

Wolcott Selectboard Meeting September 3, 2014

Wolcott Town Office
6:00 p.m.

Board Members: *Belinda Clegg, Bessie Martin, Todd Harris, Jeff Wright, Richard Lee*
Town Employee: *Skip Patten*
Public: *Greg Williams, Henry Finch, Douglas Finch, Ave Leslie*
Reporter: *None*
Correspondent: *Val Mason*

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

Amendments to the Agenda (2):

- **Sign Payroll Orders**
- **Listers Errors and Omissions request**

Henry and Douglas Finch – Right Of Way: Henry and Douglas Finch approached the Board again regarding the right of way that they are wanting for their Wolcott property. Belinda informed them that she had a discussion with Roy Marble who informed her that he was willing to discuss a custodial right of way through his property to access theirs. The Finch brothers have not discussed such an option with Mr. Marble. The Board informed the Finch brothers that they are not willing to use eminent domain to obtain them access property. The Board recommended that the Finch's contact their lawyer who had spoken with Mr. Marble and also that they ask their lawyer to draft a letter to all adjacent landowners asking them for support of or authorization for turning this private road into a class IV road. Belinda made a motion to leave this issue open for discussion but that the Board needs to see more clarification and support from the majority of landowners to give up part of their land for them to be able to access their property. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Helene Nielsen and Brandy Ofciarcik-Perez of Ballet Wolcott: Owner, Helene Nielsen and Assistant Director/Business Director, Brandy Ofciarcik-Perez of Ballet Wolcott discussed their plans of making a new Youth Company, teacher workshops and rehearsals and for the need of more space to include the possible use of the Town Hall on Friday evenings for this purpose. The Board discussed their concern that the Ballet is taking away the use of the Hall from town residents, but is willing to allow the Ballet use of the Hall unless a resident requests the space and the Ballet would need to find alternate space to hold their rehearsal or workshop for that time. It was made clear that Community use of the Hall comes first. Linda will keep in communication with the Ballet regarding scheduling.

Road Foreman, Skip Patten: Skip updated the Board on the grading that they have been doing as well as the hauling of sand. The Elmore Pond Road Bridge Project was also

discussed. He also talked about the work that the road crew had done on the North Wolcott Road. The weight limit on the Gulf Road Bridge was also discussed in detail. Belinda will look into this and a decision will be made at the next meeting on whether or not to increase this limit. When time permits, they will cut back brush that needs to be cut back. The price of salt was also talked about, as it has gone up in price. Belinda did call around for better pricing from other companies, but they were higher than the Town's current provider. One of the ton trucks does need new tires. The Town Garage Septic is complete and the Fire Department has their sink and toilet in working order.

Approve Minutes of August 6, 2014: Belinda stated that the public member, Oran Young, who attended the last meeting, was written as Oren Young. Richard made the motion to accept the minutes which includes this change. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from the Community: None

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **Town Hall Request:** A reunion for the original Wolcott School on October 5, 2014 for the entire day, with a request that the fee be waived. Todd made the motion to accept this request and waive the fee. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Final Approval of FY15 Structures Grant:** Belinda read the approval letter for the grant of \$47,200 from the State which represents 90 percent of the estimated cost with a completion date of 12/31/16 for the project. The Grant is for the Elmore Pond Road Bridge and the paving of half way up the hill past the hydrant is also granted.
- **Revised insurance quote:** VLCT issued new values on the Town Office and Depot Building. The Town Clerk's Office was incorrectly measured at 5,698 square feet. Tom Martin, Lister, re-measured the Office and it is actually 5,002 square feet. Linda appealed the new square footage of the town office. The original quote with the incorrect footage was \$716,000. Now with the correction of the square footage it will be \$691,000 which is the current value. The Railroad/Depot Building increased in value from \$202,000 to \$222,000. The square footage of this building is correct. This will cause an increase of \$200.
- **Request to set up tax payments(2):** The Board discussed two letters that had been received from two Wolcott Residents who requested payment arrangements for their past due taxes that will soon be sent to the Tax Lawyer. The first owes \$2200 and can pay \$300 a month starting this month until February 2015 when he will pay the balance with money from his tax return. This resident did follow a past payment arrangement. Richard made the motion to accept this first letter of request. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The second resident has a balance of \$188 of which she has been making regular payments on. She has a closing date of

September 12, 2014 which is when she will pay this balance. Richard made the motion to accept this second request. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

High Risk Rural Roads Project – North Wolcott Road: A written contract was presented to the Board which gives written permission to replace all old and outdated signs, as well as the addition of signage and removal of some. This will all be done at no cost to the Town. The Board looked over the recommendations which require some research from the Town into weight limits. Discussion. Richard made the motion to go forward with this Project as proposed with a completion date of 2016. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. All Board members signed the contract.

New Business:

- **Town Garage Insulation Project:** Belinda informed the Board that she had a discussion with Paul Cerutti in which he recommended that the Town receive two qualified bidders for this project. Bessie made the motion to send this project out to bid. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Transportation Alternative Program Grant:** Linda sent a Memo to the board informing them that Linda had attended a mandatory informational workshop in August. This is a matching grant program, which provides funding for many different projects. The deadline to apply is October 16, 2014. Linda suggested that the Town could take advantage concerns about bicycles on the narrow North Wolcott Road. She recommends that the Board apply for a Feasibility Study to see what Right Of Way the Town owns, and if it would be feasible to develop a wider shoulder in some areas. This could allow the town to widen areas of the road when paving new sections. Belinda made the motion for Linda to go ahead with looking into this Grant Project, which would start with the Feasibility Study. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. In this letter, Linda also informed the Board that the Buildings and Communities Grant Program that has been fully funded for 2015. This Grant has to do with Recreational Facilities and she has passed it on to the Planning Commission to see if it is even possible.

Transfer Station: Belinda discussed recycling and how to not send it as often to reduce the cost as the cost is \$190 per load. Discussion. Overages this year are at \$3 as opposed to last year which was \$40.

Old Business:

- **Legal issue update:** Mr. Teale had a conversation with Linda regarding his water payment. A letter from Mr. Polow stating a confirmation that the bull is no longer on town land and the town denies any claim that damages occurred during the time that the steer was on town property.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Payroll Orders:** Signed by the Board

- **Errors and Omissions Letter from the Lister's Office:** A change was made on a house site value. A call was also received from the Morristown Water and Light Department stating that the appraisers for the Town did not add depreciation. Richard made the motion for Tom to make the necessary changes. Bessie seconded this motion. Belinda will find out the details on the Morristown Water and Light and will email the rest of the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion of the well and resident Brian Burgess. The Board has agreed to have Dave Polow write up an easement agreement between him and the town.

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

Belinda adjourned the meeting at 8:08.