

2015 Wolcott Town Survey

1. The Ballet Wolcott Dance Group would like to purchase the Town Hall from the town. Should the Selectboard pursue this sale?

- Yes 66
- NO 37
- No Answer 7

2. If the Town Hall is sold, should the town use the money received from the sale to restore the old schoolhouse located on School Street and use as a community building?

- Yes 64
- No 35
- No Answer 11

3. Should the selectboard take out a loan of \$100,000 to fix the foundation and roof of the Old Schoolhouse before any more deterioration occurs?

- Yes 32
- No 27
- Have a special town meeting 40
- Yes & Special Meeting 5
- Yes and No 1
- No & Special Meeting 2
- No Answer 3

4. Do you use the town Library for yourself?

- Yes 48
- No 61
- Rarely 1

5. If so, how often?

- Weekly 21
- Monthly 17
- Yearly 10
- No Answer 61
- Weekly & Monthly- vaires 1

6. Should the town continue to fund the Library?

- Yes 85
- No 19
- No Answer 4
- Unsure 2

7. If the town continues to fund the Library, should it be moved into or near the Town Office building?

- Yes 46
- No 53

No Answer 9
Yes /Maybe 1
Unsure 1

8. Would such a move increase your use of the Town Library?

- Yes 30 Yes & no 1 No Answer 8
- No 68 Maybe 3

9. Would the residents like to have an annual town event?

- Yes 72 Maybe 1 No Answer 16
- No 21

10. If so, what time of year?

- Spring 7 All Three 3 Spring & Summer 1 No Answer 39
- Summer 34 Summer & Fall 4
- Fall 22

11. What type of event? Please share your ideas.

_____ See List _____

12. How should it be funded?

Suggestions _____ See List _____

13. How can the Selectboard better serve the taxpayers and voters of Wolcott?

_____ See List _____

14. If the town has a general fund surplus, should a certain percentage be put as revenue for next years budget to help lower or level fund taxes?

- Yes 90 No Answer 14
- No 6

15.

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Attn: Selectboard

Survey Result Comments:

1.

It depends on how often the town is utilizing the space.

Not sure I think the Town Hall is important to the Town, maybe rent could be raised.

If expenses can't be covered, sell it.

No Way.

I see Town Hall as an asset and as long as it can be self sustaining from rental fees, we ought to keep it, the space may come in handy sometime in the future.

Financial Viability?

Pros & Cons?

Keeping all historic aspects/issues of the property maintained.

Perhaps this can become our town hub for events.

Only if this will cover the complete renovations listed in #2.

2.

Great idea.

I would prefer the funds come from an alternate source and keep the Town Hall for large events.

Tear it down.

Maybe.

Great idea.

No opinion.

It shouldn't be sold.

Only if old schoolhouse would be put to good use or even used at all.

Only if an even amount, no more loans.

3.

If no sale, interest rates are low, demolition costs are high, use proceeds from sale of Town Hall.

4.

No Comments

5.

No Comments

6.

Yes, only if it has sufficient usage.

Yes, would send one heck of a negative message for any Vermont town not to have a library.

No, let the school have it.

Yes, maybe changes need to happen at make the community aspect of the library truly servicing the adult community.

Yes, absolutely, why would anyone consider otherwise?

Yes, we love Sally.

Yes, it's the heart of Wolcott, what would we have left? Town Hall, maybe.

7.

Like library where it is. It keeps me aware of what is going on in school, enjoy the children.

Not at this time, I prefer a feasibility study first.

Why move?

What would happen to a school library if it were moved?

Into old Buck building, part of a town center or perhaps part of the Town Hall with a coffee bar.

If more community members will use the library and this is what the community wants then yes.

At school serves double duty.

No Funding.

It should be looked into, Do Wolcott citizens even use the Library? Probably not many use it.

Wolcott citizens could use Morrisville or Hardwick libraries. Turn Wolcott library over to school.

I love having it at the school, but would understand a move if the library needed more space. The

location of the library in the school helped my now 7 year old feel more comfortable in the school.

We frequent the library 2-3 x a week.

The library meets the needs of hundreds of taxpayers where it is. Again why would this even be considered?

8.

Decrease it.

Possibly if more improvements happen that make the library more vibrant and relevant, more in line with what local town libraries are doing/providing for their communities.

I use the internet & Morrisville library.

We will go to the library wherever it is.

Not sure.

9.

Don't care. If so maybe every 3 or 5 years.

10.

Leaf Peepers season.

Not sure.

Anytime.

Never.

11. Type of event: 56 - no answer

Pot Luck.

Dance.

Wolcott annual day.

Field days.

BBQ.

Community lawn sale.

Cookout.

Connect with High Mowing Seeds and do an event.

Old Home day.

Festival - Music or Harvest.

Fireworks.

Farmers Market.

Ballgame.

11. Continued:

Family Activity day.
4th of July celebration.
Corn Roast.
Wolcott history day.
Variety show.
Talent show.
Town Fair.
Parade.
Fall event.
Picnic.
Ice Cream social.
Block Party on school street.
Community day.
Chicken BBQ.
Children's Fair.

12. Funding:

Charge a fee.
Fundraising.
Make money off food.
Mostly volunteer.
Donations.
Historical Committee.
It should fund itself.
Healthy Lamoille Valley Grant.
Small town appropriation.
Community.
Game fees.
Exhibit fees.
A little from town budget.
Anyway, but not tax money.
General Fund surplus.
Merchants.
Bottle Drive.
Taxpayer seed money - self sustaining after.
Start small, go bigger over the years.
Community loan fund.

13. Selectboard serve better:

Not sure.
Take control of who/what runs the Town and departments.
Meet on a different day. (Saturday)
Doing a good job. No complaints.
Keep taxes low.
Try to make town look attractive.
Don't have a personal agenda.
Stop the increase in school budgets.

13 continued:

Communication.

More committees to work on areas the Selectboard doesn't have time for.

New Administrative asst. for Selectboard.

Not be Harrisville, things need to be bid on.

Be honest.

Stop spending so much money.

Increase police presence.

More public input when major expenses are involved.

Get real high speed broadband access under new definition to Town Residents.

Stay visible.

Update town website frequently.

Get word out about Town concerns.

Take the pulse of the community often.

Make sure everything is done in town.

Roads plowed better, grated better, drainage.

Email Lister for agendas, minutes, etc.

It is hard to work with some people on the Selectboard.

Enforce town laws and permit conditions.

Don't mess with the library.

Future of our town (village).

Keep taxes down, get after school board to keep their budget down.

Work towards improving infrastructure - cell phone service, water, sewer for the village to encourage more business variety.

Get rid of some of the excess jobs at the school, see a lot of people standing around doing nothing, decrease school budget.

Reduce taxes, only vote in people that have attended numerous Selectboard meetings before electing them to the board.

I applaud the Selectboard for their service and cannot receive any better service.

Put on web page results of meetings.

Continue to lower spending.

I commend you for your dedication to the town and that every decision is made for the good of the town.

Continue to listen.

Put minutes on Front Porch Forum.

Less permit restrictions so people can afford to live here.

Listening better, maintaining objectivity despite knowing town/community history.

No complaints.

Do something about property tax - highest in Lamoille County.

Show up for meetings, have proper knowledge for permits requested, not so many restrictions on permits. All members have a say, not just certain ones.

Keep us informed.

Email list serve.

Get rid of Belinda Clegg

14.

Can't answer this question without understanding the alternatives.

Undecided.

14 continued:

Held for emergency fund.

Not sure.

Sure.

Fund should be established for maintenance of town facilities.

Keep the community a community.

Better yet, the town should set aside a certain sum each year to reduce borrowing costs on any other town needs.

To help lower.

Carefully.

All of surplus.

to lower property taxes which are outrageous.

Pay back taxpayers.

15.

I would like to see some sort of indoor entertainment set up in town, a restaurant would be nice.

Need separate library from the school and separate staff.

Need a microphone for Town Meeting. Also it is not terribly easy to know about Town Meeting - time, place, what is expected of residents. How about an email alert.

Would be nice to have a monthly letter from our representative about what she is doing for us at the state house.

Work along with landowners to better the town, not always trying to find ways to disagree.

Town Meeting day have all who wish to speak use the microphone.

Cell service for Wolcott.