

**Selectboard
Minutes
March 16, 2016**

Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin, Richard Lee, Eric Furs, Kim Gravel
Members Absent: None
Town Employees: Skip Patten, Claude Cross, Bernard Earle
Public: Greg Williams, Bruce Wheeler, Mark Drew, Chad Roy
Reporter: None
Correspondent: Val Mason

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

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Hardwick Electric Response to Rail Trail Lighting**
- **Safety Issue of Vehicles Parking in front of the Town Hall**
- **Covers for Containers at the Transfer Station**

Mark Drew – Emergency Management: Mark expressed his interest in this position. Discussion. Motion by Richard to elect Mark as the Emergency Manager until the board appointments town officers for the year. Seconded by Bessie. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. The Board will continue to search for an assistant for this position.

Skip Patten – Roads:

- **State Highway Grants:** Discussion. Motion by Belinda to sign this certificate stating that the town is in compliance with the town bridge and road standards set by the state so that the town can be qualified if any highway grants are received. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. All members signed the certificate for Belinda to submit. Skip is waiting to work with Rob from the LCPC to decide on which roads they will be submitting grants for. Skip will get estimates in the meantime to include a top coat for School Hill Road.
- **Maintenance Logs for Trucks:** The Board requested that Skip provide quarterly fuel and maintenance logs on the trucks as they would like more oversight. The information will then be transferred to a spread sheet. The Board would also like a monthly work plan, of which Skip did present. Belinda will also transfer this information onto a spread sheet. Belinda relayed a question to Skip that was asked of a tax payer at town meeting regarding the \$15000 difference that was used for fuel for the trucks and heating oil from 2014 to 2015. Skip stated that the existing pump at the town garage is broken and out dated. Discussion on how to track what was used for fuel by each truck. Skip will get estimates for a new pump and will bring that information to the Board.
- **Mr. Wheeler – Letter regarding roads:** Mr. Wheeler entered into a discussion with Skip and the Board regarding the letter that he received from the Board. This was a continued discussion from a previous meeting that Mr. Wheeler had with the Board regarding his opinion that the road crew is excessive in how much they are on the roads and the money that is spent. It was explained that due to safety it is in the best interest of the town for the road crew to keep our roads passible and safe. Skip stated that he and the other road crew members do their jobs as required but not in any excessive manner. It is noted that although the Board and the town

road crew disagree with Mr. Wheeler, that the Board will be more sensitive about the road crew budget in the future.

Comments from the Community: Greg stated that he has several issues, but the one he wanted to discuss tonight was a suggestion that each department have a shelf or something in the entrance of the Town Office to show tax payers what each Committee is working on, such as the Planning Commission and they would then be responsible for updating it. The Board thought this was a great idea and Belinda will bring it to Linda.

Approve Minutes of March 8, 2016: Discussion. Motion by Belinda to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **Payroll Orders:** Signed
- **Hyde Park Revolving Loan Fund:** Eric read the letter sent to Linda from Kim Moulton, Town Clerk for the town of Hyde Park. Belinda explained that years ago Wolcott entered into a grant with Hyde Park that helped build elderly housing at the Sterling View Trailer Park. All money paid back through a loan given to the park owner reverts back to the towns of Wolcott and Hyde Park. Hyde Park is the lead and fiscal agent. It was agreed that Hyde Park would receive 2/3 and Wolcott 1/3 of monies received yearly. Two checks were attached to the letter. A check for Wolcott for \$3,991.92 and a check for two thirds for Hyde Park for \$7983.83 which is the difference of the December 31, 2015 account balance. Discussion ensued on what to do with Wolcott's share of non-tax money. Motion by Belinda to apply the funds for the Old School House Restoration. Seconded by Bessie. Discussion as this is named by the state as a historical building and is one of the first school houses in Wolcott. The Board agreed that a committee would need funds to study this. Belinda motioned to place the amount of \$3991.92 into a fund for future planning by this committee. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

New Business:

- **Renew Lease on the North Wolcott Road:** Belinda explained that the town owns a lot in which they allowed Mr. Tom Cote to create a road to access his bridge and created a lease. Belinda spoke with Mr. Cote because he did not renew his lease last year, but would like to do it again. The Board viewed a map that Belinda provided and entered into a discussion of this agreement. Motion by Bessie to renew Mr. Cote's lease as of April 1, 2016 in the amount of \$10. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. Signed by all Board members.
- **Discuss the Creation of a Committee for the Historic School House Restoration:** Chad Roy presented himself to the Board per corresponding with Linda his interest in facilitating this committee. He and his wife are new residents and wish to be involved in the community. He read Linda's notice that the Historical Society may be dissolving due to lack of interest. Belinda informed the Board that Bill Cotton and Don Lowell are both interested in joining the committee as well as Brenda Gravel whose email to Linda was read by Eric. Bruce Wheeler also stated during the meeting that he would like to join as well. Discussion. Motion by Belinda to form this committee of five. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Hardwick Electric Response to Rail Trail Lighting:** Belinda informed the Board that she met with a representative from the Hardwick Electric Department and showed where he recommends

that a new thirty-five foot pole be placed. It will illuminate the kiosk and most of the parking lot out towards the trail. He will get estimates for the Board. Belinda has spoken with Rob of the LCPC and there are funds in the Grant to cover this. Motion by Belinda to table until estimates are received. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

- **Parking in front of Town Hall:** Bernard brought it to the Board's attention that recently two children ran into Route 15 from behind a car that was parked directly in front of the Town Hall. He questioned the Board as to his ability to place "No Parking" signs in front of the Town Hall due to it being a state owned highway. Discussion. Bernard will check with the Morristown Garage as they have many state roads.

Old Business:

- **Return Receipt of Letter by Todd Harris:** Belinda informed the Board that the town did receive receipt of Todd's signature of receiving his letter sent by the Board. He has not turned in his keys.
- **Covers for Containers at the Transfer Station:** The Transfer Station employees have brought it to the Town Office's attention that with the new container cover could not possibly fit a sofa and/or mattress. Matt Sweet, who made the cover, recommended that they not have him make the second cover and leave one container open. Discussion. The Station will still be in compliance if a canvas is used for the second container. Motion by Richard to keep the one covered container and not cover the second container as the employees requested for safety and efficiency. Seconded by Bessie. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Belinda to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason.