# TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING March 9th, 2023

#### **COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Charles Elliott, Mayor Sandie Pulchalski, Vice Mayor Stephen Joseph Aileen Joeckel Glenn Schagelin

Absent: Robert Williams, Robert Bilicki, Charlie Gibble-Town Clerk

### **Town Council Meeting**

Meeting began at 7:00 PM

Councilman Glen Schagelin prayed. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mayor Charles Elliott.

### TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Charles Elliott called the meeting to order.

### I. Public comments

• Mayor Charles Elliott asked for public comments. There were none.

### **II. Town Council Meeting**

February 9<sup>th</sup> 2023, minutes were reviewed.

Councilman Stephen Joseph motioned to accept the minutes.
 Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
 All agreed.

### III. Review of Financial Report

- Mayor Charles Elliott asked to review the town's financials for February 2023.
- Councilman Schagelin motioned to accept the February 2023 financials for the town.
   Councilman Stephan Joseph 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
   All agreed.
- Mayor Charles Elliott asked to review the February 2023 marina financials.
- Councilman Stephan Joseph motioned to accept the marina financials for February 2023.

Councilman Glen Schagelin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All agreed.

# **IV.** Unfinished Business

### A. Maintenance

Councilman Glenn Schagelin asked to add a closed session to the end of the meeting.

Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski motioned to add a closed session at the end of the session.

Councilman Stephen Joseph 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

All agreed.

Councilman Schagelin spoke about the need for a town mower.

He stated he asked Richie to evaluate the mowers the town has.

Councilman Schagelin said that Richie recommended selling the old mower in as is condition and using the money toward the purchase of the new mower.

He recommended discarding the oldest mower.

#### **B. Powell Park**

- Councilman Sandie Pulchalskie said she will be getting the Coast Guard to help cleanup Powell Park once the weather warms up.
- She also reported that Richie has been clearing out the overgrowth by the gates near the maintenance garage building entrance way.
- Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalskie also stated that Richie would be putting up new fencing where the old fencing is
  rusted and broken. The town has a roll of 100 foot of fencing left from the ballfield fence replacement.
  This will be used and whatever else is needed will be purchased.

#### C. Seaside Park

- Councilman Glenn Schagelin said he will take Seaside Park.
- Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski said she has a list of ladies that are willing to help with clean up. Councilman Aileen Joeckel asked for the list so she may contact them for town beautification.

### D. HRSD

Nothing new to report.

#### **E. Derelict Properties**

- Council spoke about properties that need repair on Main St.
- Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski stated the owner of the home on the corner of Pearl St. and Main has health issues and has not been in town for a while.

### F. Marine

- Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski stated that the dredger should begin dredging in about 2 weeks. She reported that
  she received the paperwork for the land use permit for the pipeline to cross over Church Stand the Culvert on
  Brooklyn Ave. Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski also stated that she has all the land cross permission letters
  required.
- Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski also spoke about the VPA Grants requested for 2024. She said the town should know if it is approved by the end of May 2023. Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski stated the request for the funds to be used towards repairing and replacing damaged slip pilings.
  - The grant money will also be used to do renovations and reconfiguring of slips on the north side of the T dock. The goal is to accommodate smaller boats.
  - If approved this will give the town two more marina slips. There is a greater need for smaller boat slips than larger ones currently.

#### G. Tourism

• Aileen Joeckel spoke about a meeting with local businesses on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the town firehall. This will take place between 9am and 1pm.

#### H. Floodplain Adm/CRS

Nothing to report.

#### I. Town Beautification

Councilman Aileen Joeckel said she would contact the ladies on the list that Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski gave her.

# J. Safety and Security

• Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski spoke about a police car patrolling early today.

She talked about a vagrant man wearing a green hoodie and carrying a blue backpack. He was seen hanging around Seaside Park and sitting at the backsteps of private homes.

#### K. Historic District

Nothing to report.

# L. Streets and Drainage

Nothing to report.

### M. Planning Commission

Councilman Aileen Joeckel spoke about the visionary meeting.
 Councilman Aileen Joeckel said the council needs to review recommendations for short term rentals and approval.

#### **N. New Business**

CD investments at Edward Jones were discussed.

Councilman Aileen Joeckel said she thought the town should investigate VML investments.

The council thought funds should be moved to the account that would accrue the highest interest.

# O. Community Report

### Town Hall Repair

The council discussed hooking water up to town hall by using the firehall water.

• Vice Mayor Sandie Pulchalski Motioned to hook up the water to town hall from the firehall and spend \$1200.00 to do it.

Councilman Glenn Schagelin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

All Agreed.

# P. Meeting was adjourned.