

**Wolcott Selectboard  
Minutes  
December 16, 2015**

Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin, Richard Lee, Eric Furs  
Members Absent: Todd Harris  
Town Employees: Linda Martin  
Public: Greg Williams  
Reporter: None  
Correspondent: Val Mason

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

**Amendments to the Agenda:**

- Septic at Town Hall
- Town Hall Permit
- Fire Department and Sheds at Town Garage

**Karen Garbarino, Executive Director of the Lamoille Special Investigative Unit:** Unable to attend. Tabled.

**Review of Results from Town Audit:** Belinda, Chair stepped down and Eric, Vice Chair took over this article on the Agenda. Both Linda and Belinda reviewed the Audit with the Board. It was noted that not one material weakness was noted as well as a surplus in the Town's General Fund. Discussion. Allocation will be made to Class III construction as well as to lower the tax rate and to place monies in the Equipment fund as had previously been authorized by the Selectboard. Motion by Eric to approve the results of the audit. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. The audit will now be available for review on the town's web site.

**Budget Hearings:** Belinda continued to be stepped down and Eric continued to run the meeting for the Town Clerk's budget.

- **Town Clerk:** Linda presented her budget to the Board. She broke down the Computer Expense category as it has gotten more involved. A cost comparison was provided from this year to last. Discussion. Motion by Eric to accept the Town Clerk's budget as proposed. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.
- **Town:** A draft of the town's budget was presented. The Board compared it to the Profit and Loss report that Linda compiled. Discussion. Motion by Eric to accept the draft of the town budget report as presented until re-visited and finalized at the next Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. The town budget in its entirety will be tentatively presented to the Board for their review once all categories have been completed via email and will be motioned in as accepted and final by the Board at the first meeting in January.

Belinda took back over the meeting.

**Accept Minutes of December 3, 2015:** Discussion. Motion by Bessie to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.

**Comments from the Community:** Greg recommended that the Board read last week's edition of "Seven Days" and the article on the town of Irasburg as it is facing zoning issues. Discussion.

**Review Correspondence/Sign:**

- **Reclassification of Mileage on Tjader Road:** The town received notice from the VTrans mapping section stating that both Wolcott and Elmore had been mistakenly showing an incorrect border between the two towns along Tjader Road. Discussion. This is not an error on the Town of Wolcott's part as the Listers have always included this property on the Grand List for the Town.
- **2015 Equalization Study:** Discussion on the notice from the State of Vermont that the town is at 102.5 percent as a result of their current value study. It was noted that it is up from last year which was 101.87 percent.
- **Payroll and Monthly Orders Signed:** Signed by present Board members.
- **Lamoille County Sherriff's Department – November Report:** The Board discussed and reviewed the report.
- **Lamoille County Court Preliminary Budget:** The Board reviewed and discussed the preliminary budget that came from their December 15, 2015 meeting. Belinda pointed out that Wolcott's portion is down by \$3,700 and dispatch is at \$39,019 which increased less than \$50.
- **State Surplus – Free Furniture:** Discussed notification from State on offer of free furniture and office supply surplus.

**New Business:**

- **Date Set for Tax Sale – Designate a Representative for Town:** Discussion. Date scheduled for January 25, 2016 with David Polow, Esquire. Motion by Belinda to designate Linda for representation. Seconded by Bessie. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.
- **Road Side Trash Being Dropped Off at the Transfer Station – Policy???:** Belinda brought this issue to the Board's attention that a resident of Town Hill Road has been, according to her, picking up bags of road side rubbish along her road, which has accumulated to two bags at times, at the Transfer Station gate, as she does not like to frequent the Station during business hours. Discussion. Belinda will inform this resident to please not do this. She is welcome to call the town if a significant amount of rubbish is found or call the hot line for the Solid Waste District.

**Old Business:**

- **Reed Road Turn Around:** Belinda informed the Board that she and Skip drove to the site and that a map had been received and the site was staked out by the Gravels. Discussion. For this plowing season it will be plowed but the turn a round will not be prepared until the spring of 2016. Discussion regarding Town Highway Department. A future meeting will be held with the department as the Selectboard will be asking for an action plan regarding the town's roads and projects to be done.

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- **Septic at Town Hall:** The septic system on the Demar's Properties has failed. It was agreed that if so happened that they would be able to hook onto the Town's system. Discussion. Motion by Belinda that Selectboard is aware that the Demar's will be connecting to the town septic system per written agreement. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.
- **Town Hall Permit:** Sterling Area Services has requested use of the Town Hall every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for single use by a young man accompanied by up to four

people maximum. Discussion. Motion by Richard to accept permit and charge \$100 per year.  
Seconded by Bessie. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.

- **Fire Department and Sheds at Town Garage:** Bessie had a conversation with Jim Holton, Town of Wolcott Fire Department Chief regarding the Fire Department being unable to access one of the Town's sheds which has since been resolved. The conversation also consisted of the Selectboard's motion to approve the purchase of a container to be used by the Fire Department's tires this past summer. Discussion. The Selectboard will speed up the process of this container purchase and agreed that DSL will be connected at the Town Garage.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Belinda to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason.