

WOLCOTT SELECTBOARD MEETING
May 7, 2014

Wolcott Town Office
6:00 p.m.

Board Members: *Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin, Todd Harris, Jeff Wright,
Richard Lee*

Public: *Greg Williams, Helen Nilsen, Brandy Ofciarcik-Perez, Marie Lapre'
Graham, Brian Greenia*

Reporter: *Don Eaton*

Correspondent: *Val Mason*

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

Amendments to the Agenda:

- 1. Summer Meeting Dates:** June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th
- 2. Dogs – Delinquent List – Discussion on Warrant**

Helene Nilsen & Brandy Ofciarcik-Perez of Ballet Wolcott appeared before the Board to request that a land line phone be installed at the Town Hall. There is no cellular phone service and no pay phone in the area should an emergency occur. There was discussion of an existing jack that may require service at an additional cost. They handed out copies of phone pricing showing the cost for service with and without a contract. Discussion on whether or not the phone would only be used for Ballet Wolcott as this would depend on their portion to be paid. One option offered unlimited local and long distance service at \$27.99 plus tax for a one year contract with no activation fee through Fairpoint. Jeff stated that cellular service may be available as soon as next month or by the end of the year. The Board will check into this and will contact Ballet Wolcott. It was decided that if cellular service is not available until the end of the year, that the Board will go forward with a land line without a contract and with local use only. Belinda made the motion to accept this arrangement. Bessie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Marie Lapre' Graham appeared before the Board to share what is happening with the **Atkins Field at Cooper Brook** in **Hardwick** and to inform them that the **Center For An Agricultural Economy**, who owns the field wants to share in this planning with surrounding towns. She spoke on what the Center for an Agricultural Economy is and brought booklets and brochures that show a map of the area, history of the field, current uses, a vision statement and possibilities for the future. They are conducting a survey for ideas and are holding an upcoming community wide forum. The Board questioned Ms. Lapre' Graham about any opposition from homeowners and about the fact that the field is in a flood zone. She stated that this does cause some limitations. She left brochures and information for anyone interested in their venture on how to contact her and their website address.

Kimberly Komer from the **Nature Center** could not attend the meeting, but she wanted to let the Board know that there were trees left over from their annual tree sale and she would like permission to plant these trees along a small portion of the North Wolcott Road. Richard made the motion to accept her request as long as the trees are native to Vermont. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from the Community: Greg Williams questioned maintaining versus replacing the trees that the Nature Center has planted.

Fuel Bids: Belinda presented a draft letter she composed to be sent to Bourne's Energy, Fred's Plumbing and Heating and Jack Course for quotes on heating fuel oil and LSD On Road Fuel for the upcoming fiscal year. Discussion followed in regards to the new town truck and how efficient it is on fuel, creating a much lower amount for equipment fuel than last year. Last year the highway equipment fuel contract was for 14,800+ and the heating fuel for the Town was for 4,400+. Todd asked that Belinda increase the request of pricing on the highway equipment fuel from 11,500 to 12,500. Belinda made the motion to send this letter out for quotes for 5,000+ gallons of heating fuel and 12,500 gallons of highway equipment fuel along with contracts to be received at the town office by their board meeting on May 21st. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Department Contract: Belinda informed the Board that she was unable to attend the last meeting. Animal control and detective statistics were discussed as well as the 2 addendums. A future meeting will occur with Roger Marcoux.

Approve minutes of April 16, 2014: Todd made the motion to accept the minutes. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

Town Hall Permits:

1. Kaylen Bohannon on May 31, 2014. No alcohol.
2. Ballet Wolcott for their schedule June through March paying \$300 a month.

Jeff made the motion to accept the requested permits. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Request from Buck's Furniture: Buck's properties sent a letter asking for a Tax Holiday or Adjustment on their non-productive real estate. Discussion followed. Jeff made the motion to deny their request. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The letter will be forwarded to the Listers Office.

Discussion – Engineers Construction Donation of Land: Hardwick Electric has asked the State of Vermont to allow them to purchase land the Engineer Construction just donated to Fish and Wildlife Department. The State was looking for the Select board's opinion. The Town has no problem if the States allows Hardwick Electric to purchase the land.

Approve – Renewal of Junkyard Permit (Bettis): Morrisville Auto submitted a 2013-2014 Certificate Application of a Salvage Yard which is valid for 5 years under State of Vermont jurisdiction. Discussion. Belinda made the motion to approve this Permit. Richard seconded it. Jeff abstained. Permit was signed by approving Board members.

Review/Approve Agreement for Maintaining School Parking Lot: Belinda presented the Board with a draft letter to be sent to the School Board stating that the Town is unable to maintain the School parking lot starting June 30, 2014 due to the cost of maintaining the Town's roads at a higher standard. The letter does say that the Town will still plow and sand the School Road and parking lot and the Library parking area. Bessie made the motion to sign and send the letter to the School Board. Todd seconded the motion. Letter signed by all Board members.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- 1. Summer Meeting Dates:** The Selectboard will meet once per month for June, July and August. The dates will be: June 4th, July 2nd, and August 6th. Belinda made the motion to accept these meeting dates. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Dogs – Delinquent List – Discussion on Warrant:** April 1st is the due date for licensure of all resident's dogs. Dog licenses are delinquent as of April 2nd and a penalty is applied. All delinquent dog owners have been notified my mail of the \$100 fine if dogs are not licensed by May 1st.
Forty – seven dogs are on this list. A notice was sent regarding the issue of a fine of \$100. There was discussion of giving dog owners a 2 week extension. Todd made the motion to extend the Warrant to May 21, 2014 for this year only. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. A notice will be placed in the Town Report for next year that no extensions will be issued past May 1st.

Jeff questioned Belinda on the status of the Act 250 hearing regarding the trailhead. Belinda will join Melinda from LCPC to appear on the Town's behalf at the hearing to establish that the Town has no relationship with the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers.

Todd made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bessie seconded the motion.

Belinda adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Next Selectboard Meeting – May 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.