

Wolcott Selectboard Meeting April 1, 2015

Wolcott Town Office
6:00 p.m.

Board Members: *Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin, Todd Harris, Eric Furs*
Public: *Greg Williams*
Reporter: *None*
Correspondent: *Val Mason*

Belinda called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda: Walk Audit for School Street

Comments from the Community: Greg Williams spoke to the Board regarding the Survey that they had presented to the community. He felt that it should have reached more residents by distributing it differently. Belinda stated that the Board would consider putting it in the Town Report for next year. Also, Belinda informed Mr. Williams that the Board had received eleven percent of the surveys back, which is one percent higher than the norm for surveys in general.

Approve the Minutes of March 18, 2015: Belinda motioned to approve the minutes with the correction of her last name is changed from Harris to Clegg as it was listed in the Board members who were in attendance at the meeting. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **Town Hall Permit – Sign:** Ballet Wolcott submitted a Rental Agreement for the use of the Town Hall at the rate of \$325.00 per month to begin on June 22, 2015 and end on August 6, 2015. They are requesting that classes be held all day on Mondays. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays classes will start at 3:30 pm and finish in the evening. Discussion. Belinda made the motion to approve their request. Bessie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Payroll – Sign:** All present Board members signed.
- **Dry Hydrant Grants:** Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force send in grant information for dry fire hydrants with a twenty-five percent match requirement. Discussion. The Board will pass this information on to Jim Holton, Fire Chief of the Wolcott Fire Department.
- **Maintenance Report – Generator:** A report was received from Brookfield Service in Fairfield Vermont regarding the Town Office generator that they recently serviced. Discussion.

New Business:

- **Paving Bids – Gray’s:** The Town received five paving estimates from Gray’s Paving and Sealing Incorporated, Newport, Vermont. The first two grants to be submitted will be for the Elmore Pond Road and the North Wolcott Road. Discussion and review. The cost estimate for 7,073 square yards of the North Wolcott Road to be paved is \$112,585.86 and 13,493 square yards for the Elmore Pond Road is \$60,994.60. The second is for three tenths of a mile on East Hill Road for \$30,008.00, which Gray’s will start as soon as the weather permits. An estimate was given for paving the Town Office Parking Area for \$9,200.00 Discussion. Todd made the motion to give Gray’s the approval to pave the

parking area. Bessie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion on getting an estimate from Gray's while they are paving the Town Office parking area, to see what the cost would be to pave the walkway to the Veteran's Memorial area. Discussion. The third estimate for completing the paving of School Hill which is approximately 3,107 square yards is \$60,808.00. Discussion. This project will be put on hold until the school places a new well for the involved residents. The fifth estimate is to pave School Street from the Main Road until the pavement ends at the Town Garage. This is approximately 4,228 square yards totaling \$39,088. This project will also be submitted for a grant. Discussion. The Board agreed that if this grant is accepted, then the Board will ask Gray's to pave the Veteran's walkway. The fourth estimate is to pave the beginning of the dirt part of School Street to Flat Iron Road. The amount to be paved would be 666 square yards and will require a base. The cost would be \$67,320.00 and is not covered by a grant because it is considered a class II road. Discussion. The Board will not act upon this estimate at this time.

- **Regional Highway Information:** Linda provided the Board with copies of a letter that LCPC sent to Commissioner Mears of the State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, commenting on a presentation that was given at a recent TAC meeting in which Linda and Bessie attended. This presentation was an informative overview of H.35, with specific attention to the proposed Municipal Roads Storm Water General Permit along with copies of the latest draft. Lengthy discussion by the Board of the comments from LCPC regarding completed road erosion inventories and the latest draft, which stated that the Secretary shall issue by December 31, 2017 a general permit for storm water from municipal roads, a schedule that will establish a date by which each municipality shall apply for coverage under the general permit and the date by which an inventory of necessary storm water management projects on municipal roads.
- **Review Results of Town Meeting Survey - Discussion:** One hundred and ten surveys were collected. The Board reviewed the totals for each question along with survey results and comments. The Board read each comment and discussed the answers and comments that each resident made on every survey. The Board felt that they received excellent feedback. Lengthy discussion. Eric recommended having the survey open on the town's web site or that the Selectboard have their own visual page for residents to be able to continually comment on and be informed. Discussed the fact that a microphone that was requested for the back of the gymnasium was not available. The Board feels strongly that a second microphone is needed for Town Meeting and will look into purchasing one.

Old Business:

- **Green Up Day - Further Plan Update:** Belinda stated that the Board will discuss this at their next meeting, since Richard was at a LRSWMD meeting and was unable to attend.
- **Vacancy of Lister and Volunteer Board Member - Update:** Belinda informed the Board that Wayne Keller was the only candidate for the position of Lister. Belinda made the motion to appoint Wayne Keller to become the second Lister for the town until Town Meeting 2016 when he would need to be elected. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Belinda stated that the town has not received any applications for the opening for the DRB. Discussion.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Walk Audit:** The Board discussed an email received from Kate Whitehead from Healthy Lamoille Valley informing the community that Mark Fenton, a national consultant on bike and pedestrian friendly and healthy communities is coming to Lamoille. He is speaking at

an event in Morrisville on April 15, 2015. She explained in the email that Mr. Fenton has offered to lead a walk audit down School Street to Route 15. She said that this is a tool used to evaluate street conditions for walking and biking and it combines discussion and planning with physically being out on the street to observe. He has offered his services, she said, because he has heard about the great conversations and visioning work happening in Wolcott. Discussion. Bessie and Belinda will represent the Selectboard on the Walk Audit on April 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The group will meet at the Town Office.

- **Lamoille County Transportation: Proposed FY2017 Capital Program Priorities:** LCPC TAC provided a map showing the priorities. Wolcott is not on the list. Discussion. Belinda will call Tom Anderson regarding the Manning Bridge, as it should be on the list.
- **Eric** informed the Board that he had contacted Efficiency Vermont.
- **Selectboard Workshop:** Belinda and Eric attended this workshop on March 21, 2015.
- **Bessie** recommended having a working Selectboard Meeting in the near future.
- **Todd** requested discussing possible eliminating some of the roads that the town is currently responsible for. Belinda will put this item on the Agenda for the May 6, 2015 meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Next Selectboard Meeting – April 15, 2015