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MINUTES  
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING  
Regular Meeting  
Waterford Town Hall  
June 7, 2021

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RTM Moderator Thomas Dembek called the June 7, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio, Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale, Timothy Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Steven Elci, Timothy Fioravanti, Miriam Furey-Wagner, Nick Gauthier, Paul Goldstein, Kathleen Kohl, David Lersch, Valerie Metivier, Richard Morgan, Richard Muckle, Liam O'Leary, Theodore Olynciw, Sally Ritchie, Michael Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, Robert Swansen, Baird Welch-Collins.

ABSENT: April Cairns.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J Brule.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk; Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia; Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor; Chair of the Board of Education Craig Merriman.

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo; Town Attorney Robert Avena.

AGENDA ITEM C – April 5, 2021 Minutes & May 3, 2021 Minutes

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Welch-Collins, to accept the minutes from the April 5, 2021 Regular Meeting and the May 3, 2021 Budget Meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with one member abstaining. (Driscoll)

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Waterford Resident and Historical Society President Kristen Widham, in regard to CALL ITEM 4.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Waterford Resident and Historical Society President Kristen Widham, spoke in regard to CALL ITEM 4.

AGENDA ITEM F – A committee report was received from the Public Protection and Safety Standing Committee of the RTM. Moderator Dembek noted it would be discussed further under New Business.

AGENDA ITEM G – RTM Member Thomas Dembek updated the body on the progress of the Waterford Municipal Complex.

CALL ITEM 1 – Civic Triangle Upgrades

PRESENTATION: Planning Director Abby Piersall

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Steward-Gelinas, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$50,000** from **Designated Funds to appropriated funds from FY21 Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund Line #20511-57857 for Civic Triangle Upgrades.**

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with one member against. (Attanasio)

CALL ITEM 2 – Rehab of HVAC at WUC Pumping Stations

PRESENTATION: Utility Commission Director Neftali Soto

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Steward-Gelinas, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$506,000** from **Designated Funds to appropriated funds from FY21 Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund Line #20531-57816 for the rehab of the HVAC system at the Evergreen and Harvey Avenue Pumping Stations.**

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 3 – Fund Name Change

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Welch-Collins, to approve a recommendation from Finance Director Kimberly Allen to change the name of the **Waterford Week Activity Fund** to the **Waterford Special Activity Fund.**

MOTION to amend the motion by replacing **Special** with **Community.**

VOTING IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT: Unanimous

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 4: Chapter 12.08.040 – Alcoholic Beverages

PRESENTATION: Jennifer Bracciale, Chair of the Public Health, Recreation and Environment Standing Committee of the RTM.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Welch-Collins, to approve a recommendation from the Public Health, Recreation and Environment Standing Committee of the RTM, to approve an amendment to The Waterford Code of Ordinances, **Chapter 12.08.040 – Alcoholic Beverages** to allow, with prior approvals, sale and consumption of beer and wine in specific areas, to be sold by licensed, insured vendors.

Discussion ensued. (See Attachment)

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Gauthier, to amend motion to note that it would not include the interior of any of the Historical Society Buildings.

MOTION to amend withdrawn by Welch-Collins and Gauthier.

Town Attorney Robert Avena and Director of Finance Kimberly Allen noted that the Historical Society would be furnished a “hold harmless” agreement in regard to this ordinance.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

RTM Member and Chair of the Public Protection and Safety Standing Committee of the RTM, Tim Condon discussed his submitted committee report. (See Attachment)

MOTION by Condon, seconded by Olynciw, to create a special committee (Fire Services Review Special Committee) to review issues including performance, policies, and staffing and present their findings/recommendations of any changes needed to enhance public safety, creating a steering document and strategic plan and shall consist of five Full Voting Members as follows: 2 RTM members

(appointed by the RTM), 1 Public Protection and Safety Committee Member (appointed by the Public Protection and Safety Committee), 1 Board of Finance Member (appointed by the BOF), 1 Board of Selectmen Member (appointed by the BOS) and shall consist of five Advisory/Nonvoting Members as follows: Fire Services Director, Emergency Management Director, Waterford Ambulance Manager, 1 Volunteer Fire Chief (appointed by consensus of the 5 Waterford Fire Companies or the 5 chiefs), 1 Full-time Waterford Career Firefighter (appointed by consensus of the Waterford Full-time Firefighters). Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Rocchetti, to postpone until the next regular meeting of the RTM.

