

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
February 17, 2021**

Virtual Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

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Present: Linda Martin, Richard Lee, Kurt Klein, Kurt Billings
Absent: Kim Gravel
Employees: Randall Szott, Dillan Cafferky, Deb Klein
Public: Jim Holton, Alison Link, Healthy Lamoille Valley
Reporter: Doug McClure, *Hardwick Gazette*

Martin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda: Martin added to New Business a summary of her meeting on how to run an Informational Meeting.

Approve Minutes of February 3, 2021: Motion by Klein to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Lee. No discussion. Voting: All 4 in favor.

Comments from the Community: Jim Holton, Fire Chief, requested the Highway Department plow three locations to provide access to the hydrants at Fisher Bridge, Elmore Pond Road, and Corley Road. The board agreed.

Highway Department: Cafferky reported that Truck #13 required a minor repair. The new grader was used to shelf some snow banks back.

Town Administrator's Report: Szott reported on the following:

- He attended a webinar regarding the Vermont Automated Vehicle Exchange forum. Towns may opt-in to the program to allow driverless vehicles to be tested in their community.
- Development of a Commercial Vehicle Policy.
- Szott is working with the Highway Department on reporting requirements.
- Follow up on the possibility of Wolcott creating a Town Forest. If so, the Craftsbury Outdoor Center expressed interest in helping create bike trails.
- Wolcott Restoration Projects.
- Preparation for the Informational Meeting on February 24.

New Business

Healthy Lamoille Valley (HLV) Mini Grant/Other Resources: Alison Link presented to the board information on HLV and their 3-4-50 campaign initiative. HLV is a coalition working to reduce substance misuse and encourage youth to make substance free healthy choices. The group serves Wolcott and 15 other towns. Link noted that Wolcott's Town Plan includes a chapter on health and wellness that is more in-depth than many other towns. She explained that 3-4-50 is a Vermont Department of Health program, meaning 3 behaviors lead to 4

diseases, that result in more than 50 percent of deaths in Vermont. HLV is asking Wolcott to become a partner to build wellness measures that promote health and reduce the risk of chronic disease in the community. Link announced that HLV is seeking applications for mini grants up to \$500 for projects that support 3-4-50 efforts. The application deadline is March 1. Link will follow up with Szott on their Community Planning Toolkit. They will also discuss signage for the ball field.

Transfer Station Reorganization/Possible Grants: The board discussed the need for a new shack at the Transfer Station, and the current heat situation. Szott is looking into a grant. The board discussed the Transfer Station being open one day per week, with longer hours, and just one attendant. Motion by Lee to open the Wolcott Transfer Station on Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with one attendant working, effective March 6, 2021. Seconded by Klein. Voting: All 4 in favor.

Personnel Policy Revision: Szott has drafted a policy with possible revisions. Board members may contact Szott with their comments. Following comments, the document will be addressed at a board meeting for review.

Running an Informational Meeting - Report: Martin attended a workshop on the topic of how Towns may wish to hold a virtual Informational Meeting prior to Town Meeting day. Due to the pandemic, Wolcott will not hold an in-person meeting on Town Meeting day this year, and instead will go with an Australian ballot. The board has scheduled an Informational Meeting for Wednesday, February 24 starting at 6:00 p.m. The Informational Meeting is a Selectboard meeting, and as such is not equivalent to a Town Meeting as has been held in the past. Wolcott residents may join the meeting by using their computer, or phoning in, via Zoom. Holding such a meeting presents many technical and practical issues. A contact person will be designated to handle connectivity questions residents may have. The meeting will be open, with the goal that all will be heard. This will be the opportunity for residents to ask questions they may have about the Articles in the Warning. There will be an Agenda as well as Rules to be followed. Local legislators may be heard, as well as candidates.

Unfinished Business

Peck and Tallman Deeds (Brook Rd): Martin stated that the engineer working on the culvert project determined that the needed land access will actually be on parcels other than those belonging to Peck and Tallman.

Note Taker for Law Enforcement Committee: No action will be taken on this unless Wolcott has a representative as part of the group.

Resignation - Law Enforcement Committee: No applicants as yet. The volunteer position will be posted in Front Porch Forum next month.

Use of Field: The individual who requested use of the ball field on July 3 withdrew their request, and will use a private field for their event instead.

Motion by Klein to adjourn. Seconded by Lee. Voting: All 4 in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein

Informational Meeting - February 24, 2021, 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)
Next regularly scheduled meeting - March 3, 2021, 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)