MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2020

The February 3, 2020, Moderator Thomas Dembek called the Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
ABSENT: Robert Swansen.
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert Brule; Chair of the Board of Education Craig Merriman; Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor.
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk; Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia.
ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk David L. Campo; Town Attorney Robert Avena.

AGENDA ITEM C – December 2, 2019 Minutes
MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Welch-Collins, to accept the December 2, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM D - CORRESPONDENCE:
A letter from Town attorney requesting that an amendment to the SCRRRA Ordinance be assigned to a committee for review. (See Attachment)
A letter from Superintendent of Schools Thomas Giard informing the Town that due to security reasons the RTM may have to move into executive to discuss a capital expenditure during budget hearings. (See Attachment)

AGENDA ITEM E - PUBLIC COMMENT:
Director of Planning Abby Piersall updated the body on the status of the boiler installation at the Community Center.

AGENDA ITEM F - COMMITTEE REPORTS
AGENDA ITEM G - LIAISON REPORTS
School Building Committee member Richard Muckle updated the RTM on the progress of the Girls’
Softball Field. Ground has been broken and the committee is hopeful that the field will be ready this spring.
Baird Welch-Collins inquired as to when the Long Range Fiscal Planning Committee will meet. Richard Muckle said that a meeting is in the works.
Thomas Dembek and Greg Attanasio gave a brief update on the Municipal Complex progress.

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Welch-Collins to move CALL ITEM 6 to the end of the meeting.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

AGENDA ITEM H – BUSINESS ON THE CALL

CALL ITEM 1 – Town Wide WIFI
PRESENTATION: Chairman of the Information Technology Committee Brett Mahoney
MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Discoll, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of $25,000 from Capital and Non-Recurring Designated Line Item #20547-57790 – (Town Wide WIFI), for the Library and Police Station.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 2 – Core Switches and Blades
PRESENTATION: Chairman of the Information Technology Committee Brett Mahoney
MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Welch-Collins, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of $21,200 from Capital and Non-Recurring Designated Line Item #20547-57809 – Core Switches and Blades.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 3 – Plan of Conservation and Development
PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall
MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Goldstein, to approve a recommendation from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of $100,000 from Capital and Non-Recurring Designated Line Item #20511-57840 – Plan of Conservation and Development.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 4 – Real Estate Purchase at 13 Parkway Drive
PRESENTATION: Town Attorney Robert Avena
MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Condon, to table until the April Meeting.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous
Town attorney reported that an issue with title existed and more time is required.

CALL ITEM 5 – Waterford Town Beach Parking Fees
PRESENTATION: Director of Recreation and Parks Brian Flaherty; Recreation and Parks Program Coordinator Kerry Sullivan.
MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Muckle, to approve a recommendation from the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department, Brian Flaherty, for an increase to the Waterford Town Beach parking fees as presented. (See Attachment)
Lengthy discussion ensued.
MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Condon, to adjust the presented fee schedule to apply tax only on beach stickers and accept the daily parking fees as presented.
MOTION withdrawn by Driscoll and Condon.
MOTION by Bono, seconded by Muckle, to table the topic until April to allow Recreation and Parks to compile additional information.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 6 – Budget Schedule
Item moved to the end. (See Above)

CALL ITEM 7- Utility Commission Presentation
PRESENTATION: Director of the Utility Commission Tali Soto
POWERPOINT presentation offered along with questions and answers.

CALL ITEM 8 – Executive Session
MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Condon that the RTM, along with Human Resources Director Joyce Sauchuk, First Selectman Rob Brule and Town Labor Attorney Eileen Duggan, go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and/or negotiations with respect to current and pending collective bargaining with multiple bargaining units at 9:23 P.M. 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).

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Condon to come out of executive session at 9:57 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous. (No Votes Taken)

CALL ITEM 9 – School Building Committee
DISCUSSION ensued in order to clarify the terms.

MOTION by Goldstein, seconded by Olynciw, to nominate Thomas Dembek to the School Building Committee. (07/01/2017 – 06/30/2022)

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Welch-Collins, to nominate Ted Olynciw to the School Building Committee. (07/01/2017 – 06/30/2022)

VOTING in favor of Thomas Dembek: Bono, Bracciale, Cairns, Condon, Dembek, Goldstein, Lersch, Metivier, Morgan, Muckle, O’Leary, Olynciw, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas.

VOTING against Thomas Dembek: Attanasio, Driscoll, Elci, Fioravanti, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Kohl, Ritchie, Welch-Collins.

DEMBEK appointed to the School Building Committee, 14-9.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Olynciw, to nominate Richard Muckle to the School Building Committee. (07/01/2017 – 06/30/2024)

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Welch-Collins, to nominate Ted Olynciw to the School Building Committee. (07/01/2019 – 06/30/2024)


VOTING against Richard Muckle: Driscoll, Gauthier, Kohl, Ritchie, Welch-Collins.

MUCKLE appointed to the School Building Committee, 18-5.

