

# Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes October 3, 2018

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Please see future Minutes for approval of these Minutes.

Members Present: Eric Furs, Kimberly Gravel, Michael Davidson, Jennifer Holton-Clapp,  
Richard Lee  
Town Employees: Belinda Clegg, Bernard Earle  
Public: Bill Cotten, Kurt Klein, John Wheeler, Larry Bohannon, Harvey Reed  
Reporter: Doug McClure, *Hardwick Gazette*

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Eric called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Amendments to the Agenda:** Motion by Eric to add School Street Bridge discussion to the Agenda. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Selectboard received an email from Lamoille County Conservation District (LCCD) providing additional information regarding a grant to address flood repairs along North Wolcott Road. Matching funds would be provided by VTrans. There would be no cost to the Town. Motion by Eric to prepare a Letter of Support for the grant. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Eric read what he posted on Front Porch Forum regarding the Selectboard's Special Meeting held on September 26, 2018 regarding the School Street Bridge. The Selectboard received an email from Tyler Billingsley, with East Engineering. The survey for the temporary bridge has been completed. Work will begin on abutments and permit applications. Choices for a temporary bridge from VTrans include: a single 11' bridge; a 13-14' extra-wide bridge; or two 11' pieces for a two-lane bridge. The Selectboard will submit a request form to VTrans for a temporary bridge.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Eric to approve the Minutes of the September 19, 2018 and the September 26, 2018 Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Comments from the Community:** None.

**Larry Bohannon - Violation Letter:** The Selectboard discussed with Bohannon the complaint received pursuant to the Junk Ordinance regarding his property on West Hill Road. Bohannon agreed to move two large pieces of equipment within two weeks so they are not visible from the road. Motion by Eric to suspend the violation of the Junk Ordinance and allow two weeks for the equipment to be moved so Bohannon will be in compliance. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

## **BUDGET HEARINGS:**

**Cemetery Association:** Harvey Reed submitted a written budget request in the amount of \$11,000, which is the same amount as last year. Wolcott has six cemeteries. The biggest expense is mowing. Last year the Association entered into a three-year mowing bid. Motion by Eric to approve the Cemetery Association budget request for \$11,000. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Health Officer/Animal Control Officer:** Bernard Earle serves as both Health Officer and Animal Control Officer. Bernard is hired by the State to serve as Health Officer, but is paid by the Town of Wolcott. Bernard made an oral request for the same amount as budgeted last year for Health Officer, and an increase of \$100 for mileage over last year's budget for Animal Control Officer. Motion by Eric to approve the Health Officer budget request in the same amount as last year on condition that Bernard submit a written request. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion by Eric to approve the Animal Control Officer budget request with an increase of \$100 over that of last year's budget, on condition that Bernard submit a written request. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Forest Fire Warden:** The Selectboard reviewed a letter submitted by Arlo Sterner with a budget request of \$800, the same amount as last year. Motion by Richard to approve the request of \$800. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Transfer Station - Discussion:** There is a need to educate folks on what can be recycled. Plastic bags are not to go into the recycle bin. Belinda will order signs for the various containers at the transfer station for clarification. A pamphlet will be made up for those working at the transfer station as a handy reference. It should also state that construction debris cannot be recycled.

#### **New Business:**

**Radar Speed Signs:** Michael updated the Selectboard on the status of the two free solar radar speed signs. The signs will be obtained through the Sheriff's Office. The only cost to the Town is for an electrician to install them. Discussion ensued regarding placement. Motion by Eric for the Town to obtain and install two solar radar speed signs with one being placed on North Wolcott Road and the other on Town Hill Road. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Dog Ordinance:** Michael pointed out that the Town's Dog Ordinance needs to be updated. Michael suggested the Town adopt an Ordinance similar to the one used in Johnson and Hyde Park. Michael will also get input from citizens who have recently addressed concerns with the Dog Ordinance to the Selectboard. Motion by Eric for Michael to engage with Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) for a legal review of the proposed Animal Control Ordinance. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Insurance Renewal:** Motion by Michael to continue gathering information for renewal of insurance for Town properties. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Errors & Omissions Request:** The Selectboard reviewed a letter submitted by the Listers. Motion by Eric to accept the change to the Grand List as requested. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Annual Employee Review:** Michael will check with VLCT, Johnson, and Hyde Park to help determine best practices for the Town to follow.

**Internal Procedure for Junk Ordinance:** Jenn handed out a flow chart entitled, Ordinance Complaint/Concern Procedure that can be utilized for both the Junk Ordinance and the Animal Control Ordinance. The Selectboard will review.

**Review & Sign Pre-approved Orders:** Completed.

**Old Business:** The matter of the Lanphere lease was tabled.

**Review Correspondence:**

A VLCT workshop on municipal employment law will be held November 14 in Fairlee. Selectboard members will check to see who can attend.

Michael will take part in a webinar on Wednesday regarding the electric vehicle charging station grant. Bruce Wheeler will take part as well.

Mary Corley Harris sent a letter to the Town thanking Skip for the work the Highway Department did on Corley Road.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Eric to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein.

*The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2018*