

**Wolcott Special Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes  
May 27, 2020**

Conference call - 6:00 p.m.

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Present: Kim Gravel, Mike Davidson, Kurt Klein, Linda Martin  
Absent: Richard Lee  
Employees: Belinda Harris Clegg, Lucien Gravel, Dillan Cafferky, Chan Judd, Bernard Earle, Deborah Klein  
Public: Casey Lyon, Bill Cotten, Jim Paradee, Mike Shedd  
Reporter: Doug McClure, *Hardwick Gazette*

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

**Amendments to the Agenda:** Notification of the closure of North Wolcott Road for two weeks beginning June 9 will be published in the *Hardwick Gazette* and *The Chronicle* as well as in the *News & Citizen*.

**Comments from the Community:** None

**Town Hill washout quotes:** Two quotes were received by the Highway Department for the repair work. The work will be done by Adam Allen starting May 28.

**Truck purchase or repair:** The board reviewed three quotes regarding replacement or repair of the 2013 tandem truck. One of the quotes is from Viking Cives to repair the existing body, rear/side hinges, and replace spinner/chute assembly for \$9,000. Motion by Kurt to proceed with the repair of the truck with Viking for \$9,000. Seconded by Mike. Roll call vote: All 4 in favor. A list of additional repairs needed will be submitted to a different truck repair shop for a cost estimate. The board will then review that estimate. The work will need to be completed before winter.

**Condition of grader, repairs/risk of replacement:** The grader is 21 years old and is in need of repair. The engine needs to be replaced. A new grader could cost \$300,000. Repairs could run \$10,000 to \$15,000. Estimates will be obtained for the board to review.

**Inventory & repair log:** The Highway Department has a spreadsheet listing all of its equipment. Added to the spreadsheet will be the anticipated year of replacement for each item. This will help the Selectboard plan for future expenditures.

**Road work schedule:** Work on the Town Hill washout will begin May 28. Work on Brook Road will begin June 8. Repairs to the North Wolcott Road will begin June 9. It is anticipated the road will be closed for two weeks. The Foreman will attempt to provide a weekly report listing the work the crew plans to do. Appreciation was expressed for the work the road crew is doing.

**Overtime:** Overtime is not to be incurred unless there are extenuating circumstances. Typically in the summer, overtime is allowed only with approval of the Selectboard chair.

**Road Commissioner and FEMA documentation:** The road commissioner position is not fully budgeted for the next fiscal year. It is hoped that most of the FEMA work will be done by July 1. The culvert on Brook Road should be completed next spring. Dillon is overseeing the road crew more now. Currently, Dillan is the only one operating the grader, but he will train the rest of the crew. The board does not want Dillan, as Foreman, to get bogged down with administrative work along with road crew work. The board will need to look at getting a Selectboard Assistant.

**Animal Control Officer:** Mike Shedd submitted his resignation as Animal Control Officer effective immediately. There were reported threats against Mike and his family's well-being. The Sheriff's Office was notified. Mike was thanked for his service. The board is sorry for the negative treatment he and his family received. Another individual has expressed interest in the position. An interview will be conducted. Until there is a replacement, animal related calls can be directed to the Lamoille County Sheriff's Office.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Mike to adjourn. Seconded by Linda. Roll call vote: All 4 in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein

*Next regular Selectboard meeting - June 3, 2020*