

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
December 20, 2017

Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Eric Furs, Michael Davison, Richard Lee, Kim Gravel  
Members Absent: None  
Public: Dan Noyes, Matt Hill, Carroll Lawrence & friend  
Reporter: None

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Eric called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Amendments to the Agenda:**

- **Town Hall Permit:** Motion by Eric to approve Tammy Carpenter's request for a town hall permit on December 30, 2017 with the fee waived. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **2017 Equalization Study Results:** Discussed. Properties in Wolcott are selling for 2.16% higher than what they are listed at.
- **Mowing Contract:** Motion by Eric to approve the Blaisdell mowing contract for \$3500 for the moving season 2018. Seconded by Belinda. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. A proof of insurance was attached.
- **Health Department Information:** Discussion about doing a resolution regarding smoking. Tabled. Belinda will forward this attachment to the rest of the Board.
- **Camp Wapanaki Historic Marker:** Discussed. No objections or concerns from the Board.

**Representatives Dan Noyes & Matt Hill:** Dan & Matt appeared before the Board to hear any concerns that the Board has before the session starts. Eric questioned the two about available funds for highway water runoff. The representatives explained that they will be working on legislation to reduce the education tax, new inspection laws and security surrounding technology. Early childhood education was also discussed. The Board will start an email chain with both Dan & Matt to keep in touch.

**Carroll Lawrence – Concerns:** Carroll Lawrence appeared before the Board to discuss Boulder Corners Lane which is now Little Dirt Road. This is a private road off from Brook View Lane. He explained his frustration with the name change of the road since he spent a lot of time and money on making the road. The Board explained that the original sub divider, Mrs. Barnett authorized the name change. He also talked about the fact that the overhang on the house that was built on lot #9 and it is in the right of way. Belinda explained that this is now in litigation between the home owner and builder. Carroll also informed the Board that the excavator that worked on lot #9 tore up five survey pins along the road that he wants replaced. He also explained that problems with lot #9 have defaced the value of a lot of his that he has been trying to sell. The Board explained that they do not have the authority to have the operator of the excavator put back the pins. The Board explained that they currently have an interim Zoning Administrator but will find out if any action was taken by Tom.

**Planning Commission – Selectboard Comments on Draft of Town Plan:** The Planning Commission did not attend tonight’s meeting because the Selectboard did not make any comments to the draft of the Town Plan. The Board will review the draft again and will forward any comments to the Planning Commission before their meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Franklin Nutt & Jeff Harris – C4 Road Issues:** Franklin and Jeff were present for this discussion. Belinda recued herself as a Selectboard member. Franklin provided a copy of the rights of a right of way owner. Discussion. Jeff was asked not to plow snow into Franklin’s access of his property and Franklin was told not to park in the road. The Board will visit the road in the spring to view the water bars that Mr. Nutt states are creating a difficulty for Mr. Nutt to access his property. The Board will review the statues and will ask Mr. Nutt to return if needed, otherwise, Mr. Nutt will call to be put on the agenda in the spring.

**Approve Minutes of December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Motion by Eric to approve the minutes as read with the change of Nous to Novus under Amendments, Spread Sheet with Three Proposals to Develop Solar Landfill, line 5 and under Budget Hearings under Town remove the m on line 3. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

**Comments from the Community:** Kim asked about the order to remove the junk at Fred Tourangeau’s on Route 15 in Wolcott village. Belinda explained that John Ross from the LCSD is going to help write the ticket for the violation for Court.

**New Business:**

- **Report from School Board Meeting on Preschool Lease:** Michael attended the last school board meeting and stated that the school is unsure of what they plan to do with the preschool. He said that \$7500 is in their budget for the rent of the Depot building. The library was not discussed.
- **Review & Discuss Warning for Town Meeting:** The Board will review & discuss the Warning for Town Meeting at their meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Review & Set Schedule for Final Budget & Warning:** The Board will review and set the schedule for the final budget and Warning at their next meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Belinda will forward the finalized budget to the rest of the Board for their review.
- **Generator Maintenance Agreement:** Motion by Kim to sign the generator maintenance agreement to be performed for one annual visit. Seconded by Mike. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

**Old Business:**

- **School Street Water Update:** N.A. Manosh repaired the leak for \$1200 and the town reimbursed Phil Teale in the amount of \$24 for hay bales.
- **Solar Discussion – Continued if Needed:** Discussion. Motion by Belinda to sign the agreement with Encore. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

- **Purchase & Sale Agreement – Progress:** There has been no word from Brian Burgess regarding the Purchase & Sale agreement.

**Review Correspondence:**

- **Sign Payroll Orders:** Signed.
- **Communications Budget Meeting 12/21/17:** Discussion. Belinda will attend the meeting. She informed the Board that there is no control over the 2.7% increase in the dispatch budget.
- **November LCSD Report:** Reviewed.
- **Lamoille County Final Budget Meeting – 1/16/18:** Belinda will be attending this meeting. She informed the Board that the budget is down \$2000.
- **Lamoille Rail Trail Newsletter & Financial Request:** Reviewed.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Eric to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason.