

**Wolcott Selectboard  
Minutes  
November 18, 2015**

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Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Chair (BC); Bessie Martin (BM); Todd Harris (TH); Richard Lee (RL); Eric Furs (EF);  
Members Absent: None  
Town Employees: Skip Patten, Mark Foster, Bernard Earle  
Public: Greg Williams, Jim Holton, Steve Perkins, Arlo Sterner, Billy Jo Clark, Fay Lauber  
Reporter: None  
Correspondent: Val Mason

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

**Amendments to the Agenda:**

- **Town Highway Personnel – Executive Session**
- **Approval for Investment of Tax Monies**

**Comments from the Community:** Fay Lauber, resident and owner of the Tibetan Rug Company questioned the Board regarding the \$50 home business fee that she was charged and paid for. She felt that a Welcome letter and thank you for creating a home business along with information regarding the charge and application for such would have been better received than the visit she received and phone call after that demanding payment. Fay informed the Board that she also spoke with the State of Vermont regarding home business signs. She stated that as long as they are 2 feet length and 2 feet width that these are allowed to be posted.  
Discussion.

**Budget Hearings:**

- **Highway:** Skip joined in with the Board by going through the budget line item by line item. Linda will have the preliminary budget for the Board to review for the next meeting. Discussion. Skip would like to purchase a Hydraulic Hose Machine and explained why. Belinda handed out copies of the VLCT Highway Handbook highlighting maintenance required on Class III and Class IV roads. Discussion.
- **Fire Department:** Jim Holton as well as Steve Perkins approached the Board with their budget. They also brought the information that had been requested of them of the two trucks that they wish to trade-in for a new truck. Belinda shared what information she had found regarding the Municipal Bond Bank. Discussion. The department will have the exact figures for the Board by the end of December in order for the Article to be written.

**Approve the Minutes of November 4, 2015:** Discussion. BC made the motion to accept the minutes as read. TH seconded. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

**Review Handyman Maintenance Applications:** The Board reviewed the one application that was submitted, which was by Bernard Earle who was in attendance. Discussion. BM made the motion to hire Bernard Earle for the position. RL seconded. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

**Review Correspondence/sign:**

- **LCSD October Report:** The Board reviewed the report. Discussion. The department is requesting that two Board members attend their budget meeting that is scheduled for December 7, 2015. Bessie and Richard plan to attend.

**New Business:**

- **Arlo Sterner Resignation – Emergency Management Director:** Belinda read the letter that Arlo submitted to Linda via email. He recommended Mark Drew be his replacement as he is his Deputy currently and has attended each meeting with Arlo. The Board discussed this with Arlo who was present for the meeting. BC made the motion to accept Arlo Sterner’s official resignation. RL seconded. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

**Amendments to the Agenda:**

- **Executive Session – Town Highway Department Employee:** The Board entered into Executive session at 7:46 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at p.m. BC stated that no action was taken.
- **Approval for Investment of Tax Monies:** BC reviewed the information that Linda provided regarding tax monies that must be paid to the Wolcott Elementary School on December 4, 2014. Discussion. BC made the motion to approve Linda’s proposal that the town invest this money into a CD. RL seconded the motion. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

**Old Business:**

- **Town Report Committee:** Linda and Belinda have proposed that they along with Ryan Bjerke, as photographer create and compile the Town Report for this year because no one has stepped forward.. Discussion.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by BC to adjourn at 8:23 p.m., seconded by RL, so adjourned. The next meeting is December 2, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason