

Wolcott Litter & Solid Waste Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes October 29, 2021

Zoom meeting: 5:30 p.m.

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Present: Michelle Cortes-Harkins, John Wheeler, Rick Harkins, Kurt Klein,
Barbara Conn
Absent: Fay Lauber
Scribe: Deb Klein

Michelle Cortes-Harkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda: Discussion regarding the Committee's budget for 2022-2023 was added to New Business without objection.

Approve Minutes of September 30, 2021: Motion by Rick to approve the Minutes of September 30. Seconded by Kurt. Discussion: None. Voting: All in favor.

Comments from the Community/Correspondence:

- Kurt noted complaints were received about another property on Morey Hill Road. The property contains a mobile home that has a caved in roof.
- Kurt noted that complaints were received about a property on upper East Hill Road with empty mobile homes.
- Fay communicated to the committee her thanks for the work that is being done. She noted there is a new business along VT Rt.15, and wondered what efforts are being made to spruce up the downtown area. The committee will share with it's members the Planning Commission revitalization project report.

New Business

October Green Up Day - future dates: The consensus of the committee was that the event was a success. Michelle was working with 8 to 10 volunteers, including the Wolcott Girl Scouts. A token of appreciation for the Girl Scouts was discussed. Bags left on the roadside were picked up and taken to the Transfer Station. The fees for those bags are assessed to the committee. The State-wide Green Up day in the spring is the first Saturday in May. The committee will look at scheduling a fall clean up day on a Saturday in mid-October next year.

Don't Trash Wolcott Signage: The Don't Trash Wolcott road signs were again posted a couple of weeks ago. Reactions to the signs are quite favorable. A few signs are available at Town Office for anyone who wishes to post one on their property. Some signs were purchased to replace those that had been damaged or that disappeared. The signs will be collected about mid-November, and stored for use next spring.

Proposal to Selectboard for Bulk Item Trash Day: A proposal for a Bulk Item Trash Day will be included in the committee's overall budget proposal for the next fiscal year.

Budget 2022: The Litter Ordinance Committee budget proposal will be presented to the Selectboard at their November 3 meeting. The committee discussed the potential cost for a bulk item trash day. The committee will contact the individual who worked on the Craftsbury bulk item trash day to see what information and insights she can provide. Motion by Rick for the committee to submit a proposed budget for 2022-2023 for up to \$3,750. Seconded by John.
Voting: All in favor.

Solid Waste Complaints

-Morey Hill Road - update: So far, about \$300 in trash has been brought from this property to the Transfer Station per the agreement. Even so, citizen complaints are still being received on this property.

-VT Rt.15 Multifamily trash update: The committee will continue to monitor this property.

-Morey Hill Road - mobile home: Complaints have been received regarding a formerly abandoned mobile home, that now has a caved in roof. There may be a health issue. The committee will investigate and refer the matter if necessary.

-Upper East Hill Road: Complaints were received about two very old mobile home shells that were moved onto a property. The complainants consider the structures to be eye sores. The owner does not appear to be in violation of the Ordinance.

Open issues recorded prior to ordinance petition and COVID

-North Wolcott Road Illegal Junkyard: This matter was referred to the State pre-COVID. There is no update at this time. Fines have been referred to the Judicial Bureau for hearing.

-Flat Iron Road - Excessive junk cars visible from the road: This matter was referred to the State pre-COVID. No updates.

Adjourn: Motion by Michelle to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kurt. Voting: All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Klein