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MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
Regular Meeting
Waterford Town Hall
August 2, 2021

RTM Moderator Thomas Dembek called the August 2, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio, Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale, April Cairns, Timothy Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Timothy Fioravanti, Miriam Furey-Wagner, Nick Gauthier, Paul Goldstein, Kathleen Kohl, David Lersch, Valerie Metivier, Richard Muckle, Liam O'Leary, Theodore Olynciw, Dan Radin, Robert Swansen, Baird Welch-Collins.

ABSENT: Steve Elci, Richard Morgan, Michael Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J Brule; Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia; Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk; Chair of the Board of Education Craig Merriman.

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo; Town Attorney Robert Avena.

AGENDA ITEM C – June 7, 2021 Minutes

MOTION by Goldstein, seconded by Welch-Collins, to accept the minutes from the June 7, 2021 Regular Meeting with the following addition: Include the letter as an attachment under Correspondence from the Waterford Historical Society. (See Attachment)

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with one member abstaining. (Cairns)

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

AGENDA ITEM F

None

AGENDA ITEM G – RTM Member Thomas Dembek updated the body on the progress of the Waterford Municipal Complex.

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CALL ITEM 1 – Utility Commission Status and Update.

PRESENTATION: Utility Commission Director Tali Soto and Town Attorney Nicholas Keeple.

Focus of update was on the Tri-Town Agreement between East Lyme, Waterford and New London that is scheduled to appear in front of the RTM at the October Meeting. The agreement will cover the treatment of wastewater, how facilities and costs will be shared, and include a term of twenty years with a ten year option. A question and answer session concluded the presentation.

CALL ITEM 2 – American Rescue Plan Resolution

PRESENTATION: First Selectman Robert Brule, Town Attorney Robert Avena, Finance Director Kimberly Allen.

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Driscoll, to approve a resolution to authorize the First Selectman to expend funds received from Federal and State sources under the ARPA, when such funds will not incur additional financial obligations to the Town and to account for said funds under a designated Special Revenues Fund.

Discussion ensued. A planned expenditures report was presented. (See Attachment)

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Welch-Collins, to amend the motion by adding the following: The Finance Department shall provide the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance, and the Representative Town Meeting with quarterly reports on the status of revenue and expenditures from the Special Revenue Fund.

VOTING IN FAVOR TO AMEND: Unanimous

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with one member abstaining. (Attanasio)

CALL ITEM 3 – Police Commission

MOTION by Bono, seconded by Goldstein, to appoint Mark Gelinis to the Waterford Police Commission. (Term 08/02/2021 – 08/04/2025)

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Attanasio, to appoint Tony Sheridan to the Waterford Police Commission. (Term 08/02/2021 – 08/04/2025)

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 4: Fire Services Review Special Committee

MOTION by Bracciale, seconded by Goldstein, to appoint Richard Muckle to the Fire Services Special Review Committee.

MOTION by Gauthier, seconded by Welch-Collins, to appoint Greg Attanasio to the Fire Services Special Review Committee.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 5: Executive Session

MOTION by Goldstein, seconded by Welch-Collins, that the RTM, along with First Selectman Robert Brule, Director of Fire Service Michael Howley, Interim Director of Human Resources Christine Walters, Director of Finance Kim Allen, Town Labor Counsel Eileen Duggan go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and/or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining with the Fire unit. This action is taken without prejudice to the Town's right to discuss these matters in a private meeting pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200 (2) at 8:39 P.M.

RTM Member Robert Swansen excused himself from executive session as a full-time Waterford Firefighter.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

MOTION by Bono, seconded by Welch-Collins to come out of executive session at 9:30 P.M. with no action taken.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

None

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Bono, to adjourn at 9:33 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David L. Campo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David L. Campo, CCTC
Waterford Town Clerk

TO: First Selectman Robert Brule, Town of Waterford
FROM: Kristen Widham, President, Waterford Historical Society, Inc.
DATE: 28 May 2021
RE: Proposed Amendment to Sell/Serve Beer and Wine on Jordan Green

2021 MAY 28 PM 3:19

After consulting with several active members and Board members of the Waterford Historical Society, Inc., I am presenting you with our thoughts in advance of this proposed amendment being voted upon by the RTM on June 8, 2021. In short, we hope that it will be returned to committee for further study.

**Town of Waterford: Proposed Amendment of 12.08.040 "Alcoholic Beverages"
Amending 2-6-17(2): Prior code Sec. 13-19**

1/ Buildings owned by the Waterford Historical Society, Inc. legally were placed decades ago on Jordan Green, owned by the Town of Waterford. We must insure and protect the interior and exterior of our buildings and other items owned by us on Jordan Green. Many of our activities occur here. So, we have concerns about the proposed amendment.

2/ Our organization was never involved in developing this amendment. The Town never sent us a draft of the amendment. It was purely circumstantial that we recently were sent a copy of it to consider. We wonder why we were excluded, since this amendment would greatly affect us.

3/ The Jordan Green map does not include our Society's forge/smithy buildings. Please include all our buildings in the map.

4/ As we understand the Nevins bequest, the Jordan Green general area should be used for public recreation. Did they include recreational alcohol use?

5/ If the Town is choosing to allow a licensed vendor to sell/serve alcohol there, who will monitor the availability of alcohol for minors? Will minors be allowed at Jordan Green while any event providing alcohol is occurring? An attorney has counseled us that opportunities for young people to consume must be carefully regulated. Criminal offenses will apply to anyone providing alcohol to an under-aged person.

6/ The O'Neill Theater Center cannot be a vendor away from its described campus. The law created more than 50 years ago for theaters in Connecticut to have a licensed vendor requires that alcohol can be sold or served only on site.

7/ The Waterford Historical Society, Inc. will never sell or serve alcohol within its buildings, which contain many historic items.

8/ Our Society conducts many events in a typical year, so its scheduled events should be considered prior to the Board of Selectmen booking any other event near its buildings. Jordan Green has very limited parking, so parking would be a constraint for more than one usage simultaneously. Also, if the Society were holding an event, such as a lecture or a meeting, loud sounds from a nearby location would interfere with our event.

9/ The Board of Selectmen form has not been revealed to our Society. We request an opportunity to review it to clarify the interface between new Jordan Green events and our Society's events. For example, Selectmen should solicit information from us about our events prior to scheduling another Jordan Green event at this time. Also, our organization should be informed about events that become approved with their dates and rain dates, so that our calendar of events can be updated, if necessary.

10/ Our insurance policy and security system must be considered. Our insurance agent recommends that the Board of Selectmen form include a "hold harmless" clause to protect the Waterford Historical Society, Inc. from any potential lawsuits. We thoroughly agree with this position to protect our buildings and our other property on site.

11/ Whenever an alcohol-related event is scheduled for Jordan Green, the two (2) handicapped-accessible bathrooms in the lower level of the Stacy Barn/Miner Education Center will not be offered for use during that event due to insurance constraints.

12/ Note that many people think that our Society owns Jordan Green or that the Town owns our Society's buildings and property. Hence, any negative event related to alcohol consumption on Jordan Green could negatively impact our not-for profit organization.

**AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS PLAN
TOWN OF WATERFORD
Planned Expenditures**

1 To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

Economic Assistance to Small Business	300,000
Tourism	
Eugene O'Neill Theater	524,000
Nevins Cottage	100,000
LedgeLight Health District	54,000
Household Assistance (Mental Health)	
Human Services Coordinator	272,101

2 To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;

3 For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and

4 To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Infrastructure/Technology		
GIS Updates	44,500	
First Responder CAD Modules	62,000	
Town-Wide Broadband or Low Water Pressure Project	1,667,000	
Security Monitoring Laptops	6,250	
Water/Sewer		
Cross Rd. PS Partial Upgrade	564,650	
Gorman-Rupp 17 PS Control Panels	163,750	
Old Norwich PS Upgrade	587,650	
Fargo Lane Water Tower Rehab	1,200,000	
		<u>5,545,901</u>

Expected Funding	5,547,890
Projects Scheduled	5,545,901
Surplus/Deficit	1,989

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Planned Projects by Town Department

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Economic Development	\$ 300,000	5.41%
Tourism	\$ 624,000	11.25%
Public Health	\$ 54,000	0.97%
Youth & Family Services	\$ 272,101	4.91%
Fire Services	\$ 62,000	1.12%
Technology/ Infrastructure	\$ 1,717,750	30.97%
Utilities Commission	\$ 2,516,050	45.37%
	\$ 5,545,901	100.00%

