

# Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes May 16, 2018

Members Present: Eric Furs, Kimberly Gravel, Michael Davidson, Richard Lee  
Members Absent: Jennifer Holton-Clapp  
Public: Bernard Earle, Deborah Klein, DJ Masi, Deborah Fagnant, Evelyne Pepin, Bill Farley, Sonja Ennis, Chad Roy, Kurt Klein  
Reporter: None

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

## Amendments to the Agenda:

- Tom Cote is seeking a lease to access his land by the bridge on North Wolcott Road. Motion by Eric to enter into the one-year lease beginning May 1, 2018 for \$10, with the understanding that the deed and any restrictions will be complied with. Motion amended by Eric to add assuming this lease is a renewal of what has been done previously by the Board. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor. 0 opposed. Eric signed the lease and DJ Masi signed as Witness.
- Eric added as an item an email he had received from Josh Ventrice concerned about Listers coming to his property at 789 Baldwin Brook Road. Deborah Klein spoke on behalf of the Listers. Eric tabled the matter until the next meeting asking that Tom Martin, Deb Klein, Linda Martin, and most likely Belinda Clegg be present.

**Richard Woolcutt Road - Condition:** DJ Masi wished to follow-up with discussions he has had with the Board and the Wolcott Town Highway Department regarding culverts near his property on Richard Woolcutt Road. DJ was joined by four others also living along this road who expressed their concerns regarding the condition and maintenance of the road year round. DJ would like to have a short-term fix in place before winter, and would like to see a plan for a long-term fix. DJ, Deborah, Evelyne, Bill and Sonja presented ideas for how the road can be improved. All would like to provide input prior to any work being done. Eric will meet with Skip prior to the next meeting to identify areas of concern. The Board and members of the Highway Department will meet to view Richard Woolcutt Road right before the next Selectboard meeting on June 20. All neighbors are welcome to be present.

## Comments from the Community:

- Bernard wished to follow-up on the status of Curtis Lanphere housing and grazing his animals on Town property that is adjacent to Lanphere's. At the January 3, 2018 meeting, the Board asked that the Listers determine the boundaries of the properties involved. The out building could be moved if necessary or a discussion could be had regarding his leasing the Town land. Lanphere never responded to the letter sent by the Listers. Motion by Kim to draft another letter to Lanphere stating he has 45 days from receipt of the letter to remove the out building and animals from Town property or enter into a lease of the property for \$10 per year that would address out buildings

and hold the Town harmless. Said letter to be sent certified mail and also hand delivered to Lanphere by Bernard. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 4 in favor. 0 opposed.

- Bernard was advised that any complaints he may receive about the treatment or condition of animals needs to be addressed by the State Department of Agriculture or the Humane Society.
- Chad Roy indicated the Schoolhouse Committee met on May 3. Chad stated that since the Committee is committed to saving the building, they voted to not research the cost of tear down and remediation. Michael stated the Board will take that on but that the next step will be to put before the Town hard numbers for restoration. Chad assured the Board the Committee is committed to moving forward.
- Kurt Klein wished to follow-up on the status of amending the Wolcott Municipal Ordinance on Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles. The Board has copies of complaints that have been received by the Town Office. Complaints will be on file, and copies will be provided to the Committee for action. Kurt will talk with Belinda to ensure the Board receives the email addresses of those on the Committee so everyone can stay in the loop. Motion by Kim to hold a public hearing at the Selectboard meeting on June 20 for comments and concerns for the Ordinance revision changing the word “four” to “two” relating to junk motor vehicles, with notice posted in Front Porch Forum, on the Town website, and placed on the Agenda. Motion amended to include notice in the official newspaper as well. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 4 in favor. 0 opposed. Sixty days after adoption, the amended Ordinance will go into effect.

**Approve Minutes of May 2:** Reviewed. Minutes amended under Amendments to the Agenda regarding the lease with Magic Garden Waldorf School “monthly rent of \$500 per month” agreed upon for the first year.... Motion by Eric to approve Minutes as amended. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 4 in favor. 0 opposed.

#### **New Business:**

- **List of Delinquent Dog Owners and Warrant:** Bernard reported there are currently 32 dogs not licensed. Motion by Eric to sign document authorizing Bernard Earle to seize and impound unlicensed dogs living in Wolcott. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor. 0 opposed.
- **Consultant to design North Wolcott Road emergency repairs:** Motion by Kim granting permission to the Town to seek bids for a consultant to design the North Wolcott Road emergency repairs, in the event Rob Moore is unable to do so with Jim Cota. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor. 0 opposed.

- **Revised Financial Reports:** Copies of Financial Reports were provided to the Board.
- **Fee Increase - Recycling:** Chittendon Solid Waste increased their tipping fee for recycling from \$21/ton to \$50/ton as of May 1, 2018. Richard will research trash prices being charged by surrounding Towns for different sized bags.
- **Elaine Badger - request:** In past summers, Elaine has mowed at the base of Four Wheel Drive, which is Town property, since it is adjacent to her property located on North Wolcott Road. This area has been damaged during the winter from plowing. Should this area be repaired, Elaine will again mow it when she mows her own property. Motion by Eric to have the Board grant him permission to talk to Skip about fixing that area at the base of Four Wheel Drive as long as Skip feels the work is reasonable based on time and money. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor. 0 opposed.
- **Picnic Tables:** Bernard reported that at the end of last summer the chains were cut on two picnic tables and the tables and chains were stolen from the North Wolcott ball field. There are two picnic tables remaining. The Board advised Bernard to not put any tables at the North Wolcott ball field this year.

#### **Review Correspondence:**

- **Review & Approve Pre-approved Payroll Orders:** Reviewed and signed.
- **Town Hall Permit:** The Board discussed a request by Pam Peck to rent tables and chairs from Town Hall on June 15 and 16 for a graduation party. Discussion included having Bernard check tables and chairs prior to rental and upon their return. Tables and chairs need to be returned in good and clean condition. It was suggested there be a \$25 refundable deposit for renting of the tables and chairs included in the agreement. Belinda is to email to Eric tomorrow a copy of the rental agreement for the Town Hall so Eric can revise it to create an agreement pertaining to tables and chairs that can then be reviewed by a lawyer. Motion by Eric to allow him to create a one-page agreement allowing Pam's request that includes an inventory, addresses cleaning, and the deposit, which can be signed by anyone at the Town Office on behalf of the Board; and asking that the Town Hall Rental Agreement be emailed to Eric so a more formal Town of Wolcott table and chair agreement can be created for review by David Polow. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 4 in favor. 0 opposed.
- **Request from the Wolcott UMC:** The Wolcott United Methodist Church would like to rent the Town Hall on June 30 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a strawberry shortcake supper and silent auction. Further, the Church would like to have a waiver of the rental fee and security deposit. Motion by Kim to waive the rental fee and security deposit for the Wolcott UMC to use Town Hall on June 30. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor. 0 opposed.

- **Lamoille County Sheriff's Department April Report:** Reviewed.
- **Conservation Easement Violation:** The Board discussed a conservation easement violation on Amy's property. Amy had granted permission for Gravel Construction to enter her field when ice was removed from the river. Water is now in her field. The direction of the river has changed. Eric asked that Linda clarify what the Board needs to do, or who they are to contact regarding this issue.
- **Citizen Complaints:** These complaints were addressed during the discussion regarding the Ordinance Committee.

**Executive Session:** Motion by Richard to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 4 in favor. 0 opposed. Selectboard entered into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. Motion by Eric to adjourn Executive Session at 8:32. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor. 0 opposed. No action taken.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein

*The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2018*

