

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
March 22, 2017**

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Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Richard Lee, Eric Furs, Kim Gravel, Michael Davison
Members Absent: None
Town Employee: Linda Martin
Public: Bill Cotton, Don Lowell
Reporter: None

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Replacing Overhead Lights at the Town Garage:** Discussion. Motion by Kim to approve the proposal by Steve Laflin Electric of \$1047.55 which includes an Efficiency Vermont Rebate and a state permit to replace 7 blown bulbs with LED fixtures at the town garage. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Organization of the Board:

- **Chair:** Discussion. Motion by Belinda to nominate Eric and Belinda as co-chairs. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Vice Chair:** Discussion. Motion by Eric to elect Kim as vice chair. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Clerk:** Discussion. Motion by Eric to elect Michael Davison as clerk. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Solar Feasibility Study Presentation for the Wolcott Landfill: Recessed for public meeting at 6:10 p.m. Presentation presented by Brian Beaudoin of Sanborn, Head & Associates and Ryan Browning of Solar Power Engineering. A history of the site was discussed as well as the proposed design and environmental constraints as well as the potential that the site has for solar power. Meghan Rodier, Planner of LCPC took the minutes for this meeting. The Selectboard meeting re-adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Ballet Wolcott: Tabled. Helene Nielson from Ballet Wolcott was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Local Emergency Operations Plan – Meghan, LCPC: The Board reviewed and discussed the existing plan. Don Lowell was mentioned as a co-chair to Mark Drew. This will be finalized at the next meeting.

Adopt Rules of Procedure: Discussion. Motion by Belinda to amend the Rules of Procedure – Procedures #4 to state that “At each Selectboard meeting there shall be 10 minutes afforded for open public comment and #9 to state “procedures for public comment shall be reviewed at the beginning of the organized meeting”. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Comments from the Community: Linda asked that the Board to consider getting creative with Green Up day as the town is looking “trashy” and requires attention. Bill Cotton added to Linda’s comment by stating that the Board needs to enforce the existing ordinances in order to clean up the town. Bill also mentioned that although he is no longer serving on any Board or committee, he is eager and willing to assist in any way that he can. He encouraged the Board to speak with the Governor regarding the town’s vitality and water & sewer for the village and reminded everyone that the town and school are not separated, but should be seen as one. Don Lowell also commented that the handicap platform at Fisher Bridge is in the wrong location for anyone wanting to catch a fish. He mentioned that there is a wonderful location on Flat Iron Road for a handicap platform to be placed for anyone wanting to have a real fishing experience and to have a chance at catching a fish. Eric then made some observations from Town Meeting day. He suggested that a microphone be available for the back of the room, that anyone elected stand up to identify themselves, that the town use a white board to write in candidates and to ask the Wolcott Athletic Association to cater the event.

Approve the Minutes for March 1st: Discussion. Motion by Belinda to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Set Regular Meeting Schedule: Motion by Belinda to set the Board’s meeting schedule for the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. except for the months of June, July and August. For these 3 months the Board will meet on only one Wednesday for these months being June 14, 2017, July 12, 2017 and August 9, 2017. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Designate a Newspaper for Publication of Official Notices: Motion by Belinda to have the News & Citizen be the official newspaper for publication of official notices. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

New Business:

- **Discuss One Ton Truck:** The Board reviewed a copy of the letter from the VLCT claims representative acknowledging receipt of the claim for the town’s truck that was at a repair shop when the shop burned to the ground. Discussion. The Board will meet next Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with Skip to discuss the purchase of a replacement truck. Skip is to bring estimates for a new truck.
- **Better Back Roads Grant:** The Board reviewed a memo from Linda stating that she, Belinda and Skip met with Rob from LCPC to discuss applying for a Better Back Roads Grant and that on March 17, 2017 Rob submitted a grant to continue ditching

and create turn-outs on Baldwin Brook Road leading into Sand Hill Road. The amount was for \$20,000 with a \$6133 match from the town for a total of \$26,133.

- **Sale of Inventory at Old School House:** The Board reviewed Bruce Wheeler's account of receipts for items from the Old School House. Discussion. Motion by Eric to have a new bank account opened solely for the Old School House for money received from the sale of inventory items and any future donations and fundraising. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **Norwich Technologies – Request to Waive 45 Day Notice Period for Solar Project:** The Board reviewed material sent from Norwich Technologies Incorporated informing the town that they are planning to construct a solar electric system proposed along VT Route 15, parcel ID 12104. This is a formal gravel pit site. Maps were also attached. The company is requesting that the Board waive the 45 day notice period that is required by the Vermont Public Service Board under the Certificate of Public Good so that they may submit the petition sooner to the PSB. Discussion. Eric will phone the president of the company and the Board will review the material prior to the next meeting and will make a decision.
- **Letter Dennis Tribble:** The Board received another complaint from Mr. Tribble regarding the vandalism and theft that occurred on his home while he was incarcerated. Discussion. Eric will email a copy to Sherriff Marcoux of the LCSD.
- **Town Hall Permit:** Motion by Eric to approve the request by Ashley Brown to rent the town hall for April 9, 2017 from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. No alcohol will be present.
- **LCSD - February Monthly Report:** Reviewed. Belinda will post on the web site.
- **Highway Grant Distribution List for District #8:** The Board reviewed this list from the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation. The town is #28 on the list for structures and #6 on the list for paving. Discussion.
- **Prevent Child Abuse Vermont:** The Board discussed a flyer that was received from Prevent Child Abuse Vermont which is a private non-profit organization asking for support through the purchase of pinwheels which are a symbol for child abuse prevention. They did not ask the town for an appropriation. Motion by Eric to purchase 50 pinwheels at \$1.00 each. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Stowe Reporter:** The Board acknowledged Linda Martin's Public Place Award for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail that was received as her being a trailhead committee member that was in the Stowe Reporter.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Eric to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason.