



MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2022

RTM Moderator Paul Goldstein called the April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio, Jennifer Bracciale, Mary Childs, Timothy Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Timothy Fioravanti, Steven Garvin, Nicholas Gauthier, Kevin Girard, Paul Goldstein, Kristen Gonzalez (7:35 P.M.), Ryan Healy, Richard Holmes, Jennifer Kohl, Paul Konstantakis, Cheryl Larder, Richard Muckle, Dan Radin, Michael Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue, David Welch (7:32 P.M).

ABSENT: Michael Bono, Ted Olynciw.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J Brule; Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia; Chair of the Board of Finance Glenn Patterson; Chair of the Board of Education Pat Fedor.

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo; Town Attorney Robert Avena; Director of Finance Kim Allen.

AGENDA ITEM C – February 7, 2022 Minutes & February 28, 2022 Minutes.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Condon to approve the February 7, 2021 & the February 28, 2022 as presented.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

Moderator Goldstein noted that a letter was received from Town Clerk David L. Campo in regard to ordinance review of Chapter 2.42 Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission, an anonymous letter in regard to home values, a letter Tax Collector Alan Wilensky in regard to attendance at the final night of the budget review, an L&A report, a letter from resident Ray Drennen, 11 Gunshot Rd, in regard to the condition of Gardners Woods Rd and the roads in the area of the Millstone Point Association, a letter from RTM Member Thomas Dembek questioning the process of how money for roads is being appropriated, and a letter of recommendation for appointments from the Republican Town Committee. Moderator Goldstein noted that items could be discussed further in NEW BUSINESS or with its' respective call item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael McDonald, 15 Laurel St, raised concerns about his need to park his work vehicle in the street or on his property, but due to current regulations, he cannot.

Resident William Herzfeld, 6 Graham St, spoke in opposition to the passing of Items 5 & 6 on the

agenda.

Resident Tennyson Benedict, 239 Great Neck Rd, spoke in opposition to Item 5.

Resident Emily Polakowski, 24 Savi Ave, spoke in opposition to Item 5.

AGENDA ITEM F

Mary Childs noted that the Moderator's Report needed to be corrected. The date RTC was incorrect for Short Term Rentals.

CALL ITEM 1 – Senior Citizens Appointments

NOMINATION by Girard, seconded by Steward-Gelinas, of Kathleen McNamara, 27 Beacon Hill Rd, Waterford, as a reappointment to the Senior Citizens Commission. (Term 04/04/2022 – 04/07/2025)

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

NOMINATION by Driscoll, seconded by Gauthier, of Joyce M Vlaun, 12 Wallace St, Waterford, as a reappointment to the Senior Citizens Commission. (Term 04/04/2022 – 04/07/2025)

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Garvin, to table the remaining expired term. (Term 04/04/2022 – 04/07/2025)

CALL ITEM 2 – Fiber Upgrade

PRESENTATION: Information Technology Manager Jeffrey Robillard.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$5,380** from the **Capital Non-Recurring designated line #20547-57846 for Fiber Upgrade.**

Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION PASSED: 20-1 (Attanasio)

CALL ITEM 3 – Information Technology Switches

PRESENTATION: Information Technology Manager Jeffrey Robillard.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$20,242** from **Capital and Non-Recurring designated line #20547-57861 (Switches).**

Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 4: UPS Systems Project

PRESENTATION: Information Technology Manager Jeffrey Robillard.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Dembek, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of **\$10,915** from the **Capital and Non-Recurring designated line #20547-57747 for UPS Systems Project (UPS System for Communications).**

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 5: Eversource Gas Line Agreement

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall, Director of Public Works Gary Schneider.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Muckle, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Selectmen to approve a revised Eversource General Gas Service Agreement for the Public Safety and Police Station buildings and authorize the First Selectman to sign on the Town of Waterford's behalf,

pending approval by legal as to form.

Lengthy discussion centered on green alternatives, the length of the contract, requirements of the contract, price control, ability of town to be released from the contract, and the time sensitivity of the contract.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Garvin, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Muckle, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Childs, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Kohl, Konstantakis, Larder, Radin.

MOTION PASSED: 13-10

CALL ITEM 6 – Emergency Legislation

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Muckle, to deem the previous legislation as “emergency legislation”, waiving the **15 day** waiting period.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Bracciale, Dembek, Garvin, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Muckle, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Childs, Condon, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Girard, Gonzalez, Kohl, Konstantakis, Larder, Radin, Sugrue, Welch.

MOTION FAILED: 9-14

CALL ITEM 7 – Cell Phone Tower

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Muckle, to table until the June Meeting of the RTM.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Steward –Gelinas to move the subject of the letter from Town Clerk, David L. Campo in regard to a review of Chapter 2.42 Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission of the Waterford Code of Ordinances to the Legislation & Administration Committee.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

Discussion ensued in response to a question by RTM Member Ted Olynciw on how to handle correspondence addressed to the RTM anonymously.

MOTION by Condon, seconded by Driscoll, that the RTM resolves that letters addressed to the RTM will not be included as part of the agenda or minutes if the Town Clerk is unable to ascertain the author.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

Brief discussion in regards to a letter from Ray Drennen to the status of Gardiners Wood Road. Public Works Director Gary Schneider stated that the road has been moved up and is being addressed, slated to be addressed by the BOS at an upcoming meeting. (See Attachment)

Brief discussion in regard to letter received from Tax Collector Alan Wilensky.
No action taken.

MOTION by Sugrue, seconded by Gonzalez, to adjourn at 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Campo, CCTC

Waterford Town Clerk

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RTM Moderator, Paul Goldstein
C/O David Campo, Town Clerk
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CC:
Rob Brule, First Selectman
Gary Schneider, Public Works Director

Dear Mr. Goldstein,

I wanted to get a message to the RTM (Publics Works Committee) concerning Gardiners Wood Rd and the current condition of the water and potholes. The road is becoming unsafe! What is the current time table and plans to fix the road?

Also are there plans to repair the curbing and the roads in the area of Millstone Point Association (Millstone Rd E, Gun Shot Rd, Race Rock Rd, LandyardLn, Windward Way)? The curbing is deteriorating and rebar is exposed.

This is dangerous and someone is going to get injured.

Any feedback would be appreciated.

Thanks,
Ray Drennen

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