

**Wolcott Selectboard  
Minutes  
December 2, 2015**

Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin, Richard Lee, Eric Furs  
Members Absent: Todd Harris  
Town Employees: Tom Martin  
Public: Greg Williams, Kevin Fiske, Clint Wein, Richard Gravel, Marcel Gravel,  
Adrian Moody  
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:**

- Town Hall Permit
- Invitation for Luncheon from the Vermont Association Chief of Police
- Lamoille Kennels – Price Increase notice

**Adrian Moody – Request:** Ms. Moody appeared before the Board to request that the penalty she has incurred from her property taxes be refunded to her. The amount that she paid was \$418.93 in penalties and she would like that to be applied to next year's tax bill. Adrian explained that she has been having financial difficulties over the past few years. She is currently unemployed and her unemployment benefits have stopped. Discussion. Motion by Richard to apply the penalty paid to Adrian's next year's taxes. Seconded by Bessie. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.

**Marcel Gravel – Reed Road:** Marcel Gravel, Richard Gravel, Kevin Fiske and Clint Wein, residents of the Reed Road and the private road that continues on from Reed Road approached the Board to discuss a turn around. Due to the safety of the town highway department employees and to be able to plow the Reed Road a turnaround is necessary. Discussion. Motion by Belinda to create an agreement between the town and Richard Gravel to create and maintain a turnaround above Reed Road on his property in order to plow and maintain Reed Road, which is located on a private road. This will be done immediately. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.

**Budget Hearings:**

- **Planning/Zoning:** Tom Martin handed out his budget request that showed a decrease in his budget from \$10,750 to \$10,400. He explained that he changed items around in the budget to reflect past history of his use of funds and was able to trim amounts in certain areas. Discussion.
- **Lister:** Tom reviewed his budget for the Board. He also moved certain amounts into other categories. He is requesting no change in his budget which is \$17,700. Discussion on the new GIS software and the huge benefits that it will provide for the Listers and the public. There is a fund to cover this although there is an annual fee of \$250. The cost of photocopies was discussed as well as email. Tom requested surplus from Zoning or Listers that a fund be established for tax mapping.

**Approve Minutes of November 18<sup>th</sup>:** Discussion. Belinda made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.

**Review Correspondence/Sign:**

- **Adoption of Regional Plan - Notice:** The LCPC adopted their regional plan on November 24, 2015. It will be considered effective on December 30, 2015 unless a veto is received by the majority of the municipalities. The plan is available to view on their web site and at their office. Discussion.
- **Lamoille County Court – Preliminary Budget and Notice of Meeting:** Belinda informed the Board that Wolcott's portion of the budget has gone down by \$3,700. Wolcott's proposed cost will be \$14,881. Belinda and Bessie plan to attend the preliminary budget meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**New Business:**

- **Response to VLCT Loss Control Survey:** A letter was received stating that they had not received a record of response or follow up regarding the August 31, 2015 report of improvements that needed to be made to the town garage, town office and town hall. Belinda will respond stating that most of the addressed concerns have been completed and two are still in progress and will be done by the spring of 2015.
- **Transfer Station Attendant's Suggestion:** A request has been made for an extra container for cardboard use only. Discussion. Due to space, there is not room for another container. The Board will revisit this after the holidays and will consult with the attendants.

**Old Business: None**

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- **Town Hall Permit Request:** Marcie Cote has requested use of the hall on December 12, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. No alcohol will be on site. Discussion. Motion made by Bessie to accept this request. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.
- **Vermont Association of the Chief of Police:** The Board has received an invitation to attend with the association and the legislature on January 12, 2016. Eric will possibly attend.
- **Lamoille Kennels – Fee Increase:** Notice was received that the fees for boarding a dog is now \$10 and a cat is \$5. Other fees were increased such as an afterhours in pound fee which is now \$25 and \$30 after 8:00 p.m. Unclaimed animals are billed to the town monthly. These prices will go into effect March 1, 2016. Discussion.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made by Belinda to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Richard, and so adjourned. The next meeting is December 16, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason