

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes  
April 1, 2020**

Phone conference - 6:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

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

Present: Kim Gravel, Mike Davidson, Linda Martin, Kurt Klein  
Richard Lee (joined at 6:30 p.m.)  
Employees: Belinda Clegg, Lucien Gravel, Bernard Earle, Deborah Klein  
Public: Bill Cotten  
Reporter: Doug McClure, *Hardwick Gazette*

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Kim called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Amendments to the Agenda:**

A discussion of winter sand bids will be added to Number 6 on the Agenda, Highway Commissioner Report. The positions of Fire Warden and Deputy Fire Warden will be discussed under Number 9, Officers Appointed by Selectboard 2020.

**Approve Minutes of February 19, March 20, and March 23, 2020:**

Motion by Mike to approve the Minutes of March 20, and March 23, 2020 as written. Seconded by Kurt. Roll call vote: 4 in favor (Richard not present).

Motion by Richard to approve the Minutes of February 19, 2020 as written. Seconded by Mike. Roll call vote: Richard, Mike and Kim, yes. Linda and Kurt abstain. Motion carried.

**Comments from the Community:** None

**Wolcott Covid-19 Operations Policy:**

The board reviewed a document addressing proposed changes to the operations for different departments within the Town. The board's intent is to protect the safety of employees and citizens of Wolcott during the pandemic. The Town Office and the Town garage are closed to the public. The only persons allowed inside are authorized employees. Employees are to work in shifts when possible. The public may communicate with Town employees by phone and email. Services will slow down, but it is hoped the public will be patient during this crisis.

The Transfer Station will remain open on Saturdays from 9:00 until 1:00. For safety reasons, payment should be in the form of a check or exact change. The Transfer Station will be closed on Sundays.

All committee/commission meetings are cancelled. The Selectboard will continue to meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month via phone. The public can access the call-in number on the Town website.

Burn permits are suspended. The library is closed to the public. The librarian may be contacted to inquire about curb service.

Other topics included in the document were discussed, with some amendments being made. Motion by Richard to accept the Interim Operational Directive as amended, to remain in effect until rescinded. Seconded by Mike. Roll call vote: All 5 in favor.

**Highway Commissioner Report:**

Lucien has gathered pricing for winter sand. The Town Clerk will seek sealed bids from vendors. The board reviewed bids for diesel fuel. Motion by Linda to accept the bid for diesel fuel submitted by Bourne's at the fixed rate. Seconded by Richard. Roll call vote: All 5 in favor. The newest member of the road crew is Joey Hoadley.

Lucien discussed with the board ongoing projects from the Halloween storm. Motion by Linda to retain Wilson Consulting Engineers to seek bids for the Federal Aid Highway projects. Seconded by Richard. Roll call vote: Linda, Mike, Richard, and Kurt, yes. Kim abstained. Motion by Linda to retain Wilson Consulting Engineers for the Brook Road project. Seconded by Richard. Roll call vote: All 5 in favor.

Lucien will get an idea of what it would cost to repave North Wolcott road in the event that federal highway grant monies become available.

The turnaround on Reed Road will be completed this summer. Motion by Linda for the Highway Department to repair damage done to the Class 4 section of Reed Road past the turnaround that the Town has been using. Seconded by Mike. Roll call vote: Linda, Kurt, Richard, and Mike, yes. Kim recused herself.

**Town Clerk Report:**

The tax sale scheduled for April 14 is cancelled. It will be rescheduled once the attorney feels it is safe to do so.

New email addresses have been created for the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, and Zoning Administrator.

The P & L, and Treasurer's Report will be discussed along with budget issues at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

**Transfer Station:** The Department of Corrections (DOC) is no longer providing helpers to assist the Transfer Station attendant.

**Budget Discussion:** Tabled. A special meeting will be scheduled for April 8.

**Town Administrator/Scribe:** Tabled to the next meeting.

**Green Up Vermont:** The State has postponed the cleanup day until May 30.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Officers Appointed by Selectboard 2020:** Bernard asked that he replace Arlo Sterner as Fire Warden, and that Arlo replace Bernard as Deputy Fire Warden. The board discussed other possible personnel changes.

**Meetings with Lamoille Co. Sheriff:** Joint meetings with Johnson and Hyde Park have not yet started.

**Debris on North Wolcott ball field:** Kim reported that the DOC has suspended all work crews at this point, but would be happy to assist with this project once they are up and going again. Linda spoke with an individual who could cut the trees into log lengths and move to a pile. A log truck could then be hired for removal. The matter will be discussed later.

**Driveway permit:** Board members will review the current permit. Tabled to a later meeting.  
**Eviction - Town property on East Hill Road:** The matter is proceeding.

**Correspondence:** Reviewed.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Richard to adjourn. Seconded by Mike. Roll call vote: All 5 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

*Special Selectboard meeting - April 8, 2020*  
*Next regular Selectboard meeting - April 15, 2020*

*Phone in information available on Town website*