

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
May 1, 2019**

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

Present: Eric Furs, Michael Davidson, Jennifer Holton-Clapp, Kimberly Gravel
Absent: Richard Lee
Town Employees: Linda Martin, Bernard Earle
Public: Kurt Klein, Bill Cotten, Jeff D'Amico
Reporter: Doug McClure, *Hardwick Gazette*

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

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

Comments from the Community:

Bill inquired as to how the board is proceeding with the eviction that is to occur on Town property located on East Hill Road. Eric will follow up with the attorney.

Jeff is interested in seeing the Town's ordinances enforced and properties cleaned up so property values do not decline. Some landowners may need to be advised of potential health hazards.

Bernard brought to the board's attention a right of way dispute on a road off Route 15. A legal opinion may be required to resolve the matter.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Michael to approve the Minutes of the April 16 Special Meeting as written. Seconded by Eric. Voting: All in favor. Motion by Eric to approve the Minutes of the April 17 meeting as written. Seconded by Michael. Voting: All in favor.

Duncan Hastings - Town Administrator Position - Discussion:

Duncan was not notified by the Board to attend the meeting. Michael and Eric previously submitted to Duncan their suggested changes to the Job Description. A draft of the document has not yet been distributed. The board will ask Duncan for advice on ways to reallocate the reserve fund. A special meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8.

Insurance Options:

Jennifer reported Town employees have separate insurance options, meaning the cost and coverage differs. She noted that the Town can set policy regarding insurance coverage since there are fewer than 20 employees. Michael has contacted Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) for information and should hear back by the end of the week. According to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), in order to be equitable, the Town should pay at least as much for insurance coverage for an employee 65 or older who is covered by Medicare and supplemental insurance as was paid for an individual plan prior to the employee reaching that age. Jenn has been provided a copy of the insurance plan used by Waste Management as an example. Michael will share with the board information he receives from VLCT. Matter continued.

2019 Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP):

Linda worked with the Planning District to update details for this year's Town emergency plan. Motion by Eric to sign the LEMP for 2019. Seconded by Michael. Voting: All in favor.

Ordinance Committee - Update:

Hyde Park had invited Wolcott, along with Johnson, to contribute to the cost of certification of their Animal Control Officer (ACO). Their ACO could then assist with certain investigations in Wolcott. The issue is moot as Hyde Park missed the training window. Kurt stated the offer did not appear to benefit the Town anyway.

The early procedure for the Ordinance Committee is to investigate properties that have been reported as being in violation of the Junk Ordinance. If warranted, the Committee will send a letter to the property owner informing them of the violation. The property owner will then have an option to appear before the Selectboard to dispute the violation. There was some discussion on how to approach extreme cleanup problems. The Committee will present ideas and recommendations to the Selectboard.

The amended Junk Ordinance needs to go through a public review period before it will go into effect.

New Business

2019 Mowing Bids: In response to the ad in the *News & Citizen*, three bids were received for mowing the two ball fields and Town Office. Kim will follow up with one of the bidders to determine their start and end dates. A selection will then be made.

Magic Garden Waldorf School lease: The owners of the school will be invited to attend the May 15 meeting to start discussing the lease for next year.

Old Business

View Pinnacle Lane: Eric will contact Skip at the Highway Department to determine what Saturday he will be available. The public viewing will then be announced.

Road Crew Applications: No new applications have been received.

Transfer Station: Richard was not present to report on his contact with the Transfer Station attendant. Eric will confirm with Skip that sufficient space is made available at the Transfer Station for tires. Tires will be half-price for the month of May.

Review Correspondence

Payroll & Monthly Orders: Michael and Eric will cover this process in Kim's absence this week.

Wolcott Solar Project Update: Received.

VLCT Workshops: Received

Zoning Administrator: The board received a copy of a noncompliance letter, for information purposes.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Eric to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Seconded by Michael.
Voting: All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein

A Special Meeting of the Selectboard will be May 8, 2019
The next regularly scheduled Selectboard Meeting will be May 15, 2019