

Wolcott Selectboard Meeting February 4, 2015

Wolcott Town Office
6:00 p.m.

Board Members: *Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin, Todd Harris, Jeff Wright, Richard Lee*
Public: *Dale Johnson*
Reporter: *None*
Correspondent: *Val Mason*

Belinda called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Transportation Alternatives Grant Application Letter**
- **Road Name Change Request**
- **Payroll Orders**
- **Town Meeting Survey**

Comments from the Community: None

Approve minutes of January 21, 2015: Discussion. Richard made the motion to accept the minutes with the correction of the word “is” to “are” in the continued sentence on the first line of Page 2 under: **Certificate of Highway Mileage-Sign**. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dale Johnson appeared before the board as a representative of Kit Slayton who owns property at 178 Belanger Lane. Belinda handed out copies of a letter from September 5, 2013 in which Bernard Earle, Health Officer for the town, condemned the property after inspection due to health and sewer violations. Kit spoke with Bernard and said that she would fix the septic. Bernard returned to the property on October 7, 2013, as per the letter stated and the violation had not been corrected. Dale told the Board that he had two separate conversations with Bernard who misinformed him and his sister-in-law, Kit, by stating that the sewer system had failed and that a mound system would need to be put in. Belinda pointed out to Dale that nowhere in the letter did it state this. Belinda presented a second letter from Carl Fuller who is the Regional Engineer for the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation. He stated that Bernard was correct in condemning the property based on his site visit in which the wastewater disposal system had failed, due to the backing up of the wastewater out of the septic tank. He recommended that the property owner have a Site Technician and or Engineer go to the property and give an explanation as to why the system was backing up. Carl would then need notification that the cause had been corrected in order for the Condemned Order to be lifted. Dale informed the Board that he is planning to purchase the property through a tax sale. Discussion. The Board recommends that Dale phone Linda to schedule an appointment with the Board of Abatement regarding the taxes owed and the property being condemned and then call Tom to have the Listers re-assess the property for taxes next tax year.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **Town Hall Permit (2):** Casey English for October 31, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. No alcohol. Alysia Coolum for March 8, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. No alcohol.

Richard made the motion to accept both permits. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Request from Marcia Henderson:** Letter was read by the Board that was received February 2, 2015 and was addressed to the Selectboard. Discussion. Belinda made the motion that this request be sent to the Board of Abatement. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Quotes for a new copier – Lease vs. purchase:** Belinda passed around copies of quotes that were received from Bobby Shedd, Account Representative for Canon. Discussion. Jeff made the motion to sign a contract for a 60 month lease with a one dollar purchase option at the end of the lease for \$95.70 a month for a color copier. Bessie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- **Transfer Station – alleged Violations:** An inspection was done on the Transfer Station on January 12, 2015 by the State of Vermont. A form was received with two alleged violations. The violations required coverage of the waste containers and to cease acceptance of electronic waste, unless and until the facility is registered as a collector. Discussion. Belinda ordered the covers for the containers and they have been delivered. Todd will remove all of the electronic waste and bring it to the Stowe Transfer Station. No penalties or fines were issued, since these are being done within the ten to fourteen day receipt of the notice. Belinda will inform the agency of the completion of the directives once Todd removes the electronics.
- **Recertification of Transfer Station – Final Questions:** Linda received a letter from the State stating that the application for Recertification of the Transfer Station was considered administratively complete, but they need to know what the facility is planning to do with wood debris. Are we planning on burying it or storing it and they asked if we have a back up for the tires if, Vermonter Helping Vermonters is unable to continue to pick them up. Discussion. Belinda will research and the Board will re-visit this on February 18, 2015.
- **Town Highway Grant application process and Certificate of Compliance:** The Board discussed the paving needs of the Town. The Board is assuming that submissions will be sent in for the North Wolcott Road, School Street and the Elmore Pond Road. Quotes will be received from Gray's. Discussion on Gray's completing the work on East Hill and School Street. The East Hill ARC Project and the Manning Bridge were also discussed. Certification of Compliance needs to be completed regardless. Wolcott is in compliance per Lamoille County Planning Commission, who informed Belinda that the town does have a Highway Networking Inventory that is up to date. Belinda made the motion to sign the Certification of Compliance. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Belinda will start the grant writing process once the Highway Department meets with the Board.

Old Business:

- **Draft Animal Control Ordinance – Final Mark Up:** Discussion. Jeff made the motion to approve the Ordinance with changes that fit Wolcott's needs. When Hyde Park and Johnson adopt the same ordinance, Wolcott will begin the adoption of an ordinance process. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. A meeting with the public is necessary within forty five days of adoption.
- **Taylor and Putvain Sand Pit – Up Date:** Discussion on the letter from the State of Vermont regarding the status of the Reclamation Plan along with two plans that they have on file from the town. The letter states that the plans are problematic and listed why. The letter states that in order to complete the record, a copy of the Reclamation Plan is required

and it listed the necessary requirements in order for the Commission to review it and determine its sufficiency. Belinda spoke with the coordinator for the State who sent the letter, Susan Baird, and faxed her all of the information that the town has regarding the Land Use Permit. Ms. Baird told Belinda that she will review the documentation and give the Board recommendations. The Board agrees that in the spring, the town will need to have an engineer visit the site in order to create the Reclamation Plan, with the permission of Dr. Carol Locke. Mr. Putvain, whose exposure is small, would like the town to sign off on his part. The Board will re-visit this issue once they receive Ms. Baird's recommendations.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Transportation Alternatives Grant Letter:** The Board reviewed the letter that was sent to Maxfield from the State regarding the Scoping Study and stated that they understood that the Town had chosen not to provide the required match of \$7500 and that the offer was declined. Discussion. The Board remains in agreement that this is not feasible at this time.
- **Road Name Change Request:** The Board reviewed a letter from Brad Brandts requesting that his current private road, "Whirl Away", be changed to "Trout Lily Lane" and his reasons for it. Discussion. Richard made the motion to accept this request. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Payroll Orders:** Signed
- **Town Meeting Survey:** Belinda handed out copies of the 2015 Wolcott Town Survey that she created. She requested input from the Board. It was decided to change the wording on question number three. Lengthy discussion on the Library and the questions that are being asked pertaining to it. The Board will request that the Board of Trustees for the Library attend the next Selectboard meeting to discuss some issues if they are available.

Todd made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Belinda adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

*Next Selectboard Meeting
February 18, 2015*