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ATTEST: *Doreen L. Campos*
TOWN CLERK

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, July 9, 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: 5:00 pm

In attendance: Rob Brule, Rich Muckle & Greg Attanasio

Absent: N/A

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment: Bryan Sayles – Firearm Concern (letter given as backup)

- 4. Registrars of Voters:** To consider and act on a request for a FY24 appropriation, to cover expenses incurred in the Presidential Preference Primary that took place on April 2, 2024. Line #10102-51320 (Election Activities), Line #10102-51920 (FICA), and Line #10102-53020 (Other Supplies) from the Registrars of Voters, Patti Waters and Bigi Ebbin, in the amount of \$10,930 and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved. This is a re-vote as the dollar amount was incorrect during a previous meeting.

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

- 5. Registrars of Voters:** To consider and act on a recommendation from, Purchasing Agent, Shea Davy, on behalf of Registrars of Voters, for surplus disposal of the following items:

- 1 White laminate desk
- 1 Two drawer file cabinet – does not open

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

- 6. Assessor's Office:** To consider and act on a recommendation from, Purchasing Agent, Shea Davy, on behalf of the Assistant Assessor, Nicole Serra, for

surplus disposal of the following item:

- 1 Fellowes PS80C-2 Shredder

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

7. **Senior Services:** 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 \$9,590 due to end of year costs and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

8. **Recreation and Parks:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from Recreation and Parks Director, Ryan McNamara, in the amount of \$23,480 due to end of year costs and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

9. **Recreation and Parks:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 In-Series Transfer from the Recreation and Parks Director, Ryan McNamara, in the amount of \$25,644 to cover year end year end expenditures.

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

10. **Emergency Management:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 In-Series Transfer from the Emergency Management Director, Steve Sinagra, in the amount of \$1,500 to cover the cost of telephones.

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

11. **Information Technology – Bid Reject:** To consider and act upon a recommendation from the Purchasing Agent, Shea Davy, on behalf of the Information and Technology Director, Jeffrey Robillard to reject bid received (RFP #23-127) for technology/equipment for the Auditorium upgrades as it doesn't fit the Town's needs.

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

12. **Utility Commission – Bid Award:** To consider and act on a recommendation from Purchasing Agent, Shea Davy, on behalf of the Utility Director, Jim Bartelli, to award the bid to A&J Generator, in the amount of \$39,700

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

13. **Fire Services:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from the Director of Fire Services, Michael Howley, in the

amount of \$66,706 due to end of year costs and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

14. Police Department – Bid Waiver: To consider and act on a recommendation from Purchasing Agent, Shea Davy, to award Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc., in the amount of \$39,756, from line # 32925-55919 (Firearms/Laser Site Transitions) to replace firearms.

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

Voting for: Brule, Muckle

Against: Attanasio

15. Public Works: To consider and act on a recommendation from the Public Works Director, Gary Schneider, to implement a new fee schedule, detailed in the backup material for this item attached here to, effective August 1, 2024.

MOTION by Attanasio, seconded by Muckle, to table until the next meeting.
VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

16. Public Works: To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from the Public Works Director, Gary Schneider, in the amount of \$80,786 due to end of year costs and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

17. Town Hall: To consider and act on a recommendation from, Purchasing Agent, Shea Davy, for surplus disposal of the following items:

- 50 Metal Folding Chairs
- 5 American Flags

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

18. Board of Finance: To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from Finance Director, Kim Allen, in the amount of \$375 due to end of year audit and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

19. Retirement Commission: To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 In-Series Transfer from the Finance Director, Kim Allen, in the amount of \$12,818 to complete end of year audit.

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 \$2,834 to complete end of year audit and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

- 21. Various:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from the Finance Director, Kim Allen, in the amount of \$31,038 due to end of year audit and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

- 22. Various:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from the Finance Director, Kim Allen, in the amount of \$78,272 to close the year and complete annual audit and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

- 23. Various:** To consider and act on the following request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from the Finance Director, Kim Allen, in the amount of \$266,674 due to end of year costs and forward on to the Board of Finance if approved.

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

24. Appointments & Resignations:

25. New Business: NONE

26. Old Business: Paving Update Discussion

27. Correspondence:

27a. Special Revenue May 2024 – Finance Department

27b. Letter from Clark Lane Student – Kaelyn M, received 6/28/24

27c. Letter from Clark Lane Student – Kayley A received 6/28/24

27d. Thank you letter from Senior Services

28. Consent Agenda

28a. Tax Refund

28b. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes June 18, 2024

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

29. Adjournment: 6:02 pm

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

July 8, 2024

Waterford Board of Selectman
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Board of Selectman,

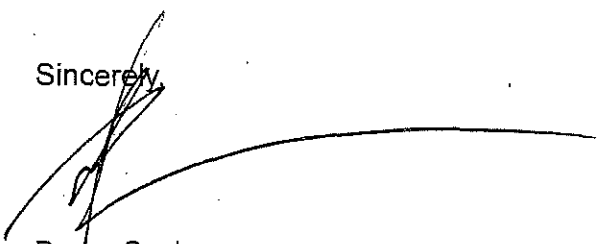
In a cost quote from Witmer Public Safety Group, dated November 11, 2023, a line item includes a credit for turning in 49 Glock 45 guns at \$275/ea.. While that credit sounds like a modest cost benefit for Waterford taxpayers, I want to call attention to serious problems associated with such a practice.

Per investigative reporting, many firearms traded-in by municipalities are resold and eventually, become involved in handgun crimes. <https://www.cbsnews.com/police-selling-guns/> According to data from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, 52,529 **police** guns have turned up at crime scenes since 2006, the earliest year reported. While some of those were lost or stolen, a majority were trade-ins that, prior to the crime had been sold on a secondary market.

Wouldn't it be more thoughtful of Waterford to forego the credit in favor of removing them altogether to eliminate the possibility of one of them ending up being used in a crime?

For many good reasons, I am asking the Board of Selectman to postpone a decision until, a.) Waterford citizens know exactly what the plans are for each of the documented firearms. b.) The Waterford community is afforded the chance to discuss the potential ramifications of trading-in, high-end police service revolvers.

Sincerely,



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July 2, 2024

First Selectman Rob Brule
15 Rope Ferry Rd.
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Dear First Selectman Brule,

On behalf of Waterford Senior Services I would like to thank you for joining us at our annual Senior Picnic. This is always a special event for the seniors and we are so grateful that you are able to attend. I would also like to thank you again, for the use of your tent. It is so helpful in providing extra shade for the seniors, especially on hot days like the day we held the picnic.

I would also like to thank you for speaking at the picnic, the Sally Ritchie Award has come to mean so much to us at Senior Services, and to those who receive it. Lorraine was so touched by all of the attention and the kind words said.

Once again thank you. We look forward to your presence at future events.

Sincerely,

Terry Wheeler
Assistant Director
Waterford Senior Services

Thank you Rob!