

# Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes September 19, 2018

All Minutes are draft until approved by the Selectboard.  
Please see future Minutes for approval of these Minutes.

Members Present: Eric Furs, Kimberly Gravel, Michael Davidson, Richard Lee, Jennifer Holton-Clapp  
Town Employees: Linda Martin, Belinda Clegg  
Public: Pat Thompson, Vernon Thompson, Daniel C. Moseley, Amy Davidson, Kurt Klein, Linda Brady, Monica Cross, Jim Robert, Bill Cotten, Chad Roy, Maria Stadtmueller, Bruce Wheeler, Don Lowell, Dolly Holton, Dan Noyes  
Guest: Ryan Murphy, Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC)

---

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

**Amendments to the Agenda:** A request was received to rent Town Hall for a joint fundraiser by Wolcott UM Church and Ballet Wolcott for a Harvest Supper on November 3, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. No alcohol will be served. Motion by Eric to approve the request with the fee being waived. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Request to Reclassify Reed Road - Process:** *[Kim recued herself for this agenda item.]* Reed Road is currently a town road of which .10 mile is Class 3 and .45 mile is Class 4. The request is to have the Class 4 section reclassified to a Class 3, that a turnaround be created, and the Town maintains the road. After speaking with attorney Dick Sargent, Linda Martin reported the procedure for reclassifying a road which is covered by State Statute. The Selectboard may act on its own, or may proceed with a Petition containing names of at least five percent of legal voters. The law also requires that a date and time be set to examine the road, with thirty day notice, sent by certified mail, to anyone whose land abuts the road. The Selectboard would then be required to hold a public hearing to take comments. Notice of that meeting must be published in the newspaper at least ten days prior to the hearing. The Selectboard would then make a decision. Mr. Sargent told Linda there are two ways for a turnaround to be created on the road: 1) by written easement, or 2) the property could be given to the Town. Either way, a survey would have to be done.

The last road to be reclassified as a Town road was Apixia Way. Discussion included concern for adding workload to the Highway Department. Motion by Eric to examine Reed Road on Saturday, November 3 at 10:00 a.m., with the public hearing scheduled during the Selectboard meeting on Wednesday, November 7, which begins at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Municipal Planning Grant:** Ryan Murphy, GIS Planner with LCPC, informed the Selectboard of an opportunity to take part in a grant that could potentially result in reduced flood insurance premiums. LCPC would serve as the agent for the grant. No cash match is involved. The Town would get a report stating any savings that might be available. The Selectboard could then decide how to proceed. Motion by Eric for the Selectboard to sign the document presented for the Town to be included in the grant. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Eric asked that the word “homeowner’s” be stricken from the second paragraph under Old Business. Motion by Eric to approve the Minutes of the September 5, 2018 Minutes as amended. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Comments from the Community:** Maria Stadtmueller, East Hill Road, informed the Selectboard that East Hill Road is littered with trash. She would like to see signs posted reminding folks not to litter, and have fines imposed. The position of the Sheriff’s Department is it is difficult to enforce littering. Eric will contact Dan Noyes to inquire about any State program, and will talk with Skip in the Highway Department. Chad Roy, Cross Road, added that his road often becomes the dumping ground for animal carcasses.

**Junk Ordinance Review Committee:** The Town has received multiple complaints from citizens about properties that appear to violate the Junk, Junk Vehicle, and Solid Waste Ordinance. The Review Committee confirmed what was reported. Letters will be sent by certified mail to landowners informing them of the violation. The State is working with a couple other landowners in Town on junk-related issues. Motion by Eric to sign the letters on behalf of the Selectboard. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Schoolhouse Restoration Committee:** The full Committee was present to follow-up on the request to get a Letter of Support from the Town to be included with their Historical Preservation Grant application due October 1. Monica Cross presented a 26-page document, “Timeline & Responses,” which she reviewed with the Selectboard. Eric indicated the document will be made a part of the public record.

Michael reminded Monica that he had offered to meet with her at Town Offices the night before, but she did not take the opportunity. Concerns were expressed about stringent historic preservation standards being imposed through this grant. It was also brought up that the building needs a new roof. One taxpayer expressed concern that only a small number of residents attend the Selectboard meetings, and if there is going to be a big capital project, taxpayers need an idea of the cost. As part of the 2016 Old Schoolhouse Assessment, the architect’s report with cost breakdowns can be accessed on the Town’s website. The Selectboard was pleased to hear expressed that Wolcott’s Glee Merritt Kelley Community Library could be housed in the restored building instead of at the Elementary School. The Survey Monkey questionnaire that was started two years ago can still be accessed on the Town’s website [Community Resources].

Motion by Jenn for the Selectboard to provide a Letter of Support to the Committee to be included in their grant application. If awarded, money for the Town’s portion of roof repairs could come from undesignated funds in the General Fund. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 3 in favor, 2 opposed.

#### **New Business:**

The Selectboard reviewed and signed pre-approved orders.

The Selectboard congratulated Rev. Pat Thompson for the placement of the Wolcott UM Church on the State Register of Historic Places. Rev. Pat indicated they will also apply to be on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Old Business:** Motion by Eric to table the matter of the Lanphere lease until the next meeting. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Review Correspondence:**

LCSD activity report for August reviewed.

The Selectboard was invited to attend a Lamoille Economic Development Corporation luncheon.

Kee Gillen was appointed Town Coordinator for 2019 Green Up Day.

The Selectboard noted that budget requests have gone out.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Eric to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Seconded by Michael.

Voting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein.

*The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2018*