

Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes January 16, 2019

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

Present: Kimberly Gravel, Michael Davidson, Richard Lee, Jennifer Holton-Clapp
Absent: Eric Furs
Town Employees: Linda Martin, Deb Klein, Tom Martin
Public: Kurt Klein, Bill Cotten
Reporter: Doug McClure, *Hardwick Gazette*

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

Amendments to the Agenda:

Zoning: Zoning Administrator, Tom Martin, reported an application was received from the owners of the North Wolcott Country Store for a conditional use permit. The owners wish to rent out U-Haul trailers to raise revenues, or they may have to close the store. The owners requested the standard conditional use fee of \$125 either be waived or reduced. Motion by Richard to waive the \$125 conditional use fee for the application, but to require the standard \$10 recording fee. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Tom followed up with the Selectboard on the “camp” or, tiny house, located on Cross Road for which a complaint had been received. Kim read into the record the written document from Tom on this issue. Currently there is no septic system, but there is a composting toilet. Future plans of the resident include water and septic on the property, but winter came too soon. Bill expressed a concern that everyone play by the same rules and follow State laws regarding properties designated as camps. Tom will continue to follow up.

Bill suggested that according to Wolcott Zoning Regulation 4.08 Abandoned Uses, it would appear the conditional use permit for the New & Used Shop along the south side of Vt. Rt. 15 should be cancelled. Tom stated the permit for the business is no longer valid and the store could not reopen. Tom will send a letter to the individual who originally obtained the permit stating the permit is invalid.

Vet fees for abused dog: Matter was tabled at the request of Bernard Earle, Animal Control Officer.

CAI Technologies GIS Mapping: Franco Rossi, President of CAI Technologies, gave a presentation and answered questions on the tax mapping services his company provides, including GIS (intelligent) online mapping. CAI works with local and regional governments in designing and implementing online mapping information that can be accessed by the public from any computer. The program is user friendly allowing anyone to easily obtain the information they are seeking. Online access to tax map, zoning, and lister information from any computer would provide 24 hour access to Wolcott residents and others who rely on this information. It would also improve the efficiency of the Town Clerk and Assistant Clerk by cutting down on interruptions. CAI currently provides online mapping services to Elmore, Hyde Park, Hardwick, Johnson, Eden, and hundreds of other towns in Vermont.

Lister Budget: Listers, Deb Klein and Tom Martin, presented a written budget request for 2019-2020. Discussion. Motion by Richard to move \$300 from the Training line item and \$338 from the Tax Mapping line item of the Lister's 2018-2019 budget to the Salary and Mileage line item to provide for raises to \$12 and \$17 beginning March 1, 2019. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 2 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion did not carry. The lister budget will be considered at a future, special meeting.

Comments from the Community: Claudia Gohl communicated to the Selectboard on January 15 that the signage for the one-way traffic over the School Street bridge is insufficient.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Michael to approve the Minutes of the January 2, 2019 Selectboard meeting as written. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Town & Highway Budget: To be considered at a future, special meeting.

Draft Warning for Town Meeting: Motion by Kim to include Article 5 in the Warning that would create a capital reserve fund with a balance of \$20,000. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

New Business:

Town Hall Permits:

Motion by Kim to approve rental for February 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a birthday party where alcohol will be served, with additional \$100 fee and certificate of insurance. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion by Richard to approve rental for February 2 from 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a birthday party where alcohol will not be served. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion by Richard to approve rental for January 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. where alcohol will not be served. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Review and Sign Orders: Done.

Application for Approved Location of Salvage Yard: Motion by Richard to accept and sign the application. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Certificate of Substantial Completion: The Certificate of Substantial Completion for the School Street temporary bridge was signed by the engineer. Motion by Kim for the Selectboard to agree that the temporary bridge is complete, and to sign the Certificate. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Certificate of Highway Mileage: Matter tabled until the February 2, 2019 meeting. If the Reed Road easement is completed by that date, Reed Road can be added to total highway mileage for reimbursement.

Old Business: Michael reported the new Dog Ordinance has been written, and was approved by Vermont League of Cities and Towns legal department. Motion by Michael to accept the Dog Ordinance and start the warning process. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Review Correspondence: Lamoille County Sheriff's Department report for December received.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Kim to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Seconded by Michael.
Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein

Special Selectboard Meeting scheduled for January 22, 2019

The next regular Selectboard Meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2019