

Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
May 24, 2017
Rescheduled from May 17th

All minutes are draft until approved by the Selectboard;
Please check future minutes for approval of these minutes.

Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Richard Lee, Eric Furs, Kim Gravel, Michael Davison
Members Absent: None
Town Employees: Bernard Earle
Public: Melody Shirley-Eldred
Reporter: None

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Orders/ Sign:** Signed
- **Annual Financial Plan Review & Sign:** Discussion. Motion by Belinda to approve, sign and submit the annual financial plan to the state. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Road & Bridge Standards/ Sign:** Discussion. Motion by Belinda to sign as the town is in compliance with the road & bridge standards set by the state. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Agenda –School House Restoration Committee:** The Board reviewed the committee’s agenda for their meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 25th. The Board would like the Committee to put together specifications for the bids on the roof. Belinda will request that their minutes be emailed to each Selectboard member every month so they can be kept abreast of their work.
- **Review Unifirst Contract/Sign:** Belinda explained that this is a 5 year contract for uniforms for the highway department and mats for the town office. Motion by Kim to sign the contract. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Melody Shirley-Eldred: Ms. Shirley-Eldred appeared before the Board to explain that her mother has put her house up for sale which is located in the village on Route 15 (the second house from the Town Hall). The issue is the building adjacent to the house which used to sell used/new items and still has a lot of stuff outside and the front windows are full of items as is the entire inside. Belinda explained that Leonard Percy owns the property, but most of the items belong to Fred Tourangeau. Ms. Shirley-Eldred explained that who will pay for the removal of these items is also an issue. Also there is a dispute on where the fence is located. Ms. Shirley-Eldred asked the Board to enforce the junk ordinance that is in place. Discussion. Motion by Kim to review the ordinance and once a letter is approved by the Selectboard, it will be sent certified through the mail giving the Percy’s 30 days notice to clean up the outside “junk” that is on the property. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. A copy of this letter will be sent to the abutting land owners.

Minutes of May 3rd: Discussion. Change deadline under Chad Roy to June 14th from June 4th to place an advertisement for the new roof, under Comments, Greg asked about the rain garden, not

the area around the kiosk and what happened to it. Also, Belinda explained that several, not seven complaints had been received regarding the Richard-Wolcott Road grading and under Stream Alteration Permit to riprap not fill. Motion by Eric to approve the amended minutes. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Comments from the Community: Bernard informed the Board that the Bishop property on School Street has had complaints from residents that the garage is full of rubbish and has a bad odor and rats. Bernard took pictures and contacted the State. Bernard condemned the place. He has not heard from Cindy Bishop, who is now the current owner. He will be in contact with Barbour realty who is listing the property. Bernard also told the board that Ryan McCaull from the state visited David Tallman and Steve Perkins regarding their properties possibly being in violation of the state regulations. Bernard also mentioned that he will be receiving assistance from the LCSD with all of the unlicensed dogs.

New Business:

- **Award of Better Back Roads Grant:** Eric read a letter from the state awarding the town a grant for the ditching project on Sand Hill. Discussion.
- **June 30, 2017 Audit Agreement/sign:** Discussion. Motion by Eric to sign the audit agreement. Seconded by Michael. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Dog Warrant/Sign:** Discussion. Motion by Belinda to sign the warrant. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Old Business:

- **Transfer Station: Attendant Job Description, work schedule, other changes:** Lengthy discussion. The advertisement has been prepared. Michael & Richard will work on the job description. Richard will work this Saturday, May 27th and Michael will cover on Sunday, May 28th.
- **Draft thoughts on Landfill Solar RFP:** Discussion. Michael will be the point person for this. He will contact LCPC to help put out a request for bids on the leasing of the land. He will also contact Norwich Technologies to find out about their project and will report back to the Board.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **Ecosystem Restoration Grant Opportunities:** Discussion. No action taken at this time.
- **Completion of Energy-Saving Improvements at Garage:** Eric read a letter from Efficiency Vermont congratulating the town on the energy-saving improvements that have been completed at the town garage.
- **LCSD – April Monthly Report:** Reviewed.
- **Town Hall Permit:** Motion by Eric to approve the Coolbeth's graduation party permit to be held on June 17th with no alcohol. Seconded by Kim. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Road Condition Log:** Eric reported that a few calls had been received from residents on Lake Wapanaki & East Hill that the roads had been slippery.
- **Officer Appointed by Selectboard/Sign:** Motion by Kim to appoint Bernard Earle as Deputy Fire Warden with the same term as Fire Warden, Arlo Sterner and to sign all other officers appointed by the Selectboard. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. Signed.
- **Tour of Bus Barn – Weather and Time Permitting:** Motion by Belinda to recess the meeting at 7:30 p.m. to tour the bus barn. Seconded by Richard. Discussion. The Board would like the Zoning Administrator to attend the next board meeting to discuss what options are available to repair/replace the building.

The Board returned from bus barn tour at 7:41 p.m.

Executive Session: Motion by Kim to enter into executive session for a discussion on a personnel issue. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. Out of executive session at 7:52 p.m. No action taken at this time.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Eric to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Mason.

To Do List:

1. Board to review “Wolcott Outdoor Storage or Junk and Junk Vehicle” ordinance.
2. Eric to write draft letter concerning outdoor junk at 4186 VT Rte 15. Present to Board at their June 14th meeting.
3. Michael & Richard to put together a job description for the Transfer Station Attendant.
4. Michael will be the point person on the Landfill Solar project. He will contact LCPC to help the town write a RFP to lease the property.