

WOLCOTT SELECTBOARD MEETING
September 17, 2014

Wolcott Town Office
6:00 p.m.

Board Members: *Bessie Martin, Todd Harris, Jeff Wright, Richard Lee*
Public: *Maxfield English, Jessica Caldwell, Scott Caldwell, Cindy Lowell*
Reporter: *None*
Correspondent: *Val Mason*

Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- Sign Payroll Orders
- Town Hall Rental Permit
- School Board Correspondence

Maxfield English – Transportation Grant: Maxfield English approached the Board informing them that he had attended the same Mandatory Informational Workshop that Linda had and he had a proposal of connecting the Rail Trail to the Elementary School by either erecting a bridge, going through the Town Park or along Route 15. The Board informed Maxfield that a motion had been made at the last Selectboard meeting of September 3, 2014, giving Linda permission to look into this grant project, which would start with a feasibility study. The Board also told Maxfield that only one application is allowed, which he was aware of. Maxfield stated that he was not aware that Linda had approached the Board, but he did state that he was going to talk with Linda because he did not think that she was one hundred percent decided on her proposal of developing a wider shoulder when paving new sections of the North Wolcott Road due to concerns of bicyclists on the North Wolcott Road. Maxfield wanted the Board to know that he had been in touch with Lamoille County Planning Commission. There is a fifty percent match for the Scoping Study and eighty percent on construction. The Board stated that they are willing to consider paying an estimate of \$2500 - \$3000 for this study. Jeff requested that Linda and he meet and attend the next Selectboard meeting, as the deadline to apply is October 16, 2014.

Wolcott Athletic Association: Jessica Caldwell, Vice President approached the Board and informed them that they have been working with the Fit and Healthy Council on the School Street Town Park. She wanted to ask the Board's approval for them moving the diamond out into the center of the field due to safety as one of the benches is too close to the road. She said that they do have volunteers, but she was wondering if the town could move the dugouts from the School to the Park per Act 250. She said that the diamond also needs to be raised and they would like the field in place for their grand opening. Todd said that the Town Road Crew would be able to move the dugouts for them and help out as much as possible, but they are really busy right now and it might not be until next year. Richard

made the motion, with the stipulation of time, for the Road Crew to move the dugouts and backstop. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Gulf Road – Bridge Posting Limit Decision: Bessie started off the discussion stating that the State has examined the bridge three times and have deemed it safe for sixty-five tons with no postings required and that some residents have voiced their complaints with this posting. Bessie made the motion that no posting be on the bridge. No second motion made. Todd, being Road Commissioner, stated that his concern is that the road is not suitable for large vehicles, that the bridge is in great shape now and would like to keep it that way and since the bridge has been posted, it has reduced the truck traffic immensely and the town road crew has had to do much less maintenance on the road. After much discussion the Board has decided to take no action at this time.

Approve minutes of September 3, 2014: Todd made the motion to accept the minutes. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from the Community: None

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **HMEP Action Report Review:** Arlo passed on a copy of a packet on his last training for the Board to review.
- **LCSD August Report:** All Board members had reviewed report. Lengthy discussion. The directive that was asked to patrol the Gulf Road did not occur, nor was it in their monthly report. Richard made the motion that Sherriff, Roger Marcoux come to the October 15, 2014 meeting, as the Board has concerns. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **VT Active Hazardous Site:** The Board reviewed a letter from the State informing the town that the former Buck's Furniture property has been added to their active hazardous site list. A copy of a letter sent to Sandra Howard informing her of the petroleum contamination that was found from a test pitting for Historic Underground Storage Tank. The contamination was identified in soils and groundwater at the property in the vicinity of where a former gasoline UST and pump was located. The letter states that additional investigation be done to further define the degree and extent of the contamination and to determine the need for long-term treatment and/or monitoring.

Cindy Lowell approached the Board regarding her petition for an Australian Ballot on the article of the School Budget on Town Meeting Day. She explained that the petition was addressed to the Selectboard and not the School Board, which is who it should have been addressed to. Belinda had already cleared this with the Secretary of State's Office that she bring it to the School Board, but she wanted the Select board's approval that she do this. Todd made the motion that Ms. Lowell deliver her petition to the School Board. Bessie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- **Municipal Planning Grant – Adopt Resolution:** The Board reviewed an email from LCPC to Dan Noyes regarding the required resolution for approval and signature. All present Board members signed.

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- **Town Hall Permit Request:** Marsha Douglas for October 11, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. No alcohol. Todd made the motion to accept this request. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Sign Payroll Orders:** Signed
- **School Board Correspondence:** The Board received a letter from the School Board informing them that at their August 26, 2014 meeting that they voted to invite bids for the grading of the school parking lot. A pre-bid meeting was held on September 15, 2014.

Old Business:

- **None**

Todd made the motion to adjourn. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

*Next Selectboard Meeting
October 1, 2014*