

**Wolcott Litter & Junk Ordinance Committee**  
**Meeting**  
**April 1, 2021**

Zoom meeting: 5:00 p.m.

Present: Kurt Klein, Deb Klein, Linda Martin, John Wheeler, Kelly Quenneville,  
Randy Quenneville, Michelle Cortez Harkins, Rick Harkins, Barbara Conn

The meeting began at 5:03 p.m.

Kurt explained the Litter & Junk Ordinance Committee meeting is a public meeting and is subject to open meeting laws. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Town's website. Deb was asked to take minutes of tonight's meeting. Minutes of the Committee's meetings will be posted on the Town's website.

Those participating in tonight's meeting are invited to formally join the Committee. Other folks in town may wish to join as well. Nominations for officers will be needed. Kurt noted that the former Junk Ordinance Committee had met once each month. Litter and cleanup issues in Town are a function of the Committee. The Committee will address junk ordinance complaints as they come in and verify what has been reported. Kurt is registered with the Judicial Bureau as the enforcement officer. If necessary, Kurt would issue tickets, and follow up on complaints. The Committee will address illegal dumping in Town. The Lamoille County Sheriff's Office will be notified when necessary. A representative of the Committee should attend a Selectboard meeting at least once quarterly to report on the Committee's activities. The Committee may wish to address fundraisers and available grants. An important part of the Committee's work will involve public education and outreach. Education regarding recycling is needed. Hopefully education will deter littering and dumping. Outreach could include signage regarding illegal dumping.

Green Up day 2021 will be Saturday, May 1. Linda described how Green Up day has worked in the past. Typically the State distributes the green bags a couple of weeks ahead. The Green Up day chair is responsible for distribution of the bags. Bags that are filled that Saturday are left on the side of the road. Tires can be pulled from ditches and placed along side the road as well. The road crew will pick up the green bags and tires the following Monday and take to the transfer station. In the past there has been a pot luck lunch for participants. COVID restrictions prevent that type of event this year. Linda suggested several other options that would bring the community together to make this a successful cleanup event. Participants added suggestions on how those involved in the cleanup can be recognized as taking pride in their community. It was suggested there be provisions made for continued cleanup throughout the year. That may be a matter for the Selectboard to consider. There was discussion regarding expansion of deposits on bottles. Several suggestions were made on how to educate the public on cleanup issues.

The next meeting will be scheduled during the week of April 5, at which time officers will be elected. A link to the Zoom meeting will be posted on the Town's website.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Klein

