

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
May 4, 2016**

Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin, Richard Lee, Eric Furs, Kim Gravel
Members Absent: None
Town Employees: Skip Patten, Bernard Earle
Public: Greg Williams, Helene Neilson
Reporter: None
Correspondent: Val Mason

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

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **North Wolcott Ball Field Rental and Usage**
- **Radar Signs and Speed Tables Feedback**
- **Garage Drains – Signature for the State Forms**

Selectboard Rules of Procedures - Signed by the Board.

Ballet Wolcott – Helene Nilsen: Helene Nilsen of Ballet Wolcott appeared before the Selectboard to discuss the Saturday dance schedule. Belinda explained that the town has been unable to rent the town hall several times for a Saturday night event because they cannot start decorating until the ballet is finished at 3:00 p.m. Discussion. It was decided that the ballet will move their classes on Saturdays to one of the town offices if the hall has been reserved and they will move everything to the stage, so that it is out of the way for the hall's use. The Board will give Helene at least one week's notice if the ballet needs to be out before 12:00 p.m. on that Saturday. Belinda also mentioned that she has had complaints from the janitor that the ballet has not been cleaning up after themselves such as dishes not being washed, scattered crayons and issues with the bathroom. Belinda also mentioned that one person who reserved the hall found it messy and dirty and had to clean it before they could decorate for their event. Helene also mentioned that they have had to clean the hall before they could use it. Belinda will speak with the janitor. The Board also asked Helene if she plans on purchasing the hall. Helene said that it would not be for some time, if at all. The Board will keep an eye on the financials of the hall because they may need to increase the fee rental that the town receives from the ballet and how the ballet cleans up after themselves. Eric stated that there should possibly be a cleaning clause on the rental and the charge will increase if the hall does not get cleaned after the event and give the ballet a check list to look over before they leave the building.

Approve Minutes of April 20, 2016: Discussion. Motion by Kim to accept the minutes as read with the change on Page 4, under Review Correspondence/Sign:, under Embezzlement Claim: Line 1 from Workman's Compensation to Liability Insurance. Seconded by Bessie. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.

Comments from the Community: Greg let the Board and Skip know that he has flagged the brush that is in a ditch on Town Hill Road. Skip is aware of the brush and will remove it the next time he is in the

area. Eric also mentioned that he received a call from a resident on the Baldwin Brook road who he met with on Sunday. His complaint was regarding the ditching and grading. A complaint form was filled out and will be addressed by the road crew.

Road Foreman:

- **C4 Road Policy:** The Board reviewed the Class 4 Highway and Trail Policy and the changes that were made. Under number 3 Maintenance. B iii: the wording was changed to plowing by, private parties shall be allowed, since the town does not provide any winter maintenance on Class 4 highways. It originally stated that residents would call to get permission to plow. Also, under number 7 Right-of-Way Access. A. was removed because it was about curb-siding and there is no curb side in Wolcott. Motion by Belinda to accept and adopt this policy. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. Signed by the Board.
- **Summer Work Plan:** Skip provided the Board with the road crew's Work Plan for 2016. His plan is to:
 1. Town Hill ditched and resurfaced (1.4 miles).
 2. West Hill ditched and resurfaced (nine tenths of one mile).
 3. Morey Hill ditched and stone
 4. Marsh Road ditched.
 5. Brook road ditched and stone

He plans to start with Town Hill Road before the end of June. He also presented his list of Class 4 culverts, the condition that they were in and what he plans to do, such as cutting brush. He stated that LCPC's map is incorrect. Belinda will contact them to meet with Skip. New sign posts have been ordered per the State's requirement and the Board told him to purchase the necessary tool to put them in with. The Board asked Skip to get an estimate for a York rake. Skip has spoken with Bernard regarding the mowing. Bernard has agreed to do it. Skip got an estimate for a bobcat with a sweeper attached to it. He stated that the cost is \$350 per day or \$1000 for the week to sweep School Street and sweep the bridges .Discussion. Motion by Belinda that Skip has the Board's permission to rent the Bobcat with the attached sweeper for a week. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Bernard Earle:

- **Vermont Route 15 Water:** Bernard explained that he took a water sample for two residents who are connected to the town water line through the town hall. The samples did not match. He also received an estimate from the Manosh Corporation for a new 1.5 cubic foot sanitizer. Discussion. The Board will ask Linda to pull the resident's file and they would like Bernard to get a water sample from the town hall which is the source and then the Board will be able to better diagnose. Bernard also brought up the flower beds on the side of the town office. Discussion. Belinda will reach out to the Recreation Committee to see if anyone would like to volunteer to weed it.

New Business:

- **Summer Meeting Schedule:** Discussion. Motion by Eric to schedule the summer meetings for June 15, 2016, July 20, 2016 and August 17, 2016. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Reed Road Petition:** Eric read the Petition out loud. Belinda informed the Board that Linda found that there are two ways of doing this. Either five percent of the voters in Wolcott sign a

petition asking the town to take over the road or the Selectboard can decide to initiate the process. There is an expense of a lawyer for this, so Pinnacle Lane would be done at the same time. Discussion. Motion by Belinda to begin the process to have the town take over Reed Road and Pinnacle Lane if they are brought up to Class 3 standards. Seconded by Bessie. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstained (Kim). Skip will need to meet with residents on these two roads to explain what needs to be done to bring it up to Class 3 standards. Once the roads have met the Class3 standards the board will begin the statutory process required.

- **Pinnacle Lane Petition:** See above.
- **Used Roll-Off Containers – Discussion:** Belinda researched the containers and expense. She provided the Board with copies of the CSWD sale of used roll-off containers. Someone would need to look them over and place a bid. She did find a small one but it cost \$1000. Discussion. Belinda will continue to look.
- **Tire Prices:** Belinda informed the Board that K-N-S will not negotiate on the price of tires. Belinda did not receive the email that Kim sent her regarding the company that they use for pick up of their tires that is from New Hampshire. Kim will re-send the email.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **North Wolcott ball field rental and usage:** A check was received for \$300 and a waiver from the Hardwick Men's Softball League. They will be playing games on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- **Radar signs and speed tables –feedback:** Belinda informed the Board that the town can purchase a sign or rent one through the State that is solar. This would be for the North Wolcott road only as the town cannot place a sign on Route 15. Discussion. Belinda will call the LCSD to find out how much it will cost to rent a sign for the North Wolcott Road. The Board will wait to proceed until the scoping study has been completed.
- **Garage Drains – signature for state forms:** The floor drains have been closed completely. James Gascoyne assisted with contacting the State and filling out the form. Pictures were taken. Discussion. They will re-visit this issue in the fall as they can open up a drain for snow melt per the State of Vermont. The Board will ask James Gascoyne to attend a meeting before the ground freezes because the road crew and the Board prefer to have the drains open. Motion by Belinda to sign off on completed drain form. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Old Business:

- **Hardwick Electric – Estimate to install streetlight:** Belinda informed the Board that the estimate that was received does include the pole. More paper work is required but the Board agrees that it is a great deal which is covered by the Grant so they accept the estimate and will move forward with the light.
- **Fort Hill bridge possible removal – set date for discussion with parties/further discussion:**
Belinda was informed that there is erosion occurring in under the bridge. She suggested that the Board do a site visit. Discussion. The Board will do a visit prior to the start of the next Selectboard meeting.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **Road complaint:** Mr. Stevens who resides on Baldwin Brook Road met with Eric. He states that he has made several complaints. The sand that the town puts on the road washes into the ditch and plugs the culvert. The Board is going to ask Skip where at least the one area on this road falls since it is not on his list. Belinda may check with LCPC for Better Back Roads. The

Board is going to ask Claude to attend the next meeting regarding his employment and will also put Baldwin Brook Road on the agenda as well.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Kim to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason.