

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
October 19, 2016**

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Please check future minutes for approval of these minutes.

Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin, Richard Lee, Eric Furs, Kim Gravel
Members Absent: None
Town Employees: Skip Patten, Tuffy Audet
Public: Greg Williams, Kee Gillen, Jackie Burgess, Christy Moodie, Mary Harris, Patricia Ingraham
Reporter: None
Correspondent: Val Mason

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Delinquent taxes – Byrne Estate:** Linda submitted a memo to the Board reminding them that they had agreed to allow Pam Hammel, Executor of the Byrne Estate, to hold off sending the delinquent property taxes to tax sale. After an October 14, 2016 court date, the probate judge agreed to have the property revert back to the previous owner, Donna Sargent, in lieu of foreclosure. Linda stated that she will notify the Board when a new deed has been filed. The Board will ask Ms. Sargent to attend a future meeting to discuss the overdue taxes.
- **Town Report Committee:** An email was sent to Maria Stadtmueller asking her if she was interested in the Town Report position. She declined stating that she is too busy. Val will assist Linda and Belinda. Motion by Eric to dedicate the Town Report to David Budbill. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Transfer Station - Scott:** Belinda explained that no address was available for Scott so she phoned him and asked him to stop assisting at the Transfer Station until further notice. The Board also discussed Scott with Tuffy. Belinda will let Scott know that he is allowed to volunteer on Saturdays until the Department of Corrections has another volunteer for Saturdays.

Skip Patten – Highway & Personnel: Skip explained that Mark is fine now that Skip has given him an explanation. Discussion. Motion by Belinda to hire Claude Cross on November 1, 2016 at \$21.50 per hour with single person insurance included with uniforms and sick days plus two weeks of summer vacation. He must work at least 30 hours per week or he loses his health insurance. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. The Board discussed the projects that Skip has been working on.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Cemetery Association: Mary Harris represented the Cemetery Association Trustees with a written request for \$7000 as a town appropriation to maintain the town cemeteries. This is the same amount as last year. Discussion.

Athletic Association: Jackie Burgess and Christy Moodie represented the Athletic Association with a written request for \$1000 as a town appropriation which is the same as last year. Discussion.

Parks and Recreation: Kee Gillen represented the Parks and Recreation Committee with a request for \$2000 for the town appropriation which is the same amount as last year. Discussion.

Library: Patricia Ingraham represented the Library with a written request for \$8225 for an appropriation from the town. This is an increase of \$200 to cover the increase in hardcover fiction books and for multi media. Discussion.

Transfer Station: Belinda presented the Profit and Loss Comparison for the Transfer Station from July 1, 2016 through October 18, 2016 as well as the 2017 budget. Discussion. Motion by Eric to raise the budget \$531 to present to the voters at town meeting. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Comments from the Community: Greg mentioned that there are a lot of hidden expenses in the architect's report for the Old School House that are not mentioned such as the heat. He mentioned that although he is not against the project the actual cost will be way over the budget. Discussion. Eric thanked Greg for his valid points.

Approve the Minutes of October 5, 2016: Discussion regarding Rob's email regarding the town's expense for the possible project on the Frazer Road bridge (former bridge #7). Linda changed the minutes to state that the Department of Fish and Wildlife would find a way to cover the possible match from the Town not "other grants" which was written. Also, Kim mentioned that on Page 3 there needs to be a space between "Percys and to" and the Second on the last page for the Town Hall Permit for Diane Holbrook was by "Eric". Motion by Richard to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Belinda. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Old Business:

- **Regarding Audit Respond to "internal control finding" at the Transfer Station:** Discussion with Tuffy regarding what must be done in order to satisfy the auditors. Tuffy stated that she will try what is being asked to avoid any further cash handling issues. Motion by Eric to submit the response to the Auditors as written. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Eric to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason.