

## **Wolcott Selectboard Meeting September 16, 2015**

Wolcott Town Office  
6:00 p.m.

Selectboard Members: *Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin, Todd Harris, Richard Lee, Eric Furs*  
Town Employee: *Tom Martin*  
Public: *Greg Williams, Tasha Wallace*  
Reporter: *None*  
Correspondent: *Val Mason*

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

### **Amendments to the Agenda:**

- **Move Agenda Around**
- **Handy Man Position**
- **Pavers for Kiosk**
- **Moving Water Line**
- **Grant Agreements from the State**

**Tasha Wallace, Lamoille County Planning Commission Executive Director:** Ms. Wallace is the newly hired executive director for L.C.P.C. She wanted to introduce herself to the Board and answer any questions they may have. She lives in Morrisville and stated that she enjoys working in her local community. Belinda commented on parts of the draft Regional Plan. Tasha did invite the Board to attend the public hearing meeting which is on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. Tasha was not able provide any information regarding MSI and the former Buck's property. Tom, who met recently with the MSI Project Manager, spoke about his recent meeting with them. He stated that they plan to put about \$300,000 into the property and showed Tom a list of major renovations that they are planning. They just recently were awarded \$105,000 in tax credit from the State. Tom said that they really want input from the town. He stated that he will keep after them and thinks that we will start to see some progress now that MSI has finished with a major project in Hyde Park. A municipal septic was discussed and Eric questioned whether or not a study has ever been done. Belinda mentioned that one was done a long time ago. Tom has also been speaking with the Planning Commission regarding conditional use. Eric mentioned the Board and MSI should work together to put together another survey for Town Meeting. Tom stated that he has known Tasha a long time and stated that LCPC and the town is lucky to have her.

**Peg Elmer Hough, AICP – CRO**  
**Power Point:** Cancelled

### **Old Business:**

- **LRSWMD – Comments on Transfer Station:** Belinda mentioned the article in the New and Citizen regarding the Transfer Station. She spoke with the reporter briefly and then referred him to speak with Susan from the LRSWDM. Tom provided a copy for everyone to read. Susan was supposed to get a report to the Board for tonight's meeting but was unable to because she had not done a final walk through of the Station with the project foreman for LRSWMD because he has been away. There has been no communication from the Environmental Court. The Board will table the discussion on how to pay the fine and wait until they receive Susan's report before deciding on the future of the Station. Tom stated that he will continue to help out until the Board has formed a plan. The Board thanked him for stepping in. If staff has not been hired and properly trained, then it will be open for one day with a possibility of extended hours... Sundays were discussed, as they are very busy.

Tom stated that better signage must be provided and the public needs to be educated. He has been handing out pamphlets and has done an independent study, where he found that every customer would like the Station to remain open. Leaf and Yard debris must be accepted as of July 1, 2015. A fee may be charged and it must be removed annually to a permitted site. Black Dirt Farm is approved by the State and will accept clean leaf debris and wood chips but no grass clippings due to pesticides. Discussion. Tom stated that the current stump dump has a lot of other stuff mixed in that has to be separated as soon as possible. It was decided that the town will charge \$3 a cubic yard for the yard and leaf debris. The stump dump will be moved further away to where it drops off and the leaf and yard debris will be where the stump dump is now for easier access. Tom mentioned that the tarps are a huge problem. Bessie stated that she feels strongly that we should not have been fined for having improper covers for the containers that are rented to us and the town tried to cover them as best they could. Belinda said that Sweet's has promised to bring covers by the end of the month. Bessie authorized Tom to remove the shelving in the building as well as anything else he sees fit.

**Approve Minutes from September 2, 2015:** Discussion. Todd made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from the Community:** Discussion on correspondence from 3 tax payers regarding the roads. Eric received an email from a neighbor who lives on the Elmore Pond Road that stated the Road Crew is doing a superficial scratch grading on the road. He stated that it is alright until it rains but does not reach the aggregate below. Todd stated that Skip is trying to repair some of the grading that was done by a former town crew member and they are very behind in their work and are trying to get caught up. Another complaint was received by a person who feels that her tire was punctured when she was driving on a graded part of Sand Hill. She stated that large rocks were covering the road. She did stop to let Skip know who was ahead of her in the grader and then came to the town office to make a formal complaint... Belinda has called the insurance company to see if there is any liability. Todd stated that he feels that it is an act of nature. The third is from an attorney for Edwin Lowell who owns property on the Turcotte Road. It is regarding existing culverts which included photographs asking that they be repaired before further action is needed. Todd stated that the culverts are visible and one is cracked at the top, but they are all functioning as far as water run-off. He said material is needed for the road, which the town is not responsible for. Gates, who owns property on the road, have asked if they can do work on the road but have been put on hold. Belinda stated that with the assistance of Skip and Todd that they respond and send a copy of the Right of Way – Excavation Permit Policy which is to be accepted at tonight's meeting.

**Review Correspondence/Sign:**

- **Payroll orders – sign:** All Board members signed.
- **Correspondence - Attorney O'Hagin:** A letter was received from Attorney O'Hagin on Edwin Lowell's behalf. This was discussed in Comments from the Community.
- **LCSD – August Report:** Reviewed and discussed.
- **Monthly Financial for July and August:** Transfer station in the red \$30. Discussion.

**Old Business:**

- **River Paddlers – Camp Site Form Approval:** Discussion. Belinda stated that she has not heard anything from the Recreation Committee. She will contact them to see if they are in agreement with moving the site to an area near the parking lot of the School Street Park. If all are in agreement, including the Paddlers, then the Board will move forward to sign for their approval of the camp site. Richard made the motion to move forward. Bessie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Right of Way – Excavation Permit Policy:** Discussion. The town's attorney reviewed the draft and made certain changes which states that the town cannot waive insurance, but the

land owner can hire a contractor or get their own insurance. A pre-approval is required once the permit has been filed for a class IV road. Todd made the motion to accept the policy. Eric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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- **Town Highway Open Position:** Discussion. The applications are due by September 23, 2015 by 4:00. The Board agreed to meet that same night at 6:00 to review the applications with Skip.

#### **Amendments to the Agenda:**

- **Move Agenda Around:** Done
- **Handy Man Position:** Discussion. The list that was presented and agreed upon by the Board in the spring has not been completed. Todd offered to speak with Robert regarding these jobs and will see if he has the time to complete them. Bessie will also be included in the discussion.
- **Pavers for Kiosk:** Discussion. Agreed to go with the blue stone finish that was in the original bid.
- **Moving Water Line:** Belinda provided copies of an agreement for Mr. O'Driscoll and the town to sign relating to the septic system and his option to disconnect from the spring-fed water system and connect to the Town water system at some future time. Discussion. Belinda made the motion that the Board instructs the town's attorney to send this agreement to Mr. O'Driscoll's attorney and once signed, proceed forward. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Grant Agreements from the State:** Belinda shared Linda's memo regarding the Vermont Department of Taxes implemented grant agreements for some funds that are sent to towns. She listed the five grant programs and stated that she completed and returned the agreements that were due. She provided a copy of Attachment A which is a Scope of Work to Be Performed that lists the program and the obligations of the recipient of the funds. A copy of Attachment B was also available of Payment Provisions that lists each program and the payment process. Belinda informed the Board that she and Linda met and have discussed this and implemented a plan.
- **Bids from Grays for Paving:** Discussion. Gray's provided three paving bids to the town: School Hill Road bid to pave 3107 square yards is \$38,016, to complete East Hill Road \$44,416 and to repair the section on School Street just before the old railroad track would be \$1200 if they are here anyway paving in town. Richard made the motion to pave School Hill and the area before the old railroad track with the remaining \$40,000. Eric seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

