

**Wolcott Special Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
July 24, 2020**

Wolcott Town Office - 12:00 Noon

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Present: Kim Gravel, Linda Martin, Kurt Klein
Absent: Michael Davidson, Richard Lee
Employees: Lucien Gravel

Kim called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon.

Amendments to the Agenda:

Man door for Highway Department: Options are to purchase a fiberglass door, or a steel door. The fiberglass door is more expensive but will not rust as the current steel door has. A fiberglass door can be purchased for \$356. The board will seek a contractor to measure, order, and install the door before winter.

Corley Road - discussion: There is currently a sign posted that says Road Closed where it turns into a Class 4 road. A deep ditch has been created that blocks public access to that portion of the road. The landowner who lives up the road has complained that he cannot access his property. The on-going neighbor dispute over this section of the road has previously been addressed by the board. The last agreement was that the neighbors would work with the Highway Department to ensure the road was passable, but would not wash out the driveway at the end of the Class 3 section. Lucien said in order to divert water, a water bar need only be about 6 to 8 inches in depth. Lucien will check on how the sign got posted on the road. The Highway Department will add stone to the ditch so it is passable. Once repaired, the sign will be removed. The concern is that a private citizen is altering Town property. It was suggested a cease and desist letter be sent. If the problem continues, the matter will be referred to the Sheriff's Department. Motion by Kurt to contact the Town attorney to send a cease and desist letter to Jeff Harris. Seconded by Linda. Voting: All 3 in favor.

Equipment lease: The lease agreements from Milton Caterpillar in Richmond for a grader and an excavator that were discussed at the July 15 meeting have been submitted to the Town attorney for review. It was suggested that upon approval of the attorney, the paperwork be signed right away and the order placed. The concern is that delivery may take four to six months from the time the order is placed. Motion by Linda to authorize Kurt Klein to sign the lease documents, pending approval from the attorney, and place the order with Milton Caterpillar for the grader and excavator. Seconded by Kurt. Voting: All 3 in favor.

Mowing of roadways: Lucien has requested that Claude Cross be hired by the Town at a rate of \$25 per hour for a period of one week for mowing of the roadways along Town roads. Lucien is also seeking approval for rental of a brush hog for 6 days, or 50 hours, from Pete's Repair for \$3,000 plus \$150 for moving the equipment. Motion by Linda to authorize signature of the rental agreement for the mower, and to hire Claude Cross as a temporary Town employee for up to 50

hours at a rate of \$25 per hour. A letter stating the rate of pay and hours will be prepared for Claude. Seconded by Kurt. Voting: All 3 in favor.

Petition regarding Junk Ordinance: At the August 5 meeting, the Selectboard will accept the Petition asking the Selectboard to vote to disapprove the recently adopted Junk Ordinance. The relevant State statute was discussed. Kurt is in contact with Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) on how to proceed. Discussion will continue at the August 5 meeting.

Voting by Mail: There is a marked increase in requests for mail in ballots this year. Putting together the packets to mail to voters is time consuming. This may put a strain on the Town Clerk and her Assistant. The board may wish to hire someone to assist putting packets together if needed.

Adjourn: Motion by Linda to adjourn. Seconded by Kurt. Voting: All 3 in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein

Next regular Selectboard meeting - August 5, 2020, 6:00 p.m.