

Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
April 19, 2017

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Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Richard Lee, Eric Furs, Kim Gravel
Members Absent: Michael Davison
Town Employees: Tuffy Audet
Public: Kee Gillen, Don Lowell, Helene Nilsen
Reporter: Mike Bielawski of the Hardwick Gazette

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Lamoille County Planning Commission – Notice of Public Hearing – Amending Lamoille County Regional Plan 2015-2023 for substantial regional impacts:** Notice received from LCPC for May 23rd Public Hearing regarding the amendment of the regional plan’s definition of “substantial regional impact”.
- **Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Newsletter:** Reviewed. Belinda will request that they request an appropriation for Town Meeting as well as information on any plans for Wolcott’s Rail Trail.
- **Distribute Copies of Draft North Wolcott Road Scoping Study Report – Final Presentation at May 3rd Selectboard Meeting:** Copies were distributed to each Board member for their review prior to the May 3rd presentation.
- **Transfer Station Certification Annual Letter – Financial Capacity to Pay for Closure Costs:** Signed certification letter stating that the town is in good standing to financially cover the costs associated with the closing of the landfill.
- **Update on Dennis Tribble:** Eric informed the Board that all statutes of persecution on Dennis Tribble’s neighbor have expired. The LCSD is possibly expecting charges to be brought on them by Mr. Tribble, as pictures that were taken by the Department between 2009 and 2012 have been lost.
- **Update on Posted Roads:** Eric informed the Board that the road crew had a few incidents last week with overweight vehicles being driven on posted roads. Skip contacted Eric. Eric contacted the LCSD and they informed Eric that directed patrols can be requested for a warning, the DMV can also be asked to bring portable scales and the LCSD can bring the violator to Manosh’s in Morrisville to be weighed on their scales. Discussion. The Board will find out if there is a specific day/time from Skip for these violators so that directed patrols can be requested.

Tuffy – Transfer Station: A transfer station check list was handed out to the board and Tuffy to review. Tuffy agreed to follow the check list and stated that she understood what is required and why. It was discussed that only Wolcott residents may use the free

recycling service and must also pay to have their rubbish brought there (not use a separate service for their rubbish removal). Belinda informed everyone that a fee must be charged to dispose of items, even if it is stated that they are in good and or working condition and are set aside for customer to take. If the item is not gone by the close of Sunday or Saturday, if the Station is not open on Sunday, the item must be discarded of. Belinda mentioned that she will get a list to Tuffy of customers that cannot write checks due to them being returned by their bank. Also, all attendants must be familiar with the 2014 Recertification of the Transfer Station and she let everyone know that there have been inspections recently of area Transfer Stations.

Helene Nilsen – Ballet Wolcott: Helene Nilsen of the Ballet Wolcott requested approval to put dance bars on the walls of the Town Hall. Helene showed original photos of the original bars that were on the walls of the Town Hall when the ballet originated. She also showed pictures of examples of bars that the ballet is looking to purchase and a diagram that a local business drew up if they were to fabricate the bars. There would be an upper and a lower bar. The Board asked Helene to get the measurements of the length, height and distribution weight to them as well as how many brackets and how far apart they would be. The Board will have Bernard look at the structure and support of the building as well as the measurements, pictures and diagrams, as the Board does not want to compromise the building or have the bars affect the residents who rent the hall. The Board will have Helene on an agenda in the future, once Bernard has had time to check everything and give his opinion to the Board.

Kee Gillen – Green Up Day: Kee Gillen was present to discuss Green Up day. He also discussed a future Green Up/Clean Up Wolcott in June, July or even the fall. He has potential volunteers to help him load items for people into a truck (possibly town truck) to take to the Transfer Station, which the residents would pay for the item being disposed of, for people who are unable to do it themselves. He informed the Board that there is going to be a School Street Park Clean Up on April 29th starting at 10:00 with a cookout. He will post this on Front Porch Forum. Kee also mentioned that he is building a trash receptacle at the Park and would like some of the items that are at the Old School House. The Board approved for Kee to have these items.

Comments from the Community: Don thought that the Old School House was going to be on the Agenda regarding roof bids, but the Board had not heard from Chad regarding this. Don also mentioned his Emergency Management co-chair position and hopes that it works out. Kim asked Belinda about delinquent taxes. Belinda informed Kim that everyone who had received an extension has paid except for Donna Sargent who has recently regained ownership of the property through the probate court.

Liquor Control Board

Review/Approve North Wolcott Store: Discussion. Motion by Kim to approve the North Wolcott Store's renewal of their alcohol and tobacco license. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.

Approve Minutes of April 5th: Motion by Kim to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.

Old Business:

- **Dog Licenses:** Belinda informed the Board that 370 dogs have been licensed. This leaves 130 dogs that still need to be licensed.

New Business:

- **Appointment of Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Representative:** Motion by Belinda to re-appoint Linda. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. Belinda recommended Skip as the alternate. Motion by Eric to appoint Skip as the alternate, pending his approval. Seconded by Belinda. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.
- **Adopt Revised Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP):** Motion by Kim to adopt the revised LEOP. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.
- **School Budget – Possible Reductions in Town Billing:** Belinda handed out copies of the Fund Balance Summary for the Town that she prepared. This showed a proposal to reduce the Preschool Rent and Library Contract totaling \$15,701 that could be covered by the Fund Balance to assist the school with their budget reduction. Discussion. Motion by Eric to reduce the preschool rent from \$10,301 to \$5,400 and the library contract from \$10,301 to \$0 totaling \$15,701 to be covered by the town’s Fund Balance for one year only. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.
- **Appointment of Town Officers: Energy Coordinator-** currently Arlo Sterner, is retiring. Discussion. Belinda will get a description of this position to Kee Gillen. **Planning Board** – Jeremy Foster Fell will remain. **Development & Review Board** – Kim Gravel (need 2 more members). **Fire Warden** – Arlo Sterner will remain as well as Bernard Earle as the assistant. **Health Officer** – Bernard Earle along with Tom Martin as Deputy. Motion by Belinda to appoint the above mentioned Town Officers, withstanding the Energy Coordinator and the Development and Review Board vacant positions. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.
- **Review Financials July – March:** Copies handed out at the last meeting.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **Sign Orders:** Signed.
- **LCSD March Report:** Reviewed. Belinda will post on the web site.
- **Insurance Claims Cost Detail 1st Quarter:** Reviewed update on recent claims.
- **Norwich Technologies Notice:** Reviewed notice of the proposed project.
- **Northern River Land Trust:** Donation request received. Discussion. It was mentioned that there is one existing Wolcott Trustee. Belinda will recommend that they request an appropriation for Town Meeting as well as information on parcels.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Kim to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. The next scheduled Selectboard meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason.