

Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes February 20, 2019

All Minutes are draft until approved by the Selectboard.
Please see future Minutes for approval of these Minutes.

Present: Kimberly Gravel, Michael Davidson, Richard Lee, Jennifer Holton-Clapp
Absent: Eric Furs
Town Employees: Linda Martin, Belinda Clegg, Tom Martin, Bernard Earle
Public: Kurt Klein, Bill Cotten
Guests: Rob Moore, LCPC; Will Eldridge, VT F&W; Paul Marangelo, The Nature Conservancy, James Brady, VTrans, Peter Danforth, LCCD; Susan Boswell, Cartographic Technologies, Inc.
Reporter: Doug McClure, *Hardwick Gazette*

Kim called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda:

Wolcott Wild Branch Project: Rob Moore, Lamoille County Planning Commission, discussed briefly the Informational Open House regarding the Wolcott Wild Branch Project that took place right before the Selectboard meeting. The purpose of the Open House was to go over details and answer any questions citizens had regarding the project. Will Eldridge, a Vermont Fish & Wildlife fisheries biologist, pointed out the project will consist of three phases to include: a wildlife shelf under the Route 15 bridge that will encourage wildlife to pass safely under the bridge, tree plantings on surrounding lands along the bridge that will allow wildlife to feel safe approaching the underpass, and removal of the bridge owned by the Town of Wolcott. Paul Marangelo, of The Nature Conservancy, stated the project, which starts this year, will be paid for by private foundation support.

Town Hall Permit: Motion by Kim to approve a permit for March 17 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a game night. Seconded by Jenn. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed. No alcohol will be served.

Tax Payment Plan: Motion by Michael to accept the proposed property tax payment plan as submitted by a Wolcott resident. Seconded by Jenn. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Comments from the Community: Bill Cotten addressed the Selectboard regarding some research he has done regarding wastewater permits for single family dwellings.

Lamoille County Conservation District: Peter Danforth, Director, Lamoille County Conservation District reported on clean water projects and other conservation projects that are underway. Their focus is on 1) education and outreach, 2) workshops, and 3) working with farms. He is currently working on 14 grants. The Spring 2019 Newsletter will be published in March.

Cartographic Technologies, Inc.: Susan Boswell, CTI, gave a presentation on her company's tax mapping options for municipalities and answered questions from the group.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Michael to approve the Minutes of the February 6, 2019 Selectboard meeting as written. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Liquor Control Commissioners: Motion by Kim to approve renewal of the liquor license for the Wolcott Store. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

New Business:

Request to Purchase Microphone: There was a discussion regarding the need for microphones for use during Town Meeting. Motion by Michael to purchase a set of two wireless microphones for \$135 to be paid for from the Selectboard budget. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Codify Wastewater Committee: Motion by Kim to create a Wolcott Village Wastewater Committee with the following members: Jim Ryan, Jim Mahoney, Bruce Wheeler, Linda Martin and Eric Furs. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion by Kim to authorize Eric to sign the Project Charter once it is in its final form. Seconded by Jenn. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Approve Orders and Payroll: Completed.

Prepare for Town Meeting: Discussion ensued.

Old Business: Bernard updated the Board on the status of a couple of dogs he has recently dealt with in his capacity as Animal Control Officer.

Review Correspondence:

An email was received regarding signage for the one-way bridge on School Street. The Board will discuss with the Town Highway Department their going the wrong way on the bridge. Kim reminded citizens they may call the Sheriff's Office to ask for a directed patrol in the area.

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is offering a Selectboard Workshop in Rutland on March 30.

The VLCT Newsletter was received.

The Lamoille County Sheriff's Office January Report was received.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Kim to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein

The next Selectboard Meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2019