

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes  
August 9, 2017**

Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Kim Gravel, Michael Davison, Eric furs, Richard Lee  
Members Absent: None  
Town Employees: Skip Patten, Bernard Earle, Linda Martin  
Public: Meghan Rodier, Helen Billow and Child  
Reporter: None

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Eric called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Amendments to the Agenda:**

- **Town Hall Permit:** Baby Shower 1-7:30 pm on Saturday, September 16th - Amy Hill. Kim made the motion to approve the request. Eric seconded the request. Voting 5 in favor 0 against.

**Sherry Cote/Helen Billow:** Sherry was not able to attend. Helen explained that she thought they had until Monday to clean up the mess they left from Saturday at the Town Hall. Contract says that same day Hall will be picked up and put back in condition it was in before use. Janitor took pictures of mess. Helen and the board agreed to keep \$25.00 of damage deposit to pay Janitor for extra time cleaning up. Eric made the motion and Michael seconded it. Voting 5 in favor 0 against.

**Skip Patten – Cost and specs of new truck:** Skip went over cost of new truck that was ordered and will be ready in a month. Linda handed out a memo showing the balance in the Equipment Fund \$40,713.73. Total truck price after trade in with warranty is 160,262.00. Amount needed to borrow either 160,262.00 or 120,262.00. Kim made the motion to have Linda put it out to the banks to bid on two different ways. First - 3 year loan in the amount of \$120,262.00. Second - 4 year loan in the amount of \$160,262.00. Belinda seconded the motion. Linda will bring bids to the September 6th meeting.

**LCPC - Meghan Rodier/Michael Davidson, Review draft RPF for solar at landfill:** Meghan handed out the revised RPF that she and Lea from LCPC created for the landfill solar project. This one had language added about the decommissioning expense. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the town will not at this time go forward with a RPF but will have Michael pursue a different route with Hardwick Electric possibly. He will get back to the board as he makes process. Each meeting he will bring an update.

**Linda Martin - Meeting Notices, truck loan:** Kim opened the discussion with her feelings about the incident that occurred at the last meeting in July. Notices and emails from the

town office are not being received in time for the material to be looked over before meetings. Correspondence and communication is not being distributed in a timely manner. Eric agreed and said that comments are being made in front of people that should not be made about the board. We should all act as professionals and conduct ourselves accordingly. After more discussion with a response from Linda it was determined that in the future we will not combined Selectboard and Board of Civil Authority meetings on the same night. Too much confusion.

**Approve Minutes of July 19th:** Motion by Kim to accept the minutes with the changes of grammar and spelling errors. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

#### **New Business:**

- **Request to extend payment of taxes for medical reasons:** The board received a letter from Sally Garabee asking for more time to pay back taxes due to medical problems. The board agreed. Motion by Belinda to ask her to pay at least \$25.00 per month and more if she can for 6 months then we will revisit this to see where she is at. Kim seconded the motion. Linda to write letter informing her of board's decision. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **September 19th Tax Sale - appointment of town representative:** Eric made the motion to appoint Linda as the town representative. Richard seconded the motion. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Approve sale of tractor and mower:** Bob Vize has made an offer of \$2000 for the old tractor and broken mower. Discussion. Motion by Eric to accept the offer of \$2000 with the monies collected going into the Equipment Fund Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Speed Limit sign Update:** Belinda is working on this with Hyde Park and Johnson's Administrators. Will let the board know when a decision is made.
- **Status of North Wolcott Road Property:** Mr. Burgess took down the NO TRESSPASSING signs the town put up and he continues to mow the town property. Discussion. Eric made the motion to have a NO Trespass Order signed by the town and delivered by the Sheriff's Dept. Richard seconded the motion. Next week the town will send Mr. and Mrs. Burgess a letter asking if they would like to buy the property from the town with the understanding that no development can occur on that lot. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Transfer Station Attendant:** The board received one application for the open attendant position at the Transfer Station. Paige Coolbeth. Board looked over the application. Several members of the board are familiar with Paige and her family. Motion by Eric to hire Paige Coolbeth for the position at 11.50@hour. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. Paige will train this weekend with Shelby (current Attendant ).

#### **Review Correspondence:**

**Town Hall Permit:** Permit application for John Reeds Funeral on August 26th. Belinda made the motion to approve the permit and waive the \$60.00 fee. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

- **LCSD – July Monthly Report & Fiscal Year Totals:** Reviewed and discussed.
- **Review Pre-Approved Monthly and Payroll Orders:** Reviewed & Signed.
- **Review not to submit petition based on past history:** Clarina Howard Nichols Center submitted a letter asking the board to waive the center from having to do a new petition as it had done one in the past and they are asking for the same amount. Eric made the motion to waive the petition as this agency is a worthy cause. Richard seconded the motion. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Request to remove couch from stream:** The Selectboard instructed the road crew to remove it at their earliest convenient.
- **Request for comments - draft Regional Enhanced Energy Plan:** Board asked Belinda to email copies to them so they may look this over and get back to LCPC with any comments they have.
- **Miscellaneous Correspondence:** Reviewed.

**Executive Session:** Belinda made the motion to go into executive session for a personnel request about vacation time at 8:00 pm. Michael seconded the motion. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against Came out at 8:04 pm. Action taken. The board will have the town buy back one week of Belinda's vacation time to be paid out in the next paycheck date of August 15th.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Eric to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2017.'

Respectfully submitted by Belinda Clegg, Selectboard Co-chair.