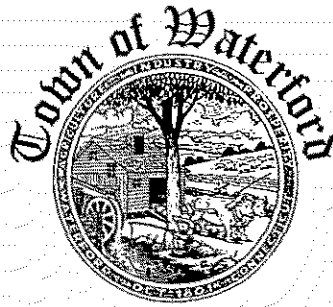


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BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 7, 2025
5:00 PM
Waterford Town Hall (Appleby Room)

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(Procedural Action: Check register to be signed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with CGS 7-83)

1. Call to Order & Roll Call: 5 PM

In attendance: Rob Brule, Rich Muckle & Greg Attanasio

Absent: N/A

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment: NONE

- 4. Planning:** To consider and act on a request for a FY25 appropriation from the Director of Planning, Jonathan Mullen, in the amount of \$12,500, for the stabilization of Alewife Cove Study, from Capital and Non-recurring designated line #20541-57328 (Alewife Cove) and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

- 5. Utility:** To consider and act on a request for a FY25 appropriation from the Director of Utilities, Jill Stevens, in the amount of \$19,800, for an engineering study, from Capital and Non-recurring designated line #20531-57890 (Wiemes and Marilyn Ejector Replacements) and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

- 6. Recreation and Parks & Board of Education:** To consider and act upon awarding the installation and repair contract for Leary Park Pickleball Tennis Courts, Waterford High School Track and Field Turf, and Tennis Courts Replacement to Field Turf, recommended from Shea Davy, Purchasing Agent,

on behalf of the Director of Recreation and Parks, Ryan McNamara, and the Board of Education Director of Finance, Joseph Mancini, for \$3,492,350 broken down as follows:

- Town Hall and Leary Park Basketball Courts, Leary Park Pickleball and Tennis Courts - \$1,197,250
- Waterford High School Track and Field Turf - \$1,147,000
- Waterford High School Tennis Court - \$1,148,100

Funds available from line #33720-55855 (Town Court Repairs), 20560-57820 (WHS Turf Field & Track) and 20560-57833 (BOE Tennis Courts).

MOTION by Attanasio, to table. NO Second, MOTION FAILED

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

7. **Board of Education:** To consider and act on a request for a FY25 appropriation from the Board of Education Director of Finance, Joseph Mancini, in the amount of \$243,335, for the second installment of the on bill financing for all five schools, from Capital and Non-recurring designated line #20560-57891 (Energy Efficiency Program) and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

8. **Emergency Management:** To consider and act on a recommendation from Shea Davy, Purchasing Agent, on behalf of the Director of Emergency Management, Steven Sinagra, to approve a bid waiver for a new digital sign for the Public Safety Building.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 2-1 PASSED

Voting For: Muckle, Brule

Voting Against: Attanasio

9. **Emergency Management:** To consider and act on a recommendation from Shea Davy, Purchasing Agent, on behalf of the Director of Emergency Management, Steven Sinagra, to award a Bid Waiver to Sign Craft, in the amount of \$67,962, from line # 22922-54256 (Traffic Control Equipment) for a new digital sign for the Public Safety Building.

MOTION by Attanasio, to table. NO Second, MOTION FAILED

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 2-1 PASSED

Voting For: Muckle, Brule

Voting Against: Attanasio

- 10. Public Works:** To consider and act on a request for a FY25 appropriation from the Director of Public Works, Gary Schneider, in the amount of \$6,583, for the repointing of the chimney at the Jordan Park House, from account #31124-55913 (Jordan Park House Repairs) and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

- 11. Public Works:** To consider and act on a recommendation from Shea Davy, Purchasing Agent, on behalf of the Director of Public Works, Gary Schneider, to award the bid to Kronenberger & Sons Restoration Inc, in the amount of \$16,800, contingent on approved funding. Funds will be available from line #31124-55913, (Jordan Park House Repairs).

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

- 12. Police:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY25 In-Series Transfer from the Chief of Police, Marc Balestracci, in the amount of \$4,000 to cover several transmission repairs.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

- 13. Police:** To consider and act on a request for a FY25 additional appropriation from the Chief of Police, Marc Balestracci, in the amount of \$62,757, for an employee payout, to line #10129-51420 (Patrol) and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

14. Appointments & Resignations:

- 14a.** To consider and act on the re-appointment of Fred Wise (U) to the Waterford East Lyme Shellfish Commission (WELSCO) to fill the term of 6/1/24-5/31/28 as a member.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

- 14b.** To consider and act on the appointment of David DeNoia (R) to the Conservation Commission to fill the term of 6/1/21-5/31/26 as an alternate.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

- 14c.** To consider and act on the appointment of Matthew Tucker (R) to the Historic Properties Commission to fill the term of 11/1/24-10/31/29 as an Alternate.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

15. New Business: SEAT Bus HOP – postcard added as backup

16. Old Business: NONE

17. Correspondence:

17a. ARPA Quarterly Report thru 12/31/24

17b. Donations

17c. Liaison Appointment for Board of Selectmen

17d. Liaison Appointment for Long Range Fiscal Planning

17e. Liaison Appointment for Ad Hoc Fleet Committee

17f. FY25 Capital Quarterly Project Status Report (Oct 1-Dec 31)

17g. Unmanned Aircraft Systems letter from Joe Courtney

17h. Unmanned Aircraft Systems letter from Kathleen McCarty

17i. Unmanned Aircraft Systems letter from Robert Brule

17j. Letter from Clark Lane Residents

18. Consent Agenda

18a. Tax Refund

18b. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes December 3, 2024

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

19. Adjournment: 6:25 PM

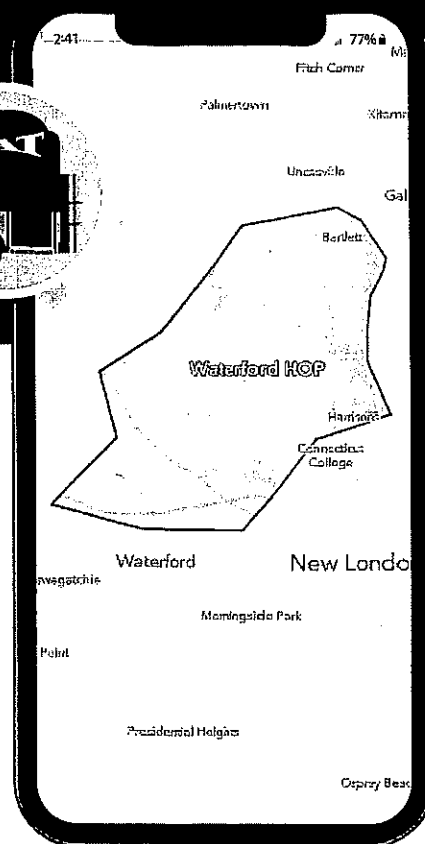
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Clark Lane Residents
119 Clark Lane
Waterford, CT 06385

First Selectman Robert Brule
Planning and Zoning Department
Inland Wetlands Department
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

January 6, 2025

Dear Selectman Brule, Planning and Zoning Department and Inland Wetlands,

Please take notice that the developer of the Clark Lane trailer project and the Town of Waterford (TOW) officials are permitting carcinogenic exposure of silica dust and plumes to the students and staff at Clark Lane Middle School and the residents on both sides of Clark Lane but especially those on the east side of Clark Lane and directly abutting the ongoing development due to the stone crushing and processing activities which releases carcinogenic silica. The Center for Disease Control, the American Cancer Society and the American Lung Association to name a few have confirmed this well-established carcinogenic material is produced during all rock crushing, drilling and stone processing activity.

On Friday, December 27, two residents had a conversation with Mark Wujtewicz, Planner for the Town of Waterford, and he informed us that the rocks will be crushed onsite. At the multiple meetings we had with the Town of Waterford officials and the trailer park developers this construction activity was never mentioned to the residents eager to protect themselves and their properties. Minimal investigation proves that rock crushing, to the extent that this developer needs to do, to the present rock piles located along all residents boundaries and the multiple rocks throughout the 16 acres will be a toxic and unhealthy activity potentially harming residents, their pets, students and staff. At the meetings we were promised close monitoring of all activities this developer was going to be doing. We have not seen the monitoring of sound, vibration and silica. We believe all the Town of Waterford experts should have made the residents aware of the potential activities from this development in our meetings, they should

have disclosed this potential construction site activity and they did not. Presently all the Clark Lane residents on the east side of Clark Lane are experiencing excessive noise and severe house vibration throughout the day starting at 6:45a. Work is being done due to the rock drilling occurring adjacent to their properties. The excessive daily and loud noise is diminishing our quality of life. It appears the project workers are drilling, splitting and dropping huge boulders which is producing vibration, noise and silica dust throughout the day.

The crushing of rocks is a serious and deadly practice for the workers exposed as well as those in close proximity to the activity due to the excessive silica dust and the silica plumes it creates. There are innumerable scientific studies attesting to silica exposure issues and a small example of the studies can be found at the end of this letter. Due to the unusual close distance the residents, the students and staff at Clark Lane Middle School are forced to have to this construction site, they will be heavily impacted by this enormous silica producing activity. The silica dust is also deadly to the general environment and especially the wetland ecosystem (Fenger Brook is within 50 feet of this site).

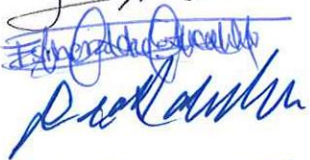
Crystalline silica commonly found naturally in the earth's crust is generated through cutting, crushing, grinding and drilling of all types of rocks. Individuals who inhale these very small crystalline silica particles are at risk of developing irreversible and serious silica related diseases including silicosis, an incurable lung disease that leads to death, lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), autoimmune diseases (rheumatoid arthritis, scleroderma, lupus) and kidney disease. Once the crystalline silica is inhaled the particles cannot be removed. There are presently multiple class action lawsuits and billions of dollars in settlement awards for silica exposure. Children are especially sensitive to this exposure as it quickly scars and inflames their young developing lung tissue.

We are asking that the rocks are removed from this construction site and crushed elsewhere as all the residents are too close to this activity and their health and welfare is being compromised. It is expected the TOW officials who maintain they care about the health and safety of this community and its residents would never allow any hazardous activity knowingly compromise lives and families.

Based on this level of construction happening in an R-20 zone, directly against our property boundaries and in close proximity to all of our houses, the accompanying excessive noise throughout the day, exposure to our Middle School staff and students and the severity of the health outcome to potentially hundreds of Town of Waterford citizens we would like this rock crushing stopped immediately and the boulders removed from the site and crushed elsewhere.

We are scared Town of Waterford citizens. A prompt response is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Concerned Clark Lane Residents

Scientific Studies:

11/9/23 Center for Disease Control :

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/silica/indust>

8/23/2023 American Lung association

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Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica Dust in the United States

<https://doi.org/10.1289/ehp.7384>

1/24/2024 American Journal of Industrial Medicine: Volume 67, Issue 3

Accelerated silicosis in sandblasters: pathology, mineralogy and clinical correlates

7/23/2024 Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene: Volume 21, Issue 8

<https://doi.org/10.1080/15459624.2024.2357715>

2024 American Lung Association: 'State of Air' 2024 Key Findings

<https://www.lung.org/research/sota/key-findings>

9/29/23 Scandinavian Journal of Work Environment and Health

Occupational: exposure to silica dust in France; an ongoing concern

2006 Centers for Disease Control: Chapter 3. Toxic kinetics, Susceptible

Populations, biomarkers, Chemical Interactions

<https://atsdr.cdc.gov>

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