

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
September 6, 2017**

Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Richard Lee, Kim Gravel, Michael Davison
Members Absent: Eric Furs
Town Employees: Linda Martin, Skip Patten
Public: None
Reporter: None

Belinda called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Request for extension of tax payment:** Darcy Bohannon submitted a request for an extension of a tax payment at Mark Bohannon's request due to a major injury. Discussion. Motion by Richard to approve his request to pay at least \$25 a month with the interest being waived. He needs to stay current with his current taxes. Seconded by Mike. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. The Board will re-visit this in June 2018.
- **Review/Sign monthly and payroll orders:** Signed.
- **Review/Sign letter to Brian Burgess:** Reviewed letter to Brian & Tamara Burgess offering to enter into a discussion for them purchasing the town's .75 acre lot that is located adjacent to their property. Motion by Belinda to sign and mail. Seconded by Mike. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. Signed by Kim.
- **Temporary removal of roadside historic marker: Correspondence** was received from the State of Vermont explaining that they are temporarily removing the Reverend George S. Brown historic marker that is located at 4023 Route 15 to rehabilitate it and will reinstall once it has been completed.
- **Email – North Wolcott ball field:** An email was received from Logan Jones from the Hardwick softball league apologizing for not submitting their payment and stated that a check will be mailed immediately.
- **Linda – Discuss assistant town clerk position:** Linda reminded the Board that last September she spoke of herself and Tom retiring at some point. She again explained her frustration to the Board that she and Belinda are busy and behind on some of their work and they cannot continue to perform the duties of the Board. She is also training Belinda in the duties of Town Clerk which is also taking up their time. She stated that she sometimes feels that she is no longer able to manage her office with Belinda doing so much of the Board's work. She said that they are willing to help the Board to an extent. She recommended a possible assistant position for the Board. A town administrator who would assist the Selectboard in the duties that is required of them. Belinda will get the job description for Hyde Park's town administrator. Linda will see that those Selectboard members have copy of the Selectboard handbook which explains what the Board is responsible for. They

would also like Linda to make a list of tasks the Clerk's Office is doing that is actually the Select board's responsibility.

Skip Patten, Road Foreman

Sale of screener, trailer, road updates, and turning counts: Skip informed the Board that he has sold the tractor and mower for \$2000 as had been approved by the Selectboard in a previous meeting. This money has been placed in the Equipment fund. He explained that Larry Bohannon is interested in purchasing the screener for \$1500. He stated that this piece of equipment is not in use and is not needed any longer. Skip explained that the town does need a trailer which he is offering to sell his for \$3500. Discussion. Motion by Belinda to authorize Skip to sell the screener and if that sale goes through, he is also authorized to purchase the trailer for \$3500. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. Skip informed the Board that the North Wolcott road in three sections has been ditched and is ready for black top, but has been on hold due to the rain. He also said that the department has been grading. Belinda gave Skip an email from Rob from LCPC stating that work should begin on the gutters for the Town Garage this fall. Rob could get more bids, if Skip thought the one that they received was too high. Belinda handed Skip a report from the Planning Commission on turning counts that they performed on Corley road from the north, Route 15 from the east, North Wolcott road from the south and Route 15 from the west. The report also showed pedestrian and bicycle use on School Street. Discussion. Skip will show this to Jim Cota of VTrans.

Open/award bids for 2018 Western Star truck for the Highway Department: Linda handed out copies of the spread sheet she compiled with the three different interest rates from local banks for a three year loan versus a four year loan. Discussion. Motion by Kim to accept Union Bank's loan proposal for a four year loan at \$160,262 with a 1.95% interest rate paying a monthly payment of \$3473.42 or up to \$4000 (if funds allow). Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.

Comments from the Community: Belinda stated that Nelson Farms is fertilizing their corn crop next to Corley road using a helicopter. Mike mentioned the town website as he feels it's still not user friendly after paying the technician \$500. Belinda explained that they have not heard from the technician. She will get his contact information to Mike.

Approve minutes of August 9th: Discussion. Motion by Kim to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Mike. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.

New Business:

- **Request for extension of tax payment:** Linda Premo requested an extension of her taxes. Discussion. Motion by Richard to accept Ms. Premo's \$20 a week. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.
- **Requests for Sign:** Jack Dwyer requested a "hidden drive" sign to be placed on the right hand side of the road on the Burn's property facing motorists coming from the North Wolcott road to Route 15. Motion by Belinda to purchase this sign and the road crew will install it. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. It was

discussed that a resident on Town Hill requested a “bus stop” sign to be placed at each house on Town Hill that has a child that rides the school bus. Belinda recommended that she request a directed patrol by the LCSD. The resident was not satisfied with this, so Belinda gave her Eric’s contact information. Discussion. The Board will wait until the next meeting to hear from Eric concerning this.

- **Driveway permit/approve:** John Sciara requested that a driveway permit be approved. Belinda explained that Skip has already given his approval. Motion by Belinda to approve this permit. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.
- **Patrol Budget:** Belinda informed the Board that she attended the LCSD meeting. She explained that the department is in need of two new patrol cars due to each not passing inspection. Roger will cover the expense of these using other funds, but informed the representatives that there will be an increase in their equipment fund as the rotation of new vehicles which was at 7 years is not adequate and will be put on a 4 to 6 year rotation. He will have a new proposal at the next sheriffs meeting.
- **Appoint DRB member:** Discussion. Motion by Belinda to appoint Chad Roy to finish out one of the terms. Seconded by Mike. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against. The DRB is still lacking in membership.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **LCPC request for comments – “substantial regional impacts” to regional plan:** Linda explained that the 2nd and final hearing on the amendment will be held September 26th. Discussion. Mike took home to read and will email Eric a copy. Any input or comments will be discussed at the Board’s next meeting.
- **Information request – Tamarack Bridge:** An individual requested information on the Tamarack Bridge. Discussion. Belinda copied and sent her all the information that the town has.

Old Business:

- **Possible update on solar discussion for landfill – Michael:** Tabled. Mike is waiting to receive a proposal.
- **Review final letter re: outdoor junk – Eric.** Kim will write the letter and have it in the mail this week because waiting until the next meeting would allow for too much time to lapse.
- **Update on Rex:** Belinda informed the Board that Rex, the rescued dog is adjusting well. Hopefully he will be placed in a home by the end of the year.

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Belinda to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against.

The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Mason