MOTION by Cairns, seconded by Bono, to nominate Liam O’Leary to the School Building Committee due to the resignation of Francisco Ribas. (07/01/2015 – 06/30/2020)

MOTION by Attanasio, seconded by Ritchie, to nominate Ted Olynciw to the School Building Committee.
(07/01/2015 – 06/30/2020)
VOTING in favor of Liam O’Leary: Bono, Bracciale, Cairns, Dembek, Goldstein, Lersch, Metivier, Morgan, Muckle, O’Leary, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas.
O’LEARY appointed to the School Building Committee, 12-11.

CALL ITEM 10 – Ethics Commission
MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Morgan, to nominate Mark Burnham to the Ethics Commission as a regular member. (02/03/2020 – 02/07/2022)
MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Welch-Collins, to nominate Laurie Wolfley to the Ethics Commission. (02/03/2020 – 02/07/2022)
VOTING in favor of Mark Burnham: Bono, Bracciale, Cairns, Condon, Dembek, Goldstein, Lersch, Metivier, Morgan, Muckle, O’Leary, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas.
VOTING against Mark Burnham: Attanasio, Driscoll, Elci, Fioravanti, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Kohl, Ritchie, Welch-Collins.
BURNHAM appointed to the Ethics Commission, 13-9.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Morgan, to nominate Olga Bush to the Ethics Commission as a regular member. (02/03/2020 – 02/07/2022)
MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Welch-Collins, to nominate Laurie Wolfley to the Ethics Commission. (02/03/2020 – 02/07/2022)
BUSH appointed to the Ethics Commission, 13-9.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Morgan, to nominate Laurie Wolfley to the Ethics Commission as a regular member. (02/03/2020 – 02/07/2022)
VOTING in favor of Laurie Wolfley: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 11- Ethics Commission Alternate
MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Morgan, to nominate Cindy Hersom to the Ethics Commission as an alternate member. (02/03/2020 – 02/07/2022)
VOTING in favor of Cindy Hersom: Unanimous

CALL ITEM 6 – Budget Schedule
DISCUSSION ensued
MOTION by O’Leary, seconded by Bono, to adopt the schedule as presented. (See Attachment)
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS
MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Steward-Gelinas, to send the issue of “amendment to the SCRRRA Ordinance” to the Public Works, Planning & Development Standing Committee of the RTM
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.
MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Rocchetti to funnel any questions in regards to the Recreation & Parks Beach fees through your party leader, then on to the Town Clerk by Friday, February 7.

CONDON raised a concern that certain reports are not available to RTM members, but only to the First Selectman, from CCM any longer. Town Clerk will research the issue.

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Attanasio to adjourn at 10:51 P.M. VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

David L. Campo, CCTC
Town Clerk
January 31, 2020

VIA E-mail: wastreasurer152@outlook.com

Thomas J. Dembek, RTM Moderator
Town of Waterford
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

RE: SCRRRA Ordinance Amendment

Dear Tom:

Enclosed please find a copy of the amendment to the SCRRRA Ordinance. Please forward to the appropriate Standing Committee of the RTM for consideration and review.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Avena
Waterford Town Attorney

In Memoriam
Andrew J. Brand
James F. Brennan
James J. Courtney
U. Patrick Gray, III
Michael V. Sage
Matthew Shiffrin
Max M. Shapiro
Charles J. Suisman
Thomas B. Wilson
Louis C. Wood

Of Counsel
Heidi K. Kimmel
Jay B. Levin
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cc: David Campo, Town Clerk

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In our capital request, The Board of Education has included school security items. I do not recommend discussing detailed information in our school security request in public, including some of the backup information for security reasons. Under FOIA in Connecticut, many school security topics can be discussed in executive session.

"The FOIA permits executive session for discussions of ‘matters concerning security strategy or the deployment of security personnel, or devices affecting public security.’ Connecticut General Statutes §1-200(6)(C). As such, a discussion of the layout of the district’s security system, specifically the best types of security devices to use to secure a building and where these devices should be located, would be covered by this executive session provision. Brazzell v. Stratford Boothe Park Commission, #FIC 1990-254 (January 23, 1991). Please note: Any votes that may need to be cast with respect to the security plan or strategy would have to take place in public.” Source: Pullman and Comley Law, Hartford, CT

I’d ask that any specific questions about the school security request be considered for executive session.
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING BUDGET HEARINGS
FY 2020-21
Town Hall Auditorium
7:00 P.M.

MONDAY MAY 4
Board of Education

TUESDAY MAY 5
Ethics Commission
Conservation of Health
Public Health Nursing
Social Services Grants/Review
Registrar of Voters
Tax Collector
Youth Services Bureau
Board of Assessment Appeals
Assessor
Contingency
Debt Service
Insurance
Town Clerk
Representative Town Meeting

THURSDAY MAY 7
Retirement Commission
Waterford Public Library
Senior Citizens Commission
Finance Department
Human Resources Department
Board of Finance
Legal Department
Emergency Management
Board of Police Commissioners
Information Technology
Current Year Capital Improvements
Transfers to Capital & Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund

FINAL ACTION

WEDNESDAY MAY 6
Zoning Board of Appeals
Economic Development Commission
Conservation Commission
Planning and Zoning Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board
Building Department
Building Maintenance
Recreation and Parks Commission
Community Use of Schools
Fire Services
Board of Selectmen
Public Works