Discussion ensued.

New Fire Services Administrator Michael Howley was introduced and spoke briefly.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Olynciw, to move the question.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Attanasio, Bono, Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Elci, Fioravanti, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Kohl, Lersch, Metivier, Morgan, Muckle, O'Leary, Olynciw, Ritchie.

VOTING AGAINST: Driscoll, Goldstein, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Swansen, Welch-Collins.

MOTION PASSES: 17-6

VOTING IN FAVOR of motion to postpone: Bono, Bracciale, Dembek, Elci, Goldstein, Lersch, Metivier, Muckle, O'Leary, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Condon, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Kohl, Morgan, Olynciw, Ritchie, Swansen, Welch-Collins.

MOTION FAILS: 11-12

VOTING IN FAVOR of main motion: Attanasio, Bono, Condon, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Kohl, Morgan, Olynciw, Ritchie, Swansen, Welch-Collins.

VOTING AGAINST: Bracciale, Dembek, Elci, Goldstein, Lersch, Metivier, Muckle, O'Leary, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas.

MOTION PASSES: 13-10

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Steward-Gelinas, to adjourn at 8:39 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,



David L. Campo, CCTC  
Town Clerk

**DRAFT March 26 2021**

**12.08.040 - Alcoholic beverages.**

The possession or drinking of alcoholic beverages in any town park and/or recreational area is prohibited, except as provided below:

- A. Beer and wine sales and consumption may be permitted at grass field areas at the Waterford Beach Park, as shown on Exhibit "A", and the Jordan Green, as shown on Exhibit "B", subject to the following terms:
- a. Sale and consumption of beer and wine shall only be allowed subject to the advance approval of the ~~Waterford Recreation and Parks Commission~~Board of Selectmen. Applications shall be made on a form provided by the ~~Commission~~Board.
  - b. Beer and wine shall only be provided by an approved vendor. The approved vendor shall have all required licenses and permits necessary to sell and serve alcohol in the State of Connecticut. The approved vendor shall carry all insurance required by the Town of Waterford, and shall name the Town of Waterford as an additional insured. The approved vendor shall execute a required hold harmless agreement.
  - c. In no case will the possession of any alcoholic beverage, including beer and wine, be permitted on the sand or dunes at the Waterford Town Beach.

(Amend. of 2-6-17(2); Prior code § 13-19)

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Draft "Exhibit B" for Proposed Modifications to Waterford Code of Ordinances Section 12.08.040 "Alcoholic Beverages"





PUBLIC PROTECTION & SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE RTM  
Committee Report

May 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

To Members of the Waterford Representative Town Meeting,

Please let this serve as the committee report of the Waterford Public Protection and Safety standing committee of the RTM, for item referred by the RTM body at the August 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting, titled "Review of creation of an Ad Hoc committee in regard to Fire Services."

The Committee met multiple times to review the letter and to make recommendations as to the scope and participation of a possible ad hoc committee. The committee first addressed whom should serve on the committee. A vote on consensus was taken to recommend three members of the RTM; one of which should come from the Public Protection and Safety standing committee, one member of the Board of Finance, one member of the Board of Selectman, advisory non-voting members consisting of the Director of Fire Services, Waterford Ambulance Service Manager, Emergency Management Director, one Volunteer Fire Chief, one Full time Career Firefighter. The Committee then focused on a charge of the ad hoc committee. It was discussed at length the various issues facing our fire service and the recommendation made and voted upon is "To review and propose possible changes to the Waterford Fire and Emergency Services in the interest of public safety." These recommendations were passed with unanimous consent and are brought to the RTM as requested. It is important to note that the charge of the PP&S was not to recommend the creation of an ad hoc committee but to make recommendations on committee members and a charge. The creation of an ad hoc committee is left to the body of the RTM on a manner to proceed should the membership choose to do so. As chair I look forward to presenting the information and RTM member's questions under new business.

Timothy Condon  
RTM 1<sup>st</sup> District  
Public Protection and Safety Chair

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