

Wolcott Selectboard Meeting November 19, 2014

Wolcott Town Office
6:00 p.m.

Board Members: *Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin, Todd Harris, Jeff Wright, Richard Lee*
Public: *Greg Williams, Rhoda Bedell, Leon Whitcomb, Arlo Sterner, Dolly Holton, John Reed, Garrett Hirschak, Phil Ryder*
Reporter: *None*
Correspondent: *Val Mason*

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

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Special Order for Cash Register**
- **Memorandum For Unemployment Insurance**
- **Roadside Trash**

Tour of Some of the Former Buck's Store Properties: Garrett Hirschak, owner of Manufacturing Solutions, Incorporated and the new owner of the Buck's Properties was present at the meeting. He handed out copies of his site plan of Buck's Store Properties for presentation and planning showing some buildings that will be removed including the old Town Library. The meeting recessed so that Mr. Hirschak could take the Board members and residents on a tour of the old Town Library.

Budget Hearings

- **Fire Department:** Jim Holton was not able to attend. Arlo Sterner represented the Fire Department. The Board is assuming that the two year agreement between the Board and the Fire Department of \$65,500 would remain the same. Belinda handed out copies of what items of the budget amount to the \$65,500. Arlo discussed the new/used truck that the Fire Department recently purchased from the Rutland Fire Department. The building was also discussed. Arlo requested approval from the Board that the Department be able to place a two hundred seventy-five gallon tank behind the building. Discussion. Todd also recommended that the Fire Department purchase their fuel through the town to save money. Belinda will check with Paul Cerutti on any requirements in order for the placement of the fuel tank. Richard made the motion to grant the Fire Department permission to purchase and place a fuel tank behind their building, as long as Paul Cerutti gives the ok. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Highway Department:** Skip, Road Foreman, was not present for the hearing. He did inform Belinda that he does not propose any changes for the items that he has control over. Belinda informed that the insurance did increase by five percent. Belinda presented the Board with copies of their budget and the Budget vs. Actual, of which the Department is doing very well. Todd mentioned that if sand or salt

increases that hopefully they will be able to take from another area. Discussion on budgeting another \$40,000 for paving and on which roads it would best be used. The Board is hopeful to receive a paving grant, but only Class II roads are allowed under a grant.

Comments from the Community: None

Approve Minutes of November 5, 2014: Jeff made the motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2014. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **Generator Maintenance Agreement: Review/Approve/Sign:** Brook Field Service submitted a preventive maintenance agreement for the generator. The present agreement is about to expire. They provide two programs: Program 1 is \$377 for a complete annual service and Program 2 is for two visits per year for \$557. The town chose the annual service last year. Discussion. Todd made the motion that the town chose Program 1. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **LCPC Regional Plan:** A memo was received by LCPC addressed to the Wolcott Selectboard explaining that the Lamoille County Regional Plan, which is a re-write of the 2006-2014 plan. They state in the memo that they hope that the town will send one or two representatives to attend a municipal roundtable at the Tuesday, November 25, 2014 LCPC Board of Directors meeting for a review and discussion of the plan chapters. Each municipality is asked to identify their top three priority action items. Belinda asked for a Board member to volunteer. Jeff said that he will attend. Belinda will inform Jeff who will be attending the meeting with him from the Planning Commission.
- **LCSD October Report: The board** reviewed the report for October.

New Business:

- **Written Policy On Appropriation Requests In Town Budget:** Discussion per Linda's question of whether or not the Selectboard requests that each organization gets five percent of the voters each year or, if no change, no need to petition. Belinda will draw up a policy and the Board will review at the next meeting
- **Personnel Policy Changes:** Belinda brought it to the Board's attention that there are two possible policy changes needed to change/add to the Personnel Policy. Belinda stated that the Policy does not say "consecutive years" when referring to paid vacation days. Also, Veteran's Day is not a paid holiday. Discussion. Jeff brought it to the attention of the Board that his company gives Veteran's Day off to Veteran's only. The Board liked this idea. Labor Day is also a day that the town Highway Department would like off. Belinda made the motion to amend the Personnel Policy to make changes to vacation days and the addition of Labor Day and Veteran's Day for Veterans to be read at the next meeting. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Tax Sales:** Two tax sales are scheduled for this next year. They are for January 26, 2015 and March 9, 2015. Discussion. Belinda made the motion to appoint Linda as agent for the town. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Updates On:

Request for Dead End Sign: Todd found that there was not a Dead End sign, so the Young's are willing to purchase one to be put up at the beginning of their road.

Survey of North Wolcott Property: Belinda informed the Board that she has found a Surveyor, Matt Reed, to survey the property in December.

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- **Cash Register for The Transfer Station:** The Transfer Station cash register has stopped working. Belinda looked for one in Montpelier. She found the required Sharp register online through Global Industries for \$351.96, which includes shipping. Belinda also proposed calling Rick Ferring regarding Solar Panels be installed at the Station. Todd made the motion to purchase the Sharp cash register for the Transfer Station in the amount of \$351.96. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Belinda will call Hardwick Electric regarding an estimate to have electricity to be installed at the station. Jeff offered to get numbers together for the next meeting to also include the street lights.
- **VLCT Municipality 2015 Unemployment Insurance Trust:** Linda provided the Board with this memorandum from VLCT which included an annual assessment breakdown. For coverage period January 1, 2015 – January 1, 2016. The total contribution cost is \$1848.
- **Roadside Garbage:** Jeff brought up the discussion of roadside garbage that is a huge problem on Gulf Road and among other roads as well. Discussion. Belinda brought it to the Board's attention that the Vermont Department of Probation and Parole charges \$18 per day per person. The Board discussed possibly hiring them in the middle of summer to pick up garbage.

Belinda made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

*Next Selectboard Meeting
December 3, 2014*