



MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
Regular Meeting
December 4, 2023

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WATERFORD, CT
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TOWN CLERK

First Selectman Robert Brule, Acting Moderator, called the December 4, 2023 Annual Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kyrah Augmon-Bossa, Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale, Mark Campo, Harry Colonis (speaker phone), Mary Childs, Timothy Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Timothy Fioravanti, Nicholas Gauthier, Kevin Girard, Paul Goldstein, Kristen Gonzalez, Ryan Healy, Christina Jessuck, Matthew Keatley, Lindsay Khan, Shawn Monahan, Ursula Moreshead, Kayla Mullen, Kathleen Mullen Kohl, Theodore Olynciw, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue

ABSENT: Jerry Fischer

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J Brule; Board of Finance Chair Glenn Patterson; Selectman Richard Muckle

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair of the Board of Pat Fedor, selectman Greg Attanasio

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo; Town Attorneys Robert Avena and Nick Kepple; Director of Finance Kim Allen.

AGENDA ITEM C – Elect a Moderator

NOMINATION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Healy, to nominate Paul Goldstein to serve as Moderator for a term of one year.

GOLDSTEIN selected as Moderator: Unanimous

RTM Member Colonis left the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM D – October 2, 2023 Minutes

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Bono, to accept the October 2, 2023 Minutes with the following correction noted by Town Clerk David Campo: That written public comment submitted by Waterford Resident Laurette Saller be accepted as part of the October 2, 2023. (See attachment)

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were received: a quarterly report from Fire Services, a letter from the Energy Task Force, a committee report from Public Protection and Safety, and a letter from the Public Protection and safety requesting the review of a potential open burn ordinance. (See Attachment)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Waterford resident Helen Kwasniewski offered her concerns over the use of fire pits and the need for them to be permitted, political signs should be banned.

The following members of the public spoke in opposition to the proposed Data Center: Tina DuBosque, 45 Wintergreen Dr; James Sposito, 38 Wintergreen Dr; Karen Boehm, 8 Anita Ave; John Valliere, 294 Millstone Rd E.; Bryan Sayles, 54 Wintergreen Dr(See Attachment); Michele Lewis-O'Donnell submitted in writing (See attachment), 19 Nichols Lane.

The following members of the public spoke in support of the proposed Data Center: Beth Sabilia, 132 Oswegatchie Rd; Kris Talar, 6 8th Ave; Joe Toner, 11 Old Mill Rd; Don Barnes 3 Maple Ave; Jim Denning, Old Mill Rd; Fred Elgersma, 245 Shore Rd

Quaker Hill resident Bryan Sayles also spoke in opposition to the LED sign proposed for Quaker Hill that is up for review in front of the Board of Selectman and concern over signs of neglect and hazards in Quaker Hill. (See Attachment)

AGENDA ITEM H

None

CALL ITEM 1 – Data Center Update

PRESENTATION: Attorney for NE Edge William McCoy

Attorney McCoy provided an update on the project and answered questions from the body.

CALL ITEM 2 – Fargo Water Tank Antennas

PRESENTATION: RTM Tom Dembek provided background

Motion by Driscoll, seconded by Bono, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an *additional appropriation in the amount of \$48,998 for a new Capital Project (Fargo Water Tank Antennas)*, account number to be determined, **from Line #205-31520 Undesignated Fund Balance of the Capital Non-recurring Expenditure Fund (CNR).**

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous (Gauthier was unavailable)

CALL ITEM 3 – SCBA Up-grade Program

PRESENTATION: Fire Services Director Michael Howley

Motion by Driscoll, seconded by Bono, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$64,000 from funds designated on Capital and Non-recurring Line Item #20523-57777, SCBA Up-Grade Program** for SCBA replacements over the next three (3) years per the CIP plan.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Healy to waive the 15 day waiting period on the above motion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 4: Library HVAC

PRESENTATION: Library Director Christine Johnson, Library Trustee Robert Kind

Motion by Driscoll, seconded by Bono, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$1,091,200 from funds designated on Capital and Non-recurring Line**

Item #20536-57848 Library HVAC Upgrade for renovation and replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems at the Waterford Public Library.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 5: Fire Marshal Fee Schedule

PRESENTATION: Public Protection and Safety Chair Tim Condon, Fire Director Michael Howley, Fire Marshal Stephen Dubicki, Jr.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to approve a recommendation from the Public Protection & Safety Standing Committee of the RTM to amend **Chapter 2.36.075 – Fire Marshall Fee Schedule and Enforcement of the Town of Waterford Code of Ordinances.**

Friendly amendment offered by Driscoll and accepted to replace “amend” with “add the new section and “to” in place “of” to read as follows: MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to approve a recommendation from the Public Protection & Safety Standing Committee of the RTM to add the new section **Chapter 2.36.075 – Fire Marshall Fee Schedule and Enforcement to the Town of Waterford Code of Ordinances.**

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 6 – Non-union Administrative/Technical Crafts Wage Increase

PRESENTATION: First Selectman Robert Brule, Human Resource Director Christine Walters

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Bono, to approve a request from the First Selectman to approve the non-union Administrative Support (AS) and Technical Crafts (TC) general wage increase of 2.25% for fiscal year 2023-2024 (retroactive to July 1, 2023) and a general wage increase of 2.50% for fiscal year 2024-2025. This also includes an increase in employee cost-sharing of health benefits from 13.5% to 14% effective January 1, 2024 and 15% effective July 1, 2024.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 7 – Non-union Management Professionals

PRESENTATION: First Selectman Robert Brule, Human Resource Director Christine Walters

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Bono, to approve a request from the First Selectman to approve the non-union Management Professionals general wage increase of 2.25% for fiscal year 2023-2024 (retroactive to July 1, 2023) and a general wage increase of 2.50% for fiscal year 2024-2025. This also includes an increase in employee cost-sharing of health benefits from 13% to 14% effective January 1, 2024 and 15% effective July 1, 2024.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 8 – Executive Session

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, that the RTM along with First Selectman Rob Brule, Director of Human Resources Christine Walters, and Labor Counsel Kristi Kelly go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and/or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining at 9:08 P.M. This action is taken without prejudice and based on the RTM's right to discuss, in private, strategy and/or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(2).

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Condon to come out of executive session at 9:31 P.M.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 9 – Local 818 of Council 4; AFSCME, AFL-CIO contract

PRESENTATION: First Selectman Robert Brule, HR Director Christine Walters

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Bono, to approve the funds necessary to implement the Tentative Agreement between the Town of Waterford and Local 818 of Council 4; AFSCME, AFL-CIO, to be effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027, and authorize the First Selectman to sign on the Town's behalf.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 10: Personnel Review Board

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Gauthier, to **nominate Kathleen Mullen Kohl and Stephane Browder to the Personnel Review Board. (Term 12/01/2023 – 11/30/2026)**

MOTION PASSED: 23-0-1 (Mullen Kohl Abstained)

Mullen Kohl & Browder appointed.

CALL ITEM 11 – Committee on Committees

MODERATOR Goldstein appointed the following members to serve on the Committee on Committees:

Danielle Steward-Gelinas, Susan Driscoll, Ryan Healy, Christina Jessuck, Ted Olynciw.

MODERATOR Goldstein called for a five minute recess.

CALL ITEM 12 – Committee on Committees Recommendations

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, to accept the committee assignments as presented by the Committee on Committees. (See Attachment.)

MOTION by Gauthier, seconded by Childs, to amend by adding Kayla Mullen to the Public Health, Recreation and Environment Standing Committee of the RTM as a sixth member.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Childs, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Khan, Mullen Kohl

VOTING AGAINST: Augmon-Bossa, Bono, Bracciale, Campo, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Jessuck, Keatley, Monahan, Moreshead, Olynciw, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue

ABSTAINED: Mullen

MOTION TO AMEND FAILED: 5-18-1

ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED: 22-2-0 (Gauthier, Mullen opposed)

CALL ITEM 13 – Long Range Fiscal Planning Committee, School Building Committee

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, to accept the Long Range Fiscal Planning Committee and School Building Committee appointments as presented. (See Attachment)

MOTION PASSED: 21-0-3 (Girard, Khan, Sugrue abstained)

CALL ITEM 14 – Retirement Commission

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, to appoint Paul Goldstein and Susan Driscoll to the Retirement Commission. (Term 01/01/2024 – 12/31/2024)

Friendly amendment by Driscoll and accepted to change term to 12/04/2023 – 11/30/2025.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 15 – Social Services Grants Review Board

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, to appoint Thomas Dembek and Lindsay Khan to the Social Services Grants Review Board. (Term 12/04/2023 – 12/02/2024)

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 16 – Fire Services Review Special Committee

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, to appoint Matthew Keatley and Susan Driscoll to the Fire Services Review Special Committee.

MOTION PASSED: 23-0-1 (Keatley abstained)

CALL ITEM 17 – Oswegatchie Fire Station Building Committee

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, to appoint Jennifer Bracciale to the Oswegatchie Fire Station Building Committee.

MOTION PASSED: 23-0-1 (Bracciale abstained)

CALL ITEM 18 – RTM Proposed Schedule

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, to approve the proposed schedule as presented.
(See Attachment)

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 19 – RTM Proposed Budget

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, to approve the FY25 budget in the amount of \$18,903 and forward to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

RTM Member Tim Condon spoke in regard to his letter about open burn permits.

MOTION by Condon, seconded by Gauthier, to refer the subject of an “open burn ordinance” to the Public Protection and Safety Standing Committee.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

RTM Member Ted Olynciw spoke regarding his report on vacant properties owned by the Town of Waterford, which had been handed out at a previous meeting.

MOTION by Olynciw, seconded by Gonzalez to forward the report on to the First Selectman.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

RTM Member Jennifer Bracciale reminded the body that the tree lighting on the Historic Green is Friday December 8, 2023.

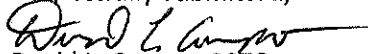
RTM Member Kevin Girard notified the body that the Energy Task Force was set to sundown on December 4, 2023.

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Childs, to extend the charge of the Energy task Force until February in order to research new parameters.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

MOTION by Bono, seconded by Healy, to adjourn at 10:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


David L. Campo, CCTC
Waterford Town Clerk

RTM Meeting 10/02/2(Introduction)

Dear Members of Waterford RTM

RECEIVED FOR RECORD
WATERFORD, CT

As an abutting property owner I urge you to reconsider your position of supporting the proposal for the construction of a 1.5 million sq ft data center on Dominion Property. The monetary advantages are outweighed by the human and animal habitat disadvantages.

We know from numerous reports from Arizona, Virginia, Illinois and other areas that data center noise pollution is harmful and nearly impossible to live with. It will affect the health and well being of 3 neighborhoods; Millstone Point, Millstone West, Marlin and Albacore Roads as well as the children and parents frequenting the adjacent ballfields.

Additionally, the land for this construction has wetlands, streams and habitat for numerous state and federal species. Downstream is Cranberry pond and marsh where Osprey, and numerous shorebirds, as well as many migratory ducks feed and nest.

NE Edge, the developer, does not have a proven track record for developing data centers. It is involved in litigation for past business practices. To jeopardize our community with this type of inexperienced company may cause more problems and expense that our town should not have to bear.

These are just a few of the problems inherent in the proposal. There are many more to consider including energy insecurity, traffic congestion, and safety from fire and terrorist threats.

I am reminded of the old saying....If it sounds too good to be true, it is too good to be true.

Many residents are unaware of this proposal and its consequences. It is very important for our town officials to hold a public hearing to explain it and answer concerns about it.

Thank you.

From Laurette Saller



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2023 DEC -4 P 1:47

Office of the Director
Waterford Fire Department

ATTACHED

[Signature]
TOWN CLERK

November 8, 2023

Kimberly Allen
Finance Director
Town of Waterford
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

This is the First Quarter Report of our fourth year of the Volunteer Firefighters and Fire Police Incentive Program. The Fire Service's number of participants consisted of 35 volunteer firefighters and 17 fire police. The Waterford Fire Department responded to 744 incidents during the first quarter (July 2023 - September 2023).

There were numerous events (ranging from Summer Music to Sailfest Fireworks to road races) requiring fire police assistance throughout the quarter to which discretionary points were assigned. The first quarter resulted in 18 members qualifying for an incentive stipend, four of which qualified for the Fire Officer and EMT bonus. The first quarter resulted in payouts totaling \$7,254.00.

Please charge line item #10123-51411, Firefighting (Incentive Program Stipends), for \$7,254.00.

If there are any questions or further information that you would like provided, please contact me at 860-440-0544.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature of Michael J. Howley]

Michael J. Howley
Director of Fire Services

FY24 - First Quarter

(July 2023 thru September 2023)

Fire Police (1)	\$224
Fire Police (2)	\$224
Fire Police (3)	\$224
Fire Police (4)	\$287
Fire Police (5)	\$322
Fire Police (6)	\$350
Firefighter (1)	\$238
Firefighter (2)	\$287
Firefighter (3)	\$287
Firefighter (4)	\$287
Firefighter (5)	\$336
Firefighter (6)	\$427
Firefighter (7)	\$473
Firefighter (8)	\$476
Firefighter (9)	\$504
Firefighter (10)	\$620
Firefighter (11)	\$746
Firefighter (12)	\$942

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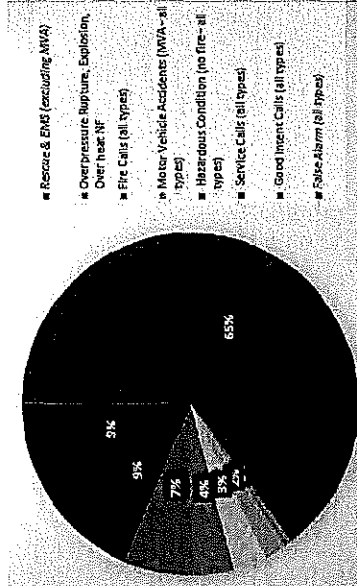
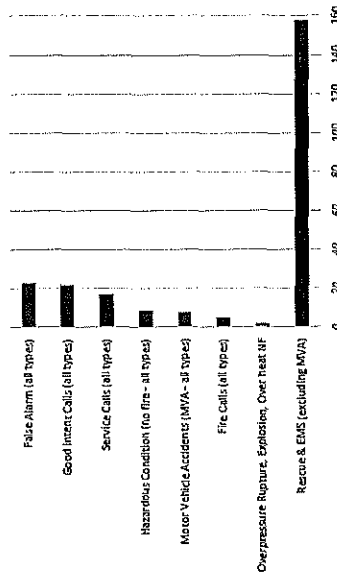
Waterford Fire Department By The Numbers

Incident Type Report Summary by Company

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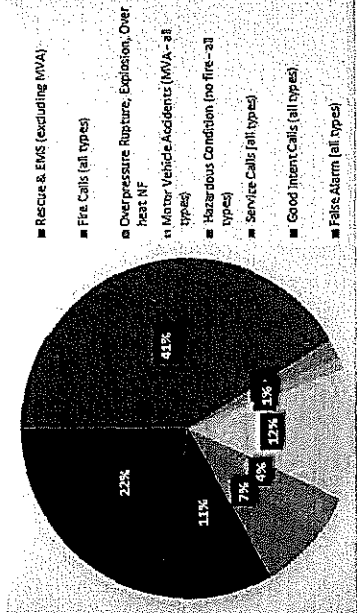
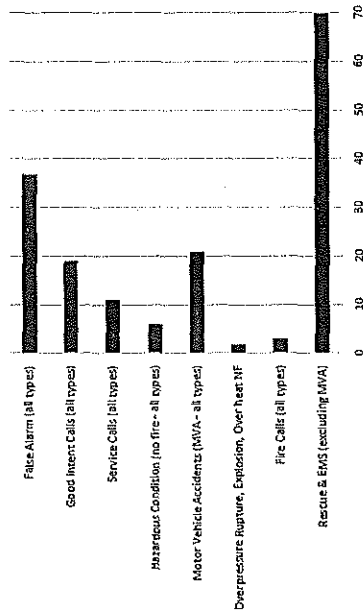
Company #1— Jordan

Total Calls - 246



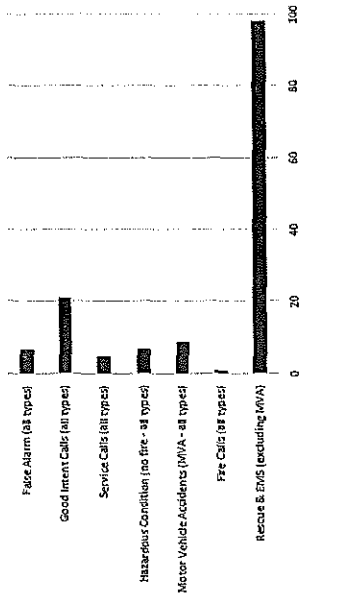
Company #5 – Cohanzie

Total Calls - 173



Company #4 – Oswegatchie

Total Calls - 149





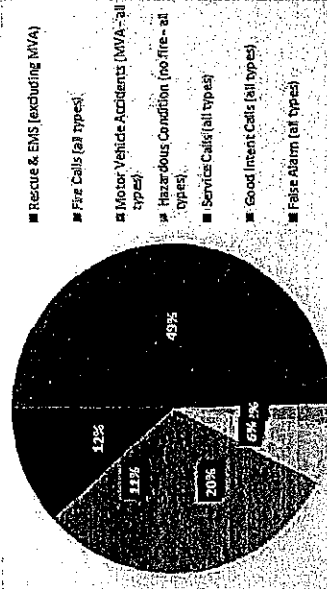
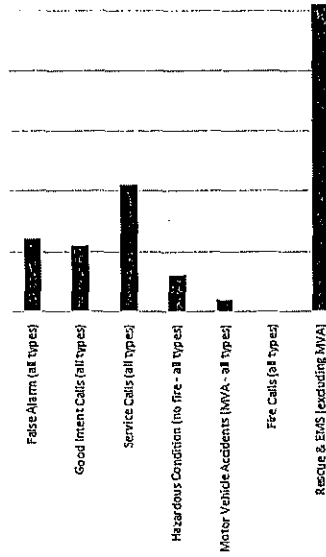
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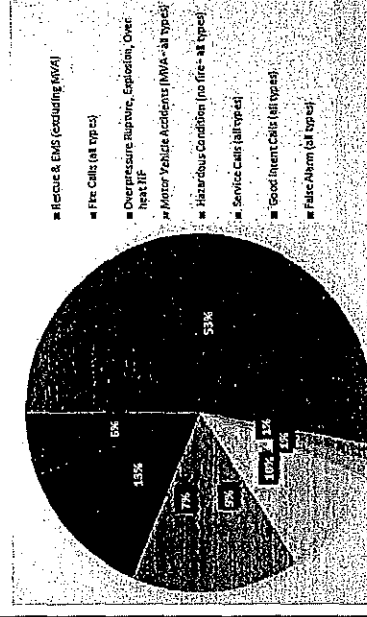
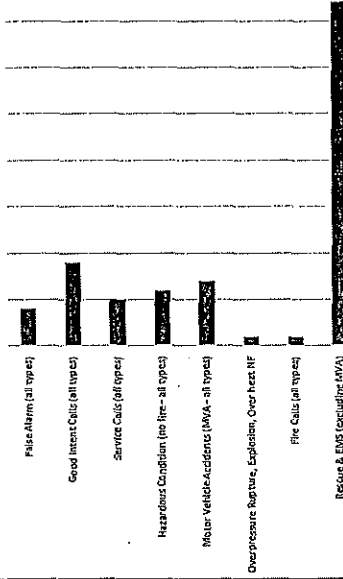
Company #3 - Goshen

Total Calls - 105



Company #2 - Quaker Hill

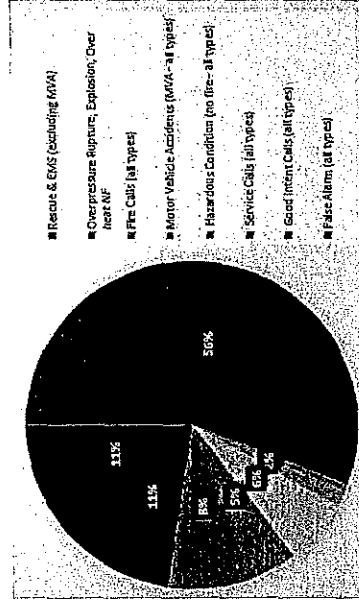
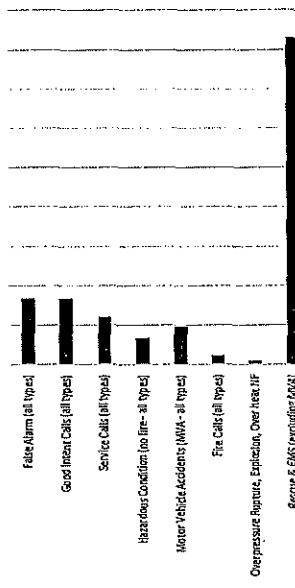
Total Calls - 71



All Companies

Total Calls - 744

9.6% increase over FY 23 1st Qtr. Total - 679



December 3, 2023

Kevin Girard, Chair
Mary Childs, Secretary
Waterford Energy Task Force

Re: Energy Task Force Term report and future recommendations

Paul Goldstein
Moderator, Waterford RTM

Dear Moderator Goldstein,

RECEIVED FOR RECORD
WATERFORD, CT
2023 DEC -4 A 9:20
ATTEST: *Paul M. Mullen*
TOWN CLERK

We write to update the Waterford RTM on the business of the Energy Task Force for the time period it has been active, September 2022 through October 2023. The Energy Task Force has met three times in 2022 and seven times in 2023. The Task Force has been very productive.

An interim report was given to the RTM and First Selectman Brule on June 1, 2023, which described the work of the task force to date, and provided a list of ten action items the town could tackle to positively impact the town's energy usage and environmental footprint. After receiving this letter, First Selectman Brule asked Mr. Mullen, Director of Planning, to undertake four of the recommendations (Perform energy usage benchmarking on all town buildings, Perform an energy audit of all town buildings by an independent consultant, Evaluate town-wide solar options, Install electric vehicle charging stations.)

In the time since, the town has engaged UConn on the energy benchmarking. Waterford have provided UConn with all the required information to complete the assessment, but UConn has been a bit slow to return the results. We have communicated with Mr. Mullen and set a plan for followup, especially since the Energy Audit (action item #2) is a follow-on from the benchmarking.

Mr. Mullen has attended the Task Force meetings and communicated that the work on the remaining two items (solar evaluation and electric vehicle charging) will commence when his department has the resources and bandwidth to tackle them. Work is already underway with regard to new commercial businesses in town and Planning working with developers to consider EV charging and solar as part of their projects. With all the actions the Task Force recommended well underway, the town has set itself on a path to a substantially greener energy footprint.

However, the work of the Task Force seems somewhat unfinished. After communicating with Mr. Mullen, we both feel there is still a role for this Task Force going forward. The Task Force serves as an important forum where public discussion about the town's energy usage can be entertained - this cannot happen effectively at regular board meetings. It is the only forum containing members from all the Town's governing boards and informed citizens where cross-

talk among them can happen effectively. In addition, the Task Force would like to see the recommendations made in June through to completion, collaborating with the Planning department and other town stakeholders. Further, there are upcoming town activities where this Task Force could contribute significantly (e.g Sustainable CT certification). Finally, the Task Force has a vibrant membership who are passionate about minimizing the town's impact to the environment with smart energy choices.

Given the strength of the committee, its unfinished business, and a desire to continue by both the Task Force members and the Planning Director, we recommend the RTM consider extending this Task Force for the upcoming term. We also recommend the RTM reconsider and redefine the charge of the Task Force (to include upcoming activities), as well as reconsider the proper time for the Task Force to conclude.

Sincerely Yours,

Kevin Girard, Chair
Mary Childs, Secretary
Waterford CT Energy Task Force

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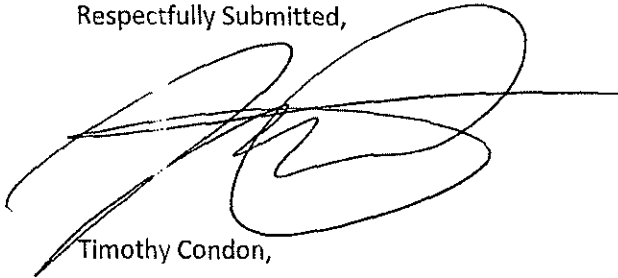
Jonathan Mullen, Planning Director
Robert Brule, First Selectman
David Campo, Town Clerk
Danielle Steward-Gelinas, Majority Leader
Susan Driscoll, Minority Leader

Public Protection and Safety Standing Sub-Committee Report

To the Members of the Representative Town Meeting,

The Public Protection and Safety Committee was tasked with investigated and possibly creating an ordinance to establish a fee schedule for Fire Marshal services. This was assigned to the sub-committee in October of 2022. The committee met 7 times from January 5th 2023 to November 15th 2023. Meeting minutes are available at www.waterfordct.org. In that time the committee worked closely with Attorney Nick Kepple, Director of Fire Services Michael Howley and Fire Marshal Steven Dubicki. The purpose of the ordinance is to create a fee schedule for Fire Marshal services and enforcement of said fees. Many of the surrounding communities already bill for such services and with a growing need in the Fire Marshal Office for more inspection and plan review personnel this ordinance creates a mechanism to generate funds by those who utilize the office instead of relying solely on taxpayer funding. Stated another way, the Town needs to hire more fire inspectors and with the passage of this ordinance the Town may be able to potentially offset the additional costs. A public hearing was held on November 15th 2023 at which no member of the public was present. The committee unanimously voted in favor to present this proposed ordinance to the body of the Representative Town Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Timothy Condon,

District 1 Representative

Chair Public Protection and Safety Sub-Committee

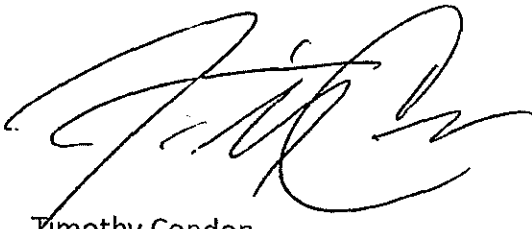
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ATTEST *David M. Lange*
TOWN CLERK

To the Moderator of the Representative Town Meeting,

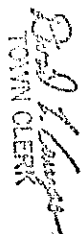
November 20th 2023

In recent discussions with the Director of Fire Services Mike Howley and the Fire Marshal Steve Dubicki, I have been made aware that the Town of Waterford does not have an Open Burning Ordinance as many of our surrounding communities do and as such creates an enforcement issue. I am requesting that the Representative Town meeting via its Public Protection and Safety standing subcommittee investigate the possible creation of an Open Burning Ordinance to assist our Fire Service. Attached is an ordinance from the Town of Wallingford for reference.

Respectfully,



Timothy Condon
District 1 Representative
Representative Town Meeting

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2023 NOV 28 P 1:13
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TOWN CLERK

RTM, Dec. 4, 2023, Town of Waterford

For Public Comment and Meeting Minutes

To be Copied: Gov. Lamont, Senator Martha Marx, and Representative Kathleen McCarty

RECEIVED FOR RECORD
WATERFORD, CT
2023 DEC -5 A 11:45

Good evening, Town Representatives and fellow residents,

ATTEST: *David J. Longo*
TOWN CLERK

My name is Michèle Lewis O'Donnell. I attended the last RTM on Oct 2, 2023, and in my public comment expressed my grave concern regarding the lack of transparency with town residents about the proposed data center on the Dominion Millstone site. It was disconcerting to hear at the opening of that meeting in Oct, when so many residents showed up in opposition to the data center, that the RTM was in a "passive role" with little authority to intervene. The NE Edge attorney, Mr. McCoy, made it clear in his update that the host agreement was "contractual."

How did our town end up in this hog-tied position, without a town-wide information meeting, without the normal bidding process on the project, without the critical input of residents? We are not talking about a standard data center, but one that is hyperscaled, 1.5 million sq ft! What does that really mean? I did a little research to gain perspective. The standard large data center is 100,000 sq ft, so the proposed center is 15 times this size and larger than the square footage of 26 football fields. Let me repeat, 26 football fields! CT has 17 data centers and the largest is 168,000 sq ft (almost 9 times smaller) located in Stamford. Most are much smaller than this. NE Edge, LLC. has no track record in building any data center, let alone a hyperscaled one. It is not surprising that 5 towns, including Groton, have refused to negotiate with NE Edge for this and other reasons, some of which residents have elaborated in the last RTM. We should be taking careful note.

In fact, Groton Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously voted in June 2023 to approve regulations to limit the size of data centers to 12,500 square feet (that's 120 times smaller than the proposed center in Waterford), a move that will prevent the development of hyperscale facilities in the town. This was after a one-year moratorium on data centers larger than only 5,000 sq. ft to give the Groton commission time to decide on how best to regulate the sector. To quote the Town Manager John Burt, "I agree that it's important to take their time to make sure there are sound rules in place to protect any of our residents should a data center request to locate here in the future." This was a wise course of action in the absence of much needed guidance for communities from the state level to accompany the bill (no. 6514) to incentivize large-scale data centers in CT. This bill was unwisely rushed through the legislature in early 2021.

While we all want to support economic development and sustainability in our community, this massive data center may have long-term implications for the town's economic stability. While there may be initial economic benefits, such as welcomed work to the construction sector for a period of two years, if the data center faces financial challenges or becomes obsolete due to technological advancements, our town may be left with crippling financial burdens.

Another concern, not much talked about, is the potential release of hazardous materials and chemicals used in data center operations which can pose a direct threat to public health and the environment. Data centers often employ substances like coolants and cleaning agents that, if mishandled or released into the environment, can contaminate water supplies and soil. This contamination could lead to long-term health problems for the local population, including the risk of serious illnesses and reproductive issues, not to mention the deleterious impact on the marine, flora, and fauna ecology and biodiversity.

To conclude, my family, which has continuously lived in Pleasure Beach for over 101 years, opposes this project and the way it has been handled. What could happen now to recalibrate future steps and decisions with inclusion and transparency.

1. I request again, along with many others, that a town-wide information meeting to clearly inform and delineate for residents what has transpired so far and what the process is going forward. An explanation of the GANTT Chart, requested by Bryan Sayles, would be a good starting point. This meeting should include a time of listening and discussion with residents to address their concerns. The many rational concerns, for example, raised by Attorney John Valliere in his correspondence (entered in the minutes of the Oct 2023 RTM) with both the siting council and RTM member, Dan Radin could be used as talking points, as well.
2. How could the Waterford Planning and Zoning Commission work to put regulations in place regarding data center applications and rules of engagement that would establish guardrails to guide town administrators and officials, involve residents, and protect the community? I underscore the question: How could and should residents collaborate in this process to establish "sound rules?"

This initiative would also do well to elicit involvement at the state level so that general guidance applicable to all communities could be efficiently shared and developed. For instance, guidance around noise assessment and mitigation. It is well known hyperscaled data centers are not normally located close to residential areas due to the continuous noise they produce. The NE Edge proposal is only 2000 feet from the Millstone residents. The Dominion Millstone site is uniquely surrounded by water on three sides. How will this amplify the noise generated? How will this affect the marine environment. We don't want Long Island Sound to become data center sound!

3. In a similar vein to the guidance suggested above, it would be crucial to call for the state of CT to establish a task force made up of town representatives, for example, to investigate the emerging and substantial evidence around data centers and their negative impact on mental health and well-being. Data centers are a long-term project and potentially a long-term nightmare, literally, if we don't do the due diligence now. Let's not be short-sighted.

Thank you for your attention,

Michèle Lewis O'Donnell, PsyD
19 Nichols Lane
Waterford, CT 06385

RTM Meeting
December 4, 2023
7:00PM
Waterford Town Hall

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Subject: Bid #23-129 LED Message Sign and Installation (Quaker Hill Green)

ATTEST: *Davey*
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For the following reasons, the step of approving a bid award at tomorrow's Board of Selectmen Meeting should be postponed. Be advised that I intentionally excluded the contractors' names as their role isn't being called into question. Due diligence by the Town of Waterford is my concern.

- ✓ 1. What was the process that notified Quaker Hill residents and how much time was allowed to have an open discussion about placing a brilliant LED sign on an otherwise welcoming, postage stamp size Quaker Hill green? It currently has a wood carved sign, park benches and a literature/book box and is decorated seasonally and fits the character of the neighborhood.
2. When were neighbors notified that a brilliant LED message board would be placed adjacent to their homes?
3. That intersection includes pedestrian crosswalk(s) for children walking to the Quaker Hill School or, to the Quaker Hill green itself. Why distract motorists with a message board? Is that a risk worth taking?
4. Where is a copy of the building permit and what building code addresses LED message boards?
5. Why are you using money from a 2024-2025 Traffic Control budget for this LED message sign and is it even really considered traffic control? Does it actively regulate traffic?
6. This expenditure appears rushed and without thoughtful input from the Smith Cove neighborhood of Quaker Hill. The following are known dates and milestones according to public record.
 - 11/10/23, Bid proposal submitted by a contractor.
 - 11/13/23, Bid proposal signed and dated, in-person.
 - 11/14/23, Three bid proposals opened.
 - 11/16/23, Davey notifies and recommends a winner.
 - 11/30/23, Stamped, dated official BOS agenda with Davey's recommendation.
 - 11/30/23, Text alert about BOS meeting to approve said recommendation on 12/5

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Thank you,

Bryan Sayles
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Resident and Taxpayer
54 Wintergreen Drive
Quaker Hill, CT 06375

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7:00PM
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Subject: Neglect

With a bronze plaque near Conn College Arboretum, Old Norwich Road is mentioned as America's first turnpike first surveyed in 1670. To this day, motorists use it to meander through Smith Cove, past Conn College and into New London. It is a road that is policed so that it isn't abused as a raceway like Mohegan Parkway which parallels Old Norwich Road. There are sidewalks that are in constant use by people in our neighborhood as well as college students from the Coast Guard Academy and Conn College although, it used to be better maintained which brings me to my point about obvious neglect.

Along Old Norwich Road there are hazards and signs of neglect left unchecked for years.

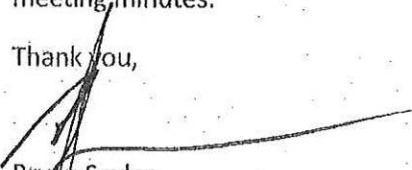
- Logs, one sitting there just itching to roll into the road. (Old Mill Rd.)
- Bags of construction waste labelled O&G Industries next to sidewalk (Near Senkow Rd.)
- A large, somewhat rotten stump leaning against a fire hydrant. (Benham Ave.)
- Fire hydrants missing reflective snow poles.
- Damaged guard railing and cement barriers over Hunts Brook. Also an eyesore.
- No pictures but numerous storm sewers filled with leaves. Including sideroads off Old Norwich Rd.

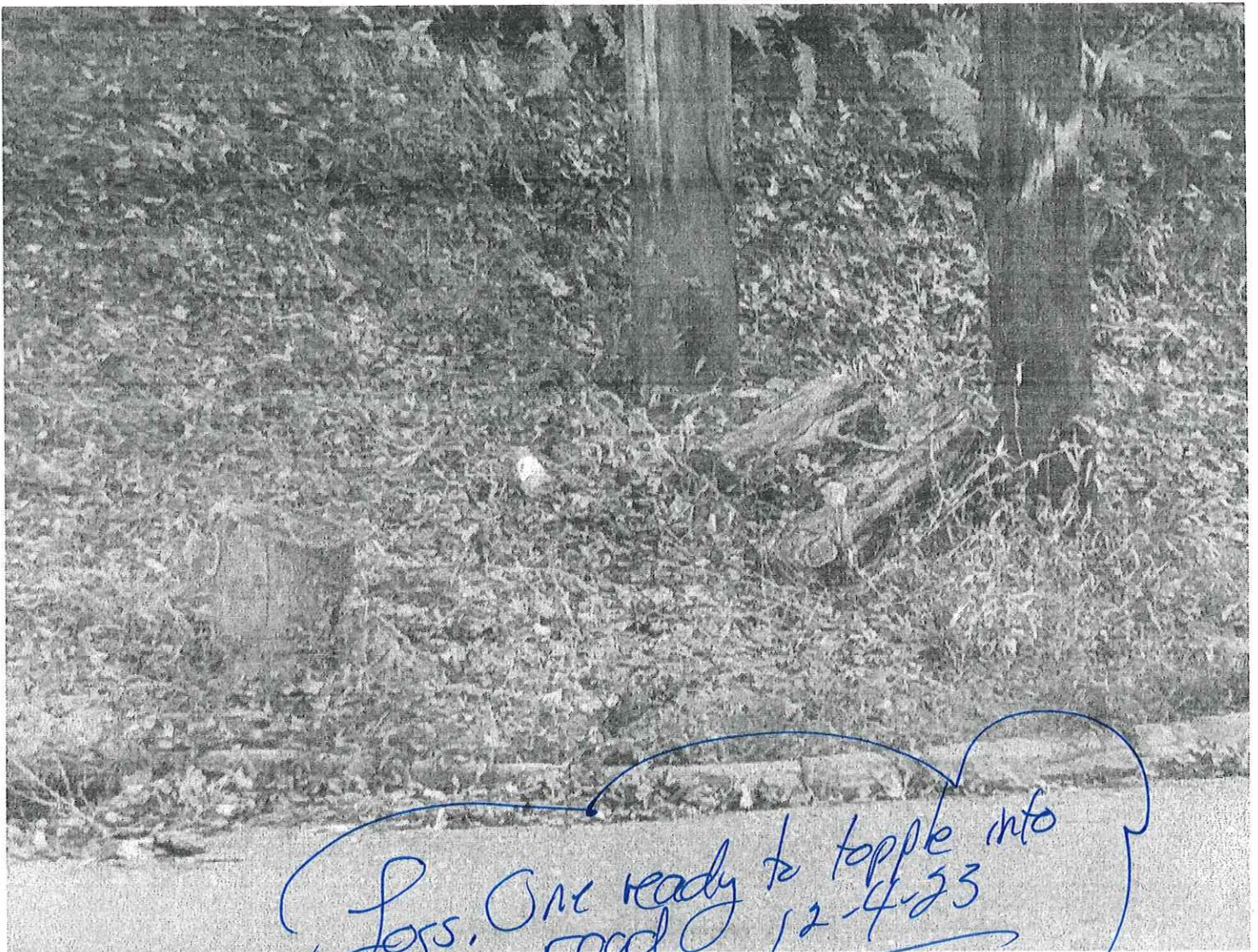
Quaker Hill Elementary School - Although not part of the road, the invasive, thick growth of vines (bittersweet?) overwhelming the point-of-presence for a utility within a secure chain link enclosure is a sign of neglect and an obstruction hazard. That it has reached the school's rooftop is proof that it didn't happen overnight. In fact, I know that it has been growing well over two years now. The attached picture was taken a few weeks ago.

Finally, as a resident of this section of town it pains me to see the conditions continue to deteriorate when this never happened up until five or six years ago. It seems to me that taxpayer money could be better spent fixing what's broken and preventive maintenance rather than trying to add something new.

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Thank you,


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Resident and Taxpayer
54 Wintergreen Drive
Quaker Hill, CT 06375

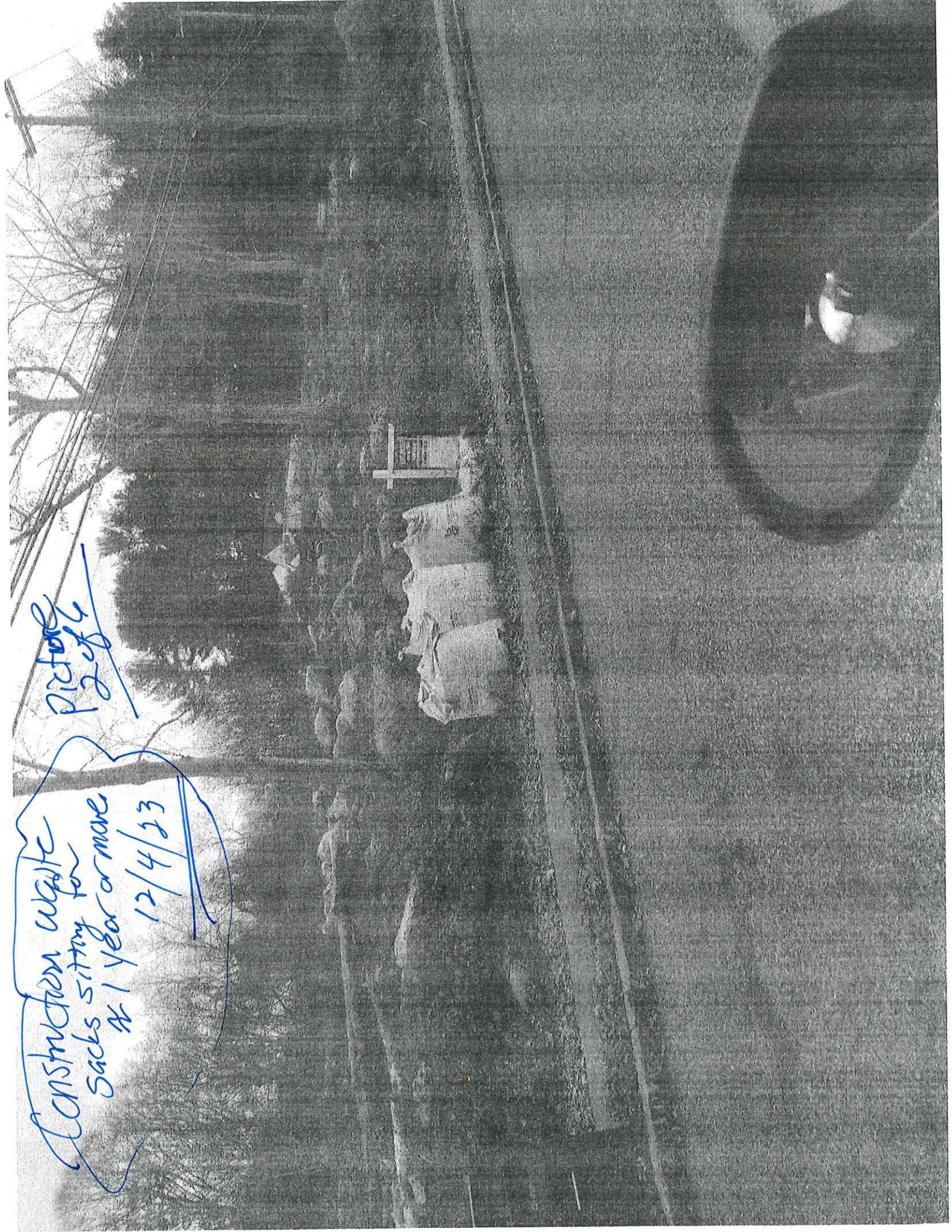


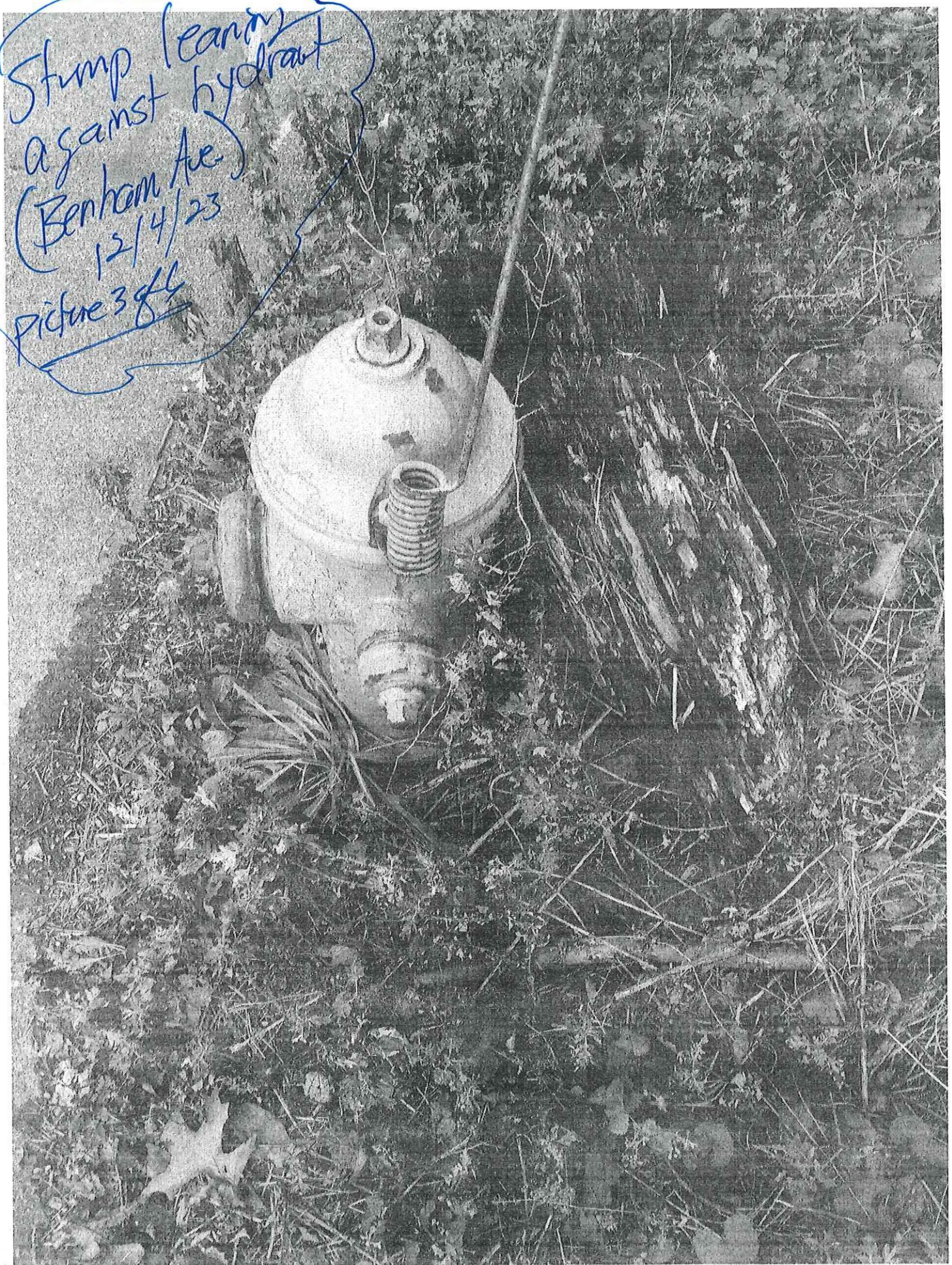
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Construction waste
sacks sitting for
~ 1 year or more

12/4/23

Picture
12/2/24





Stump leaning
against hydrant
(Benham Ave)
12/4/23
picture 3 of 6

7/2/94
1/2/94

Amazon
Selected
Guardia
Hunt
1/2/94
Buck

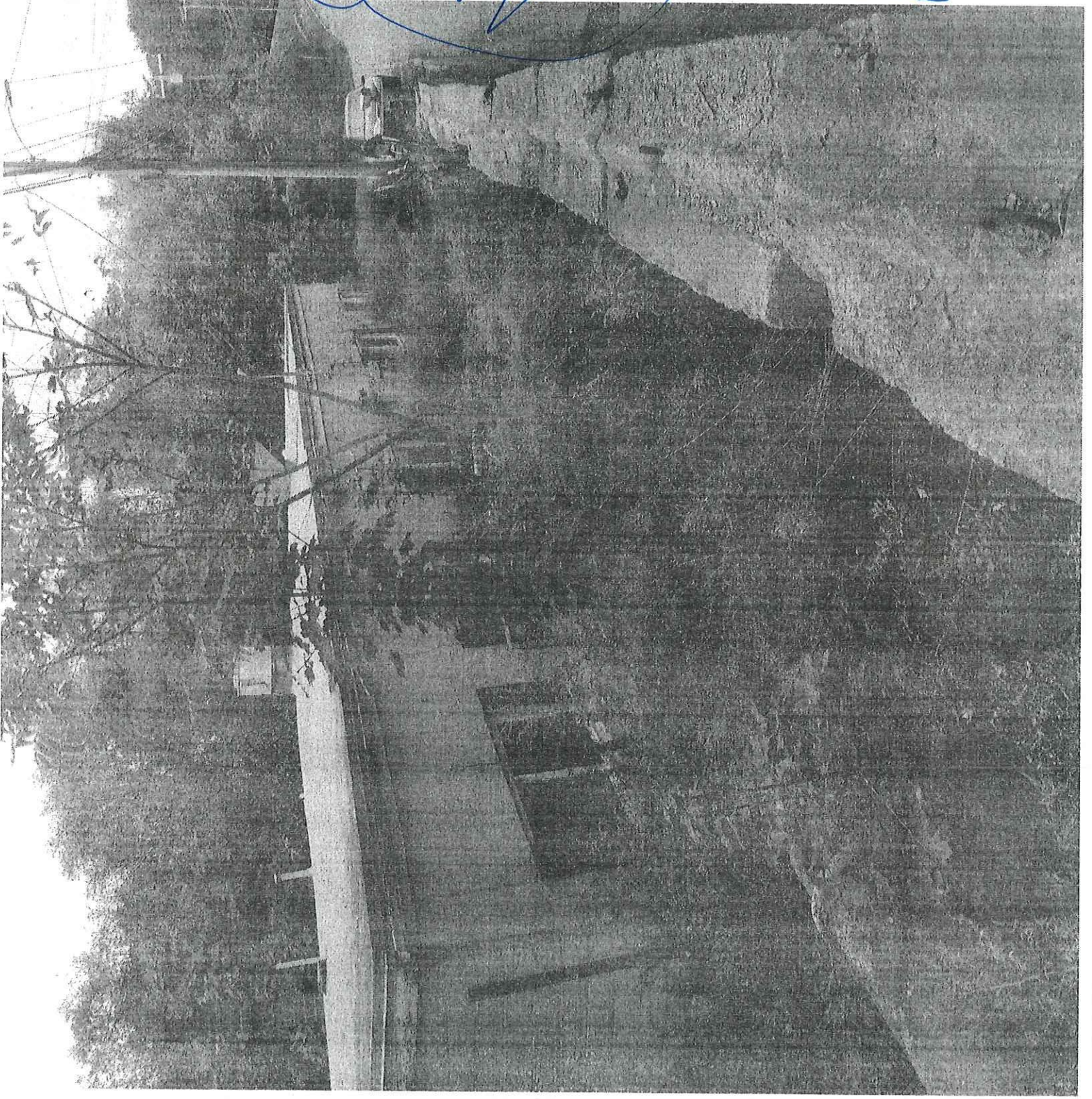




Picture 5/6/23

Invasive vegetation at Quaker Hill
Covering
12/4/23

Picture 686
12/4/23
V. G. K.



2023-2025 RTM Member Committee Assignments/Appointments

Committee on Committees

Moderator appoints at first annual meeting; minimum of 5 members; all 4 districts must be represented.

Majority Leader— (1)

Minority Leader— (4)

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RTM Standing Committees (for duration of current RTM term)

Prepared by Majority and Minority Leader; endorsed by Committee on Committees; approved by RTM at first annual meeting. Every member must serve on at least one standing committee; minimum of 3 members; simple majority applies. Moderator serves as ex-officio member of every committee.

Legislation & Administration

R Tom Dembek

R Christina Jessuck

R Mark Campo

D Ursula Moreshead

D Susan Driscoll

Public Health, Recreation & Environment

R Jen Bracciale

R Mike Bono

R Ryan Healy

D Tim Fioravanti

D Jerry Fischer

Public Works, Planning & Development

R Mike Bono

R Ryan Healy

R Matt Keatley

D Kristin Gonzalez

D Kyrrah Augmon-Bossa

Education

R Matt Keatley

R Christina Jessuck

R Dave Sugrue

D Lindsay Khan

D Mary Childs

Finance, Wage & Personnel

R Harry Colonis

R Kevin Girard

R Danielle Steward-Gelinas

D Ted Olynciw

D Kayla Mullen

Public Protection & Safety

R Tom Dembek

R Tim Condon

R Shawn Monahan

D Nick Gauthier

D Kathy Mullen Kohl

RTM Member Appointments to Outside Committees/Commissions (for duration of current RTM term unless limited/expanded by oversight dept/board or by ordinance)

One member from each caucus; nominated by caucus, approved by RTM

Social Service Grants Review (1-yr term)

R Tom Dembek

D Lindsay Khan

Retirement Commission (2-yr term)

R Paul Goldstein

D Susan Driscoll

School Building Committee (5-yr terms)

two vacancies to be filled mid-term on 12/4/23:

1/1/19/ - 6/30/24 and 7/1/22 - 6/30/27

R Tom Dembek

R Dave Sugrue

D Ted Olynciw (*serving 1/1/20 - 6/30/25*)

OSW Fire Station Building Committee (*term for life of project; replacements only when appointee resigns from BC or is no longer on RTM*)

R Jen Bracciale

RTM Special Committees (Written charge/mission required. Duration of terms specified by charge/mission statement or applicable ordinance. Simple majority applies.)

Long-Range Fiscal Planning Committee

R Kevin Girard

R Harry Colonis

R Christina Jessuck

D Lindsay Khan

D Ursula Moreshead

Fire Services Review Special Committee (3 RTM seats; two appointed by entire body; one member of Public Protection & Safety Committee to be appointed by new PP&S Committee at first meeting of term)

R Matt Keatley

D Susan Driscoll

**REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
2024 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE
7:00pm – Waterford Town Hall Auditorium**

February 5, 2024

April 1, 2024

May 6, 8, 13 and 15, 2024 (FY25 Annual Budget Meeting)

June 3, 2024

August 5, 2024

October 7, 2024

December 2, 2024 (Annual Meeting)

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M. ATTEST Doreen L. Campos
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