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MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 6, 2024
5:00 PM
Waterford Town Hall (Appleby Room)

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

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** 5:01 pm
In attendance: Rob Brule, Rich Muckle & Greg Attanasio
Absent: N/A
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment:** Bryan Sayles – Firearms, submitted letter to be entered into the minutes
4. **Board of Education:** To consider and act on a request for a FY25 appropriation, to replace the tennis court at Waterford High School with post tension concrete from the Waterford Public Schools Director of Finance, Joseph Mancini, in the amount of \$1,200,000 and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

MOTION by Attanasio, to table, no second, **MOTION FAILED**

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

5. **Board of Education:** To consider and act on a request for a FY25 appropriation, to replace the turf multipurpose field at Waterford High School from the Waterford Public Schools Director of Finance, Joseph Mancini, in the amount of \$1,200,000 and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

MOTION by Attanasio, to table, no second, **MOTION FAILED**

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

6. **Assessor:** To consider and act on a recommendation from Shea Davy, Purchasing Agent, to obtain Personal Property Auditing and Consulting Services from Charles B. Feldman & Associates LLC (pending the approval for an additional appropriation), in the amount of \$24,500, from line # 10104-52030 (Professional Fees).

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

7. **Assessor:** To consider and act on a request for a FY24 additional appropriation from the Assessor, Paige Walton, in the amount of \$24,500, for personal property auditing services, to account #10104-52030 (Professional Fees) and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio to amend the motion from "FY24" to "FY25". VOTE 3-0

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio to accept the amended motion, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

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

Voting for: Brule, Muckle

Against: Attanasio

8. **Fire Services:** To consider and act on a request for a FY25 additional appropriation from the Director of Fire Services, Michael Howley, in the amount of \$49,226, for an employee payout per negotiated contract, to account #10123-51410 (Full Time Firefighting) and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

9. **Fire Services:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY25 In-Series Transfer from the Director of Fire Services, Michael Howley, in the amount of \$4,123 to cover cost of insurance increased for FY25.

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

10. **Fire Services:** To consider and act on a recommendation from, Purchasing Agent, Shea Davy, for surplus disposal of several items including portable radios, chargers, monitors, pagers, power supplies, batteries, and belt cases.

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

11. Public Works: To consider and act upon awarding the Catch Basins Cleaning contract to Shaw Vac Service LLC, from the Director of Public Works, Gary Schneider, for \$25,350 in accordance with CRCOG contract #757. Funds available from line item #10130-52030 (Professional Fees)

MOTION by Attanasio to increase to \$76,050. Motion Failed for lack of a second.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 2-1 PASSED
Voting for: Brule, Muckle
Against: Attanasio

12. Seniors: To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from the Human Services Administrator, Dani Gorman, in the amount of \$1,003 to cover increased fuel costs after the budget was approved and additional physical exams for new hires and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

13. Human Resources: To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from the Director of Human Resources, Christine Walters, in the amount of \$14,040 to cover expenditures and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

14. Recreation and Parks: To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from the Director of Recreation and Parks, Ryan McNamara, in the amount of \$3,545 to cover increased costs after budget approved and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

15. Planning: To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from the Director of Planning, Jon Mullen, in the amount of \$25,700 to cover budget expenditures and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

16. Facilities: To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 In-Series Transfer from the Director of Finance, Kim Allen, in the amount of \$15,494 due to Facilities taking over the custodial service contract for the Community Center, which was not budgeted.

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

- 17. Finance:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from the Director of Finance, Kim Allen, in the amount of \$779 to cover increased need for town-wide supplies by individual departments and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

- 18. Retirement:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 In-Series Transfer from the Director of Finance, Kim Allen, in the amount of \$56,757 to cover retiree benefits actuals over forecasted.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio to amend the motion from “over forecasted” to “under forecasted”. VOTE 3-0

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio to accept the amended motion, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

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

- 19. Various:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from the Director of Finance, Kim Allen, in the amount of \$34,674 to cover increased salaries and increased postage and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

- 20. First Selectman:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from the First Selectman, Rob Brule, in the amount of \$237 to cover increased costs after the budget was approved and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

- 21. Public Works:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 In-Series Transfer from the Director of Public Works, Gary Schneider, in the amount of \$10,788 to cover the cost of fuel.

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

22. Appointments & Resignations:

23. New Business: NONE

24. Old Business: NONE

25. Correspondence:

25a. FY24 4th Qtr Capital Report

25b. Lake Brandeggee email – Tiffany Jones

25c. US Treasury Report - Town of Waterford CT Quarterly Report

25d. Quaker Hill/Leary Park Improvements – email R.F. Muckle

26. Consent Agenda

26a. Tax Refund

26b. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes July 23, 2024

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

27. Adjournment: 6:09 pm

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

August 6, 2024

Waterford Board of Selectman
Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

Mr. Brule,

Chief of police Balestracci's decision to oppose gun destruction defies logic and lack merit given his email to me late last week.

"The Waterford Police Department has a process that it follows when new firearms are purchased, which ensures all laws and regulations are followed. When this project was presented to the town boards for funding, that process was detailed so that the Board of Police Commissioners, Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Representative Town Meeting and the public were all aware and could ask questions of what process we would be following. As the project has been approved by all boards, which again were public meetings with proper posting of agendas, we will follow the approved request."

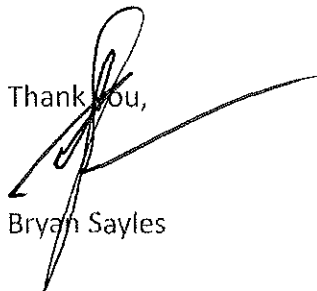
Beyond that email, I heard Chief Balestracci state that Waterford would benefit by a "significant amount" by cashing in our old guns. That is a matter of opinion.

Of course, Chief Balestracci would need to follow town rules and protocol. All committees and boards have to follow them. However, none of what I am proposing for the disposition of obsolete firearms would hinder the town from moving forward. The proposed credit appears as a simple line item in Whitmer's itemized quote. It can be removed! The final purchase price would change but again, the town frequently moves money to meet different departmental costs. For instance, within your agenda for today's meeting there are fourteen (14) such requests totaling over two-hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000). Surely Waterford can shift about \$13,000 over to the Police Department to cover the cost of getting rid of the old guns responsibly.

Lastly, in review your agenda, you list no new or old business. A clear indication to me that you never intended to revisit the issue. It all looks to me and others that you, and Richard Muckle are dismissive of public safety and the public health crisis surrounding gun crime in favor of thirteen grande.

Thank you,

Bryan Sayles

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Sayles", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized with a large loop at the top and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Shannon Withey

From: Richard Muckle <rmuckle@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 4:56 PM
To: First Selectman
Subject: Quaker Hill / Leary Park Improvements

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Rob,

In reviewing the BOS Agenda for 6 August, I noted that the major improvements for outdoor recreation areas are focused on the center of our community, specifically Waterford High School.

I would like to suggest that some consideration be given to improvements to Leary Park in the more northern section of town, Quaker Hill. My suggestion is that major improvements be made to the tennis courts, similar to those being considered for the High School.

Furthermore, with the "explosive" interest in Pickle Ball, it would be prudent to incorporate courts for this activity at Leary Park.

I appreciate your thoughts on these suggestions.

Respectfully,
R. F. Muckle
Selectman