

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
January 26, 2017**

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Members Present: Richard Lee, Eric Furs, Kim Gravel
Members Absent: Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin
Public: Bernard Earle, Chad Roy, Bruce Wheeler
Reporter: None

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Citizen Complaint:** Mr. Tribble of Jones Lane phoned in a complaint, as he was not able to attend tonight's meeting. He feels that the town is paying too much for the LCSD. He stated that they do not follow through with citizen's complaints. He explained that his home was completely gutted while he was away and that the police found all of the stolen material at his neighbor's home, Thomas Borello. Mr. Tribble stated that he lives on a fixed income and it has been difficult to winterize his home and make it livable again, as the materials have not been returned. He also mentioned that one of Mr. Borello's friends harassed him as he was trying to get to the hospital from his home with no vehicle on January 24th. He stated that he wants to see some results. The Board acknowledged his complaint and said that he has to request a directed patrol to the sheriff's department for current problems and Eric will forward his complaint regarding his stolen house materials to Sherriff Marcoux.

Comments from the Community: None.

Approve Minutes of January 4th: Motion by Kim to approve the minutes with the correction of spacing. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against.

Bernard Earle: Bernard went over the inventory from the Old School House and found that upon visiting the building that the town would benefit from keeping the clapboards, vinyl siding, lumber, insulation and pressure treated lumber. Motion by Eric that Bernard along with members of the Old School House committee re-inventory the contents from the building and bring an updated list to the Board, the town will retain what Bernard deems useable by the town and the Board will review the updated inventory. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against.

Old Business:

- **Action – School House Material Inventory:** The Board reviewed the memo that Linda sent out. Bernard was the only person to respond. See above.

- **Action – Website Changes:** Discussion. The Board would like to see a written estimate of the cost to update the site and possible designs. Bruce Wheeler will work on some costs to present to the board. Tabled.
- **Bus Barn – Report on Conditions:** The Board reviewed the memo from Baker Bidders regarding the bus barn. Chad was also present to discuss his findings. He was in agreement with Mr. Baker. Chad stated that it could possibly remain the way it is for some time, but there could be liability issues. He did mention that repairs will be significant. He recommended that cost wise, it would be prudent to price out the cost of removing the existing structure with care, as it has value and build a new one out of aluminum, which would last a long time with zero to no maintenance. Discussion. The Board will check with Tom to see if it would be possible to re-build as the bus barn is in a flood plain and Chad offered to submit an estimate for the work depending on what is possible.

Review and Sign Budget for Town Meeting: The Board reviewed their budget to be presented at Town Meeting. Linda explained that the Library came back with a new budget, as their website needs regular updating and no one is available to do it. The increase is \$1200. The county court budget was adjusted as it was \$344 lower. It was signed by all present Board members. Motion by Eric to approve the changes made to the budget to be presented at Town Meeting. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against. The new budget was signed by all present Board members.

Review and Sign Warning for Town Meeting: The Board reviewed the warning for Town Meeting. Motion by Eric to sign the Warning for Town Meeting. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against.

New Business:

- **Approval of Ecosystem Restoration Grant Funding - \$15,888:** The Board read the email from the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. They informed the town that the Wolcott Town Garage and Fire Station Storm water Management Improvements was selected to be funded. The town will receive up to \$15,888 for the project. Rob Moore from LCPC has been selected as the project manager. The town's match is \$3971.96. Discussion. Motion by Eric to accept the grant. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against.
- **Highlights from the Wildlife Biologist Visit to the Proposed Solar Array Site:** Tabled.
- **Financial Statements: July – December 2016:** Tabled.
- **Review and Sign Contract for CPA Services for 2017 – 2019:** The Board reviewed the contract. Motion by Kim to accept and sign the contract for CPA services with Fothergill, Segale & Valley. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against.
- **Request – VAST and Eden Snowmobile Club:** The Board reviewed the request received to be able to groom in the town's right of way along the town's roads. Skip does not want them to be able to do this and a call made to them was not returned. Linda pointed out that it is written in the ordinance that this is not allowed. The

Board did not agree with this request as it is not specific enough. The Board will ask Skip to try to contact with them again. Tabled.

- **Historical Society's Involvement in the Old School House:** Bruce informed the Board that the Historical Society held a meeting on January 18th. Linda gave the history of the society and the old school house. They would like a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Society regarding their involvement and role in the project of the Old School House. If something can be worked out they are very interested and would like to take part in the restoration project. The Board suggested that this be tabled until the society approaches the Board with more refined ideas of agreement.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **Resignation of School House Restoration Committee Member:**
- **Sign Payroll and Miscellaneous Orders:** Signed by present Board members.
- **Review and Sign Certificate of Highway Mileage:** The Board reviewed the Certificate of Highway Mileage Year Ending February 10, 2017 to be filled out and returned to the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Motion by Eric to table. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against.
- **Town Hall Permits (4):** Motion by Eric to approve the first request with no alcohol. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against. Signed by Eric. Motion by Eric to approve the second request with no alcohol. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against. . Signed by Eric. Motion by Richard to approve the third request with no alcohol. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against. Signed by Eric. Motion by Kim to approve the last request with no alcohol. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against. Signed by Eric.
- **LCSD December Monthly Report:** Reviewed and acknowledged.
- **VLCT Special Meeting:** The Board reviewed the memo that the VLCT will hold a special meeting on February 15th at the Capitol Plaza at 1:30 p.m. Kim may possibly attend.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Kim to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting:3 in favor, 0 against. The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason.