Ben Akin- Building Inspector via Zoom

Items Discussed:

Ben Akin-October will be a busy month for the Building Department, this will be in his report.

Supervisor Ball expressed his condolences to Ben and his family with the passing of his grandmother. He also thanked Ben for his help with the Town Hall water damage and insurance process.

Dave Woodin- The Planning Board will have two solar project applications to review at the October 14th meeting. Seaboard Solar needed to revise their site plan and special use permit due to issues that arose with their transmission line. They were granted permission from the Hiawatha Institute to go through their land. Norbut Solar is proposing a 20mg watt facility, which is twice the size of the Seaboard project, on Catallo land. This property is about 180 acres, they sold 30+ acres to the Canal Corp, but did not apply for a subdivision. That leaves approximately 135-145 acres. The company will not be going into the LC District, just using the R-Rural land. They may have issues regarding slopes and wetlands on the property.

A discussion was had regarding the designation and location of this LC District, and the history of the Hiawatha Institute.

Dave Woodin spoke of the Erie Canalway Heritage Corridor grant program, the Town has benefitted from grants for Tugboat Roundup. They are now looking to award infrastructure grants. He would like to look at applying for two benches along the canal trail. A Discussion was held regarding eligibility requirements. There is also a funding opportunity through the Canal

Corp. Dave would like to pursue, the grant has a \$5,000 threshold, he thinks they may be a viable option for the Town, with in kind services included.

Supervisor Ball stated that he is meeting next week with the Canal Corp. to discuss the possibility of a handicap kayak launch at the battery, he will coordinate with Dave so they can talk about this grant opportunity as well.

Jeff Cleary- he is working with the Town Clerk to finalize the claim for the water main break that happened at the Visitor Center.

Eileen Haldeman- Senior/Community Center- the Center has been busy. The seniors have been going on lot of trips, bowling has become a big hit. She has completed the Healthy Bones for Life training and plans to start the program in November. She is working to get people 55+ involved in this light exercise program. Repetition is key with this program.

Councilwoman Marble- There will be a Halloween Party at Clement Park on October 19th at 5:00PM. Participants are encouraged to come in costume. The pool is closed and the building will be winterized for the season.

Councilman Boudreau- Work is being done on Saratoga Avenue by the State by redoing the sidewalk ramps to make them ADA compliant. NYS and National Grid are in a conflict which will put off paving of Saratoga Avenue this year. Paving would need to have started by Oct. 1st. National Grid is planning gas line work, but the State does not want to pave and then have the road dug up after the fact. Household Hazardous Waste Day is October 19th and Trash Drop off is October 5th, 19th and 26th.

Councilman Boudreau stated that the Waterford Women's Club is holding a coat drive in October, he will have more details at the meeting.

Supervisor Ball stated that Saratoga Avenue is a tough road and takes a beating each day, he hopes they continuing patching the road through the season. The Supervisor added that the final audit report has been received, he will talk more about this Tuesday night.

Supervisor Ball read a letter of resignation from James Callaghan, the Assessor's Clerk and went on to thank him for his years of service and we wish him the best.

Town Clerk Carrigan- Two public hearings are scheduled for Tuesday prior to the Board meeting:

6:50PM PH on Improvements to Sewer District with purchase of sewer lift truck for \$535,000

6:55PM PH on Sewer Assessment Roll for Sewer District #1

Bond resolution associated with the sewer truck

Two Resolutions associated with the Public Hearings

Resolution to change the November 5th Board meeting due to Election Day.

A discussion was held, the meeting will be moved to Wednesday November 6th.

Supervisor Ball asked if there were any questions or comments.

Brett Paulson- Village resident- had a question about the people living in the tent at the Visitor Center. They have been there almost two months. He lives near there and hears yelling, fighting and there is drug use. That area is not meant for long term stay, it is meant for bikers staying overnight, one night stays. Is there a log campers are required fill out?

Jeff Cleary- there is a log at the Visitor Center that campers are asked to sign.

Supervisor Ball stated his will look into this further.

Councilman Boudreau made a motion to close the meeting at 7:38PM, seconded by Councilwoman Marble. All voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Shannon Carrigan
Town Clerk