

Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes May 15, 2019

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Please see future Minutes for approval of these Minutes.

Present: Eric Furs, Michael Davidson, Jennifer Holton-Clapp, Kimberly Gravel,
Richard Lee
Public: Kurt Klein, Bill Cotten
Reporter: Doug McClure, *Hardwick Gazette*

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda

An email was received from Amy Thompson asking if one of the ball fields in Wolcott is available on certain dates for use by Craftsbury Academy. The schedule will be checked for availability.

Comments from the Community

An inquiry was made as to the status of a property on East Hill Road that had gone to tax sale. Eric is to follow up with the Town Attorney on starting an eviction proceeding.

Bill Cotten volunteered to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Motion by Michael to appoint Bill Cotten to the Planning Commission for a term set to expire in 2021. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Michael to approve the Minutes of the May 1 meeting as written. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor. Motion by Eric to approve the Minutes of the May 8 Special Meeting as written. Voting: All in favor.

Town Administrator Position - Update: Motion by Eric to table the matter in the absence of Duncan Hastings. Seconded by Michael. Voting: All in favor.

Ordinance Committee - Update:

Kurt reported that Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLTC) indicated their legal department will review the proposed Solid Waste Ordinance at a rate of \$92 per hour, estimating it will take between five and seven hours, or roughly, a total of between \$550 and \$750. The Selectboard asked to receive a copy of the proposed Solid Waste Ordinance prior to it being submitted to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns legal department for review.

An update was provided to the board on several properties for which complaints have been filed. The board would like to know the status of the State investigations of Wolcott properties.

New Business

The board received a written update from Tyler Billingsley of East Engineering regarding several ongoing projects. Motion by Eric to have the Town purchase directly the pipe arch needed for the East Hill Road culvert project, as a cost saving measure. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor. On behalf of the board, Eric signed several necessary permits for stream alterations.

Unfinished Business

Insurance Options: Michael forwarded to the other board members an email he received from VLTC regarding insurance coverage for employees age 65 and older. Jenn stated she had nothing to add to her previous report. Michael stated this would be a good project for a person in the Town Administrator position to work on. Richard pointed out that Linda had submitted to the board an example of how insurance coverage was handled by Lamoille Solid Waste Management District. Richard would be interested to see how other Towns with fewer than 20 employees are handling insurance coverage. A report can be ordered from VLTC. The board will read an article regarding Medicare written by Doug McClure for the *Hardwick Gazette*.

2019 Mowing Bids: After clarifying beginning and end dates on one of the three bids, Kim's recommendation is for the award to go to Brad Blaisdell, who had the contract last year. Motion by Eric for the 2019 mowing bid to be awarded to Brad Blaisdell. Seconded by Kim. Voting: All in favor. Mowing is to begin mid-May and will continue as long as the grass is growing. The bid also includes fall cleanup.

View Pinnacle Lane: As part of the petition to have Pinnacle Lane adopted as a Town road, a public viewing must be scheduled. Motion by Eric to schedule the public viewing of Pinnacle Lane for Saturday, June 29 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor.

Magic Garden Waldorf School lease: The owners of the pre-school indicated the school will not reopen following this session. They will vacate the building by June 30, 2019. Motion by Eric to release the School early from the two-year lease, as of June 30, 2019. Seconded by Kim. Voting: All in favor. The Selectboard is sorry to see the pre-school close, but understand that circumstances require it. A new tenant will be sought.

Transfer Station: Richard has talked with the attendant about best practices for using the calculator and cash register. Richard will spend more time with the attendant during open hours. Richard will follow up with the company that picks up tires. Tires are half price throughout the month of May.

Review Correspondence

Scheduled Workshops for Linda: The Town Clerk will attend two upcoming workshops. The Town Office may need to be closed on those days. If so, notice will be provided.

Town Hall Permits: Motion by Kim to approve the Town Hall request made by the Wolcott Methodist Church from Friday, June 28 at 5:00 p.m. until Sunday, June 30 at 5:00 p.m. for a fundraiser, waiving the fee. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor. No alcohol will be served.

Motion by Kim to approve the Town Hall rental request for June 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a luncheon following a funeral. Seconded by Richard. Voting: All in favor. No alcohol will be served.

A request has been made to rent 80 folding chairs for a wedding on August 10. The fee will be \$60 with a security deposit of \$50. A form needs to be filled out, and there is a procedure to follow. Motion by Eric to approve the request but table the matter until the proper form is obtained. Seconded by Kim. Voting: All in favor.

Fireworks Permit: A request was made by a landowner on Town Hill Road to shoot fireworks on their property on May 25. Motion by Eric to approve the request. Seconded by Richard.
Voting: 4 in favor, 1 opposed.

VLTC Workshop, Newsletter, Annual Report: Publications received.

LCSD: Monthly Report; patrol budget meetings: Michael will attend the patrol budget meetings which will be held in June, July, and August. Kurt volunteered to accompany him.

Email from Johnson TA regarding public documents: Received.

Sign Payroll and Monthly Orders: Done.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Eric to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Seconded by Richard.
Voting: All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein

The next regularly scheduled Selectboard Meeting will be June 5, 2019