

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
February 17, 2016**

Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin, Richard Lee, Eric Furs
Members Absent: None
Public: Greg Williams, Jim Holten, Steve Perkins, Don Lowell, Cindy Lowell
Reporter: None
Correspondent: Val Mason

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

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Lister Certificate**
- **Calcium Application Control System Rental Agreement**

Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department:

- **Embezzlement:** A summary of the events that led to the arrest and arraignment of Bobby Jo Clark, treasurer for the Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department, was presented by Belinda and Jim Holton, Fire Chief. Discussion. Jim wanted everyone to know that he has taken measures to make sure this doesn't happen again. He has decided to audit the department's books 4 times per year instead of 1 and have two signers on their account. Belinda offered suggestions as well. The town has no control over this as they are a separate entity.
- **General Discussion:** The fire department is planning to have Sherriff Marcoux present to state the facts at and answer questions regarding the embezzlement case at the Selectboard's informational meeting. The department will then present and explain the need for a new pumper/rescue truck that they are asking the voters to purchase.

Comments from the Community: None

Approve the Minutes of February 3, 2016: Discussion. Motion by Bessie to approve the minutes with the addition to the personnel policy to include the actual changes. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against. (Eric arrived late to the meeting so he was not present for this vote)

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **Payroll Orders:** Signed
- **Town Hall Permit (3):** Bob Hawke requested a permit for February 27, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 p.m; No alcohol, Cindy LaCoss for March 19, 2016 from 3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. No alcohol and Christa Perkins for April 23, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. and there will be alcohol present. Motion by Richard to approve the 2 requests without alcohol. The third request that will have alcohol present will be pending approval until Mrs. Perkins provides certification of insurance. Seconded by Bessie. Voting: 3 in favor, 0. Eric not present for the vote.
- **Table and Chair Use Permit:** Dan Vize requests permission to borrow the town's tables and chairs from March 18, 2016 until March 20, 2016. A deposit of \$50 will be given and returned

upon the return of all the tables and chairs. Motion by Bessie to accept this request. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against. (Eric not present for the vote)

- **LCSD January Report:** Reviewed and discussed. It is available on the town's web site for public viewing.
- **January Financials – Town and Landfill:** The Board reviewed the Profit and Loss Report for January for the town and July 2015 through January 2016 for the landfill. Discussion.
- **Health Officer Order on Illegal Dumping:** The Board reviewed the certified letter with return receipt required and the enclosed Wolcott Ordinance for Solid Waste that Bernard Earl sent to Bair LLC in Craftsbury regarding a tenant that lives on Morey Hill road. It stated that they and/or their tenant have 20 days from receipt of the letter to comply with the order. Bernard will return to the property on February 25th to re-inspect.
- **Craftsbury Discontinuation of TH63:** The board discussed the notice received regarding TH63. It is .11 miles. Belinda has spoken with Skip. This will not affect the town or the road crew in any way as it is not in use.

New Business:

- **Resignation of Selectboard Member and Road Commissioner:** Todd Harris wrote a note to the Board after the last Board meeting on February 3rd that he "quits his position of Selectboard Member and Road Commissioner immediately". Discussion. Motion by Bessie to accept his resignation of both positions. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 3 in favor 0 against. (Eric not present for the vote). The Board will wait until Town Meeting as his term will be up and a new member will be elected on that day. The Road Commissioner job description will be filed away for future use. Discussion on the open position of Road Commissioner. Tabled.
- **Town Meeting Discussion:** The Board discussed the fiscal year 2015 annual report which was done by Belinda, Linda and an intern, Jen Harris. Ryan Bjerke helped with photographs. Linda did the dedication of John Reed. The Board will be seeking a committee for next year's report. Belinda explained that Town meeting will have two voting sections going on at once. One will be for Town Meeting and the other for the Presidential, the School and for the fire truck which are all Australian Ballot. The school has agreed to present their meeting after the town's meeting. The informational meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2016 at 6:30 for the town regarding the new fire truck and the school board is at 7:00 to discuss their budget.
- **Storm Water – Information to Review:** Tom attended the meeting and brought back information on the requirements for Lake Champlain Phosphorus Total Maximum Daily Load on municipalities, which will be in effect before January 2018. The Board reviewed the information and timeline that will affect the town. Discussion. The town will be "credited " from the State for projects implemented before the effective date. Discussion. Belinda explained that Jim Ryan, who works for Agency of Natural Resources will attend a meeting in March to discuss storm water runoff and how it affects the rivers, town owned properties that may be a problem and any potential hazards. He has already met with the road crew.
- **Information - Pilot Program:** Linda provided a letter to the selectboard that she received from the Agency of Natural resources and the VLCT. It gave information on the impact of pending and proposed changes to ANR payments for ANR lands in Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) legislation for ANR lands. It states that if the legislature does not act, it would harm many towns

and the committee strongly opposes it. Under the current option that will take effect in 2017, it will be based on a parcel's fair market value multiplied by .05% and would eliminate current use valuation for ANR parcels, unless the legislature acts. Details of this new formula were enclosed. Discussion.

Old Business:

- None

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Lister Certificate – No Appeal or Suit Pending:** Belinda informed the Board that the 2015 Grand List has now been closed and signed by the listers. Discussion. Motion by Belinda to accept and sign the certificate. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against. Eric not present for the vote.
- **Calcium Application Control System Rental Agreement:** Discussion. Motion by Richard to sign the rental agreement that will go into effect on March 1, 2016 for a period of three years. Seconded by Bessie. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against. Signed by all present Board members. Eric not present for the vote.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Belinda to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason.