

Wolcott Selectboard Meeting October 21, 2015

Wolcott Town Office
6:00 p.m.

Selectboard Members: *Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin, Todd Harris, Richard Lee, Eric Furs*
Town Employees: *Bernard Earle, Skip Patten, Arlo Sterner*
Public: *Robert Harris*
Reporter: *None*
Correspondent: *Val Mason*

Belinda called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Skip Patten – Highway Department updates

Road Crew Applications: Skip discussed the one new application for the Highway Department position that had been received. Belinda informed the Board that she sent a letter along with a copy of the minutes from the last meeting to Attorney O'Hagan, who is representing Edwin Lowell regarding the Turcotte Road. Skip informed the Board that the road work has been completed on that road. Also, the Board reviewed and approved the "Parking Prohibited" warning for Linda to put in the local newspapers. The Board discussed Nathan Skorstad's Right of Way Excavation Permit request for Simmons Road. Skip will oversee and inspect the project. A Certificate of Insurance must be provided along with a start and completion date. Richard made the motion to authorize Skip to sign the request and oversee the project. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. A copy will be posted and sent to any interested parties.

Budget Hearings:

- **Cemetery Association** requested \$7000, which is the same amount as last year.
- **Health Officer:** Bernard Earle requested an increase of \$100 in the salary portion of his duties, which is currently \$750. Discussion on the problem of residents burning trash and burn barrels.
- **Constable:** Bernard Earle requested no increase in his budget which is \$4100.
- **Fire Warden:** Arlo Sterner presented his budget to the Board. He thanked Bernard Earle and Mark Drew as his Assistant Wardens. Arlo requested a \$200 increase which is currently \$600. He stated that this amount is mostly due to mileage. Discussion continued with Arlo regarding the burning of trash and tires. Belinda will look into the possibility of the town enforcing this by issuing fines. She will get back to the Board, Bernard and Arlo.

Approve Minutes of October 7, 2015: Discussion. Todd made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from the Community: Robert Harris approached the Board regarding his position of Handy Man. Belinda apologized for the miss-communication and asked Robert if he has the time to accomplish what the town requires to be done in a timely manner. Robert stated that he does not have the time and will hand in his time sheet and keys.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **September Financials and Warrant Totals:** The Board reviewed the total orders for July, August and September for the town.
- **Appoint Green Up Day Coordinator:** Discussion. The Board will approach the Recreation Committee to see if they would be willing to be appointed per Linda's suggestion.
- **Receipt of Penalty Payment:** Belinda informed the Board that the town had received receipt for the fine that was paid for the Transfer Station.
- **Insurance Claim – Tire:** Belinda informed the Board that the insurance denied the claim submitted to replace a resident's tire, who felt that the grading of roads caused the damage to her tire. The Insurance Company stated that the town is not legally liable and did not find that any negligible actions had occurred.
- **LCSD September Report:** The Board reviewed and discussed the report.

New Business:

- **Project Manager for Scoping Study:** Discussion. Eric made the motion to make Linda Project Manager for the Scoping Study. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Change in Scoping Study Match:** Belinda explained to the Board that the State had an issue with Linda donating her time to be the \$2000 of in-kind match for the project. Discussion. Belinda made the motion that the town pay the total of \$3520 for the ten percent match, due to the State's refusal to allow Linda to donate her time to cover the \$2000 that was to be in-kind. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **E911:** Arlo has retired as the current E911 coordinator. Tom has been appointed to be his replacement. Tom has met with the representative and found that there is a problem with a few addresses in town. Tom stated that he will reconstruct these.

Executive Session – Personnel Highway Department: The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. Eric made the motion to hire Joseph Slaimen for the position of road crew member of the Highway Department and to waive the ninety day waiting period for his family health insurance. Also in the motion is for a one dollar per hour raise to Mark Foster, current road crew member of the Highway Department. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Bessie made the motion for the Board to enter back into a second executive session at 7:55p.m. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Board came out of executive session at 7:59 p.m. Eric made the motion to give Skip Patten, road foreman for the Highway Department, a fifty cent per hour raise in pay. Richard seconded the motion. Voting: 4 in favor, 1 against. Motion passed.

Eric made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Belinda adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Next Selectboard Meeting – November 4, 2015