

Wolcott Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes  
November 1, 2017

Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Eric Furs, Michael Davison, Kim Gravel  
Members Absent: Richard Lee  
Town Employees: Bernard Earle, Skip Patten  
Public: Jim Holton  
Reporter: Mike Bielawski of the Hardwick Gazette

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Eric called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.

**Amendments to the Agenda:**

- **Health Officer's Mileage:** Tabled until the next meeting.
- **Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles Ordinance:** Belinda will email the Selectboard a copy of the town of Pittsford's ordinance for their review that Eric found. David Polow will be asked to review the document too. It will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Town Hall Permit:** Motion by Eric to approve Maxine Stacey Allaire and Patricia Bartlett's permit request for use of the town hall on November 18, 2017 from 1:30 pm. until 7:00 p.m. No alcohol will be permitted. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.

Budget Hearings

**Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department:** Jim Holton presented the department's budget. They are requesting an increase in their budget from \$63,900 to \$68,900. He stated that due to needing better protection and a different, legal fire truck, the \$5,000 increase is needed. Discussion. Motion by Eric to accept the fire department's budget to be presented at town meeting. Seconded by Belinda. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.

**Highway Department:** Skip and Belinda reviewed the highway department's budget with the Board. They explained the necessary increases in insurance, uniforms, signs, salt, chloride, winter sand, bridge maintenance repair, class 3 construction, class 4 maintenance and labor. Decreases were made in supplies, tires, tools and possible decreases were discussed in diesel, gas, heating oil and culverts. Skip presented a FY2019 Better Roads Grant Categories sheet that explains the 3 categories of grants B, C and D which apply to class 2 and class 3 road constructions. Skip stated that he would like to apply for all 3 grants which the Board agreed with. He explained that Baldwin Brook road's repairs fall under the requirements for grant B, which has a maximum grant amount of \$20,000. A needed replacement of a culvert on the East Elmore road for category C, which has a \$40,000 maximum grant amount and the ARC culvert replacement on East Hill applies to category D with a \$60,000 maximum grant amount. All 3 grants require a twenty percent match. Belinda and Skip will meet to figure what

would need to be budgeted for the twenty percent match, if the town receives all 3 grants as well as the need for increases due to the new general permit. Belinda will email the Board a preliminary budget for their review that the Board will go over at the next meeting.

**Library:** No one came to present their budget.

**Comments from the Community:** Kim inquired about the removal of the village planters, the junk ordinance notice which had a deadline of October 31<sup>st</sup> and about Gordon and Kerry Sulham's taxes. She also questioned Winfred Moody's building permit that he submitted in July. Belinda informed the Board that the Sulham's paid their taxes and Belinda has mailed Winfred's permit with conditions for Tom.

**Approve the Minutes from October 18<sup>th</sup>:** Motion by Eric to approve the minutes with the following corrections: Page 4 under Old Business, Solar Discussion, change the sentence to read: Mike informed the Board that he is getting another lease proposal. and add on page 1, under Review Audit, that the Board's response was given to Ms. McClay.

#### **New Business:**

- **Sign Order - Truck Loan Payment:** Signed by the board in the amount of \$4,000.
- **Sign - Final Requisition for Paving Grant:** Motion by Belinda to sign the final requisition form TA 65 for the paving grant to be submitted to the State. Seconded by Eric. Voting 4 in favor, 0 against. Signed by all present Board members.
- **Curtis Lanphere - Shed Possibly on Town Property:** Belinda and Bernard explained that Curtis has constructed a shed on the town's property where the town has allowed him to keep his animals. Discussion. The Board will invite Curtis to attend the next meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Solar Discussion - Continued:** Mike presented a second proposal from Novus Energy Development LLC. The letter from them is for 35 years with years 1-10 at \$7,500 annually, years 11-20 at \$8,500 annually, years 21-25 at \$9,000 annually, years 26-30 at \$9,500 annually, years 31-35 at \$10,000 annually. Discussion. The Board will wait to receive the letter from David Pollow regarding Encore Renewable Energy's contract. Mike proposed that a conference call between lawyers be set up after the Board receives David's letter to accelerate the process.

#### **Review Correspondence:**

- **LCPC Willing to Conduct an Erosion Inventory:** Eric read a letter from LCPC addressed to Skip offering to perform an erosion inventory for 2018 for the Better Roads grant, in which he stated he can review with Skip at their next meeting. Motion by Belinda to accept LCPC's offer to conduct an erosion inventory. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.
- **Follow up Comments from Bill Cotton:** The Board discussed writing a job description for a possible future paid zoning administrator/enforcement officer position. Discussion. The Board will review Bill's comments for a future discussion. Motion by Kim to fine Mr. Tourangeau with a municipal ticket as he has not complied with the order to remove his belongings under the town's junk ordinance and he is not allowing the owner of the

property, Mr. Percy to do so either. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. The Board gave Belinda permission to sign the ticket.

- **LCPC Comments on Municipal Roads General Permit:** As this is a very long email from LCPC commenting on the Municipal Roads General Permit, the Board will review it in their leisure prior to the next meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Kim to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Seconded by Mike. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason.