

**Wolcott Selectboard Special Meeting
Minutes
April 12, 2021**

Virtual meeting: 6:00 p.m.

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Present: Linda Martin, Kurt Klein, Allen Carpenter, Kurt Billings, Richard Lee
Employees: Randall Szott, Belinda Harris Clegg, Deb Klein
Public: Linda Brady, Diane Olson, Kee Gillen
Reporter: Doug McClure, *Hardwick Gazette*

Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

Comments from the Community: None.

New Business

Discuss alternative funding for the community garden at Town Library

Kee Gillen, Chair of the Recreation Committee, described for the board at the April 7 meeting the Committee's plan to use this year's appropriation to upgrade the diamond at the ball field, and to have a portable toilet set up for the season. The Athletic Association intends to use this year's appropriation to upgrade equipment. Neither group sought funds for the next fiscal year.

The board discussed funding options for the community garden that would allow the project to start in time for the beginning of the growing season. The board discussed the Sterling View revolving loan fund monies received this year. At the April 7 meeting, the board had moved \$1,671.09 of the proceeds to the capital fund. It was pointed out the revolving loan fund is not tax dollars. The board can designate the money to other areas. The raised beds for the community garden are considered a capital asset. Motion by Klein to move the \$1,671.09 from the capital reserve fund to the community garden project in the space behind the Library. Seconded by Lee. Voting: All in favor.

Discuss approval AARP grant proposal for park/garden at Town Library

Szott has been working on a grant application offered by AARP Community Challenge. The focus would be on creating a public space, or park-like area by the community gardens that would be used year round by citizens of all ages. Deb Klein provided an overview of how, if awarded, the grant monies could be used to transform the space behind the Library and how it could be tied in with the gazebo and the rail trail. The board had an opportunity to ask questions. The amount being sought is just under \$12,000. No matching funds required from the Town. The Selectboard unanimously approved going forward with the grant application.

Motion by Klein to adjourn. Seconded by Lee. Voting: All in favor. Adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Klein

Next regularly scheduled meeting - April 21, 2021