

Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes September 16, 2020

Wolcott Town Office/Phone-in: 6:00 p.m.

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Present: Mike Davidson, Linda Martin, Kurt Klein, Richard Lee
Absent: Kim Gravel
Employees: Dillan Cafferky, Lucien Gravel, Belinda Harris Clegg, Deb Klein,
Tom Martin
Guest: Meghan Rodier, LCPC
Public: Randall Szott, Bill Cotten, Joe Cotten, Ryan Bjerke, Jim Robert

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

Randall Szott, Wolcott Town Administrator - "Meet & Greet"

Randall was introduced as Wolcott's Town Administrator, and he discussed his professional background. Randall stated he is looking forward to meeting the community, and adding value wherever he can. It is anticipated Randall will be present in Town Office two days per week, or otherwise available via phone or email. Randall may start work the first week of October, although it depends upon his current legislative schedule.

Meghan Rodier, LCPC: Local Hazard Mitigation Plan - discussion

Meghan discussed with the Selectboard and other Town officials present, questions that arose during the FEMA review process of the 2020 Wolcott Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Meghan stated she will incorporate into the plan the input she received. Once FEMA approves the plan, the Selectboard can review and formally adopt it. The present plan is effective through November 19, 2020.

Highway Department

- Dillan discussed with the board various options for repair or replacement of one of the plows. Discussion will continue at the October 7 meeting.
- The board had a brief discussion regarding possible reclassification of a couple roads.
- The Highway Department may purchase a couple of signs that could be posted indicating the locations of their turnarounds.
- Repair work was done on the 2013 truck at J & B. Discussion ensued regarding the purchase of a used truck body from Viking. Motion by Kurt to move forward with the purchase and installation of a used truck body from Viking on the 2013 truck. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All 4 in favor.
- The Town has a new excavator from Caterpillar. The one that had been in use was sold for \$10,000. The grader ordered from Caterpillar may arrive in February.
- The Highway Department's repair budget is \$18,000 over budget. The board will review the Department's budget and discuss possible changes at the October 7 meeting.
- The solar speed sign was stolen from its location on North Wolcott Road, but later recovered. Consideration will be given to reinstalling the sign, possibly at a different location.

Amendments to the Agenda

-Belinda presented to the board the annual service contract for the generator at Town Office. Motion by Linda to renew the annual one-year service contract on the generator for \$395 to be paid by October 10. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All 4 in favor.

-The Selectboard approved the changes to the Town Hall rental form.

Approve Minutes of September 2, 2020: Motion by Linda to approve the Minutes of September 2 as written. Seconded by Kurt. Voting: All 4 in favor.

Comments from the Community: None.

New Business:

Vermont Council on Rural Development - forum for Lamoille County: Linda reported that the Local Support & Community Action Team of the Governor's Economic Mitigation & Recovery Task Force, in coordination with the Vermont Council on Rural Development, is hosting Community Recovery Visits in Vermont. The Lamoille County COVID Recovery Visit will be September 24, 2020 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. To join the virtual forum to discuss strategies to aid COVID recovery, go to: vtrural.org/recovery.

Wolcott Town Administrator - office space: Office space will be created for Randall, and with necessary equipment and furniture provided.

Unfinished Business:

Repairs to Fire Station: Someone is needed to make some repairs to the exterior of the building before winter.

Eviction proceeding - property on East Hill Road: The matter is pending until a court date is set.

Transfer Station - update: Signs will be created instructing customers to check in with the attendant upon arrival, and listing what is accepted as recycling. There will be further discussion at the October 7 meeting.

Highway Access Policy - proposed: The Selectboard will review the Class 4 Highway and Trail Policy. Further discussion will take place at the October 7 meeting.

VT Department of Labor - unemployment claim(s): Kurt reported on his communications with the Vermont Department of Labor regarding unemployment claims and why the Town was not notified.

Correspondence:

Linda updated the board on the status of the Wastewater Solutions meeting.

Adjourn: Motion by Richard to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kurt. Voting: All 4 in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein

Next regularly scheduled meeting - October 7, 2020