

# Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes November 3, 2021

Wolcott Town Office/Zoom/phone-in: 6:00 p.m.

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Present: Linda Martin, Kurt Klein, Allen Carpenter, Richard Lee, Kurt Billings  
Employees: Belinda Harris Clegg, Tom Martin, Deb Klein  
Public: Lucien Gravel, Karen McKee, Melody Shirley-Eldred, Diane Olson,  
Joey Wilson, Michelle Cortes-Harkins, Rick Harkins, Monica Cross  
Reporter: Doug McClure, *Hardwick Gazette*

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Linda Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## **Amendments to the Agenda**

The Transfer Station heater issue, and an update on the East Hill Road property were added to Selectboard review/action, without objection.

**Approve Minutes of October 20, 2021:** Motion by Klein to approve the Minutes of October 20.  
Seconded by Lee. Discussion: None. Voting: All in favor.

**Comments from the Community:** Melody Shirley-Eldred inquired about her driveway on Trader Road. The road crew will meet with her to discuss the culvert design. Melody presented additional information regarding Consolidated internet service. Melody had several questions regarding the Town Forest.

**Highway Department:** Joey Wilson, Wilson Consulting Engineers, discussed the box culvert project with the board. Bids may go out in late November or in December, with work starting in July. Billings provided information for Cafferky regarding Town Garage updates. Carpenter and Billings are working on an OSHA handbook.

## **2022-2023 Budget Proposals**

**Planning/Zoning:** Seeking level funding. There was some discussion about having building permits accessible online.

**Lister/E-911:** Seeking level funding, with individual line items adjusted.

**Litter Ordinance Committee:** The Committee submitted a written proposal for up to \$3,750.

## **Selectboard review/action**

**Transfer Station heater issue:** The board discussed the bid from Bourne's to add a blower component to the heater at the Transfer Station. Motion by Lee to accept the bid from Bourne's to add a blower component for \$528.51. Seconded by Klein. Voting: All in favor.

**East Hill Property - update:** The Town's property on East Hill Road has been vacated. No trespassing signs will be posted. The board will next decide what to do with the structure on the property.

**Union Bank - ARPA funds - update:** Clegg updated the board on transfer of ARPA funds to a checking account and Certificate of Deposit as previously discussed.

**Starlink Utility - discussion:** The board discussed the level of internet service needed for the future, and to effectively conduct hybrid meetings as needed for the Town. The board also discussed what expenses ARPA funds may cover. The understanding is that Starlink is taking reservations for their equipment/service. Motion by Klein to reach out to Starlink high-speed satellite internet service for further information. Seconded by Lee. Voting: All in favor.

**Special Town Meeting November 10 - update:** Joe Hester-Ingram will serve as moderator. The Warning has been published in two newspapers, and on Front Porch Forum. Kate Wanner will be present for a Q & A session. Attendees must wear a mask and observe social distancing as required by the Elementary School.

**Additional:** The deadline for submitting bids for plowing Town properties is November 15, 2021. The board thanked Dolan Patrick for his time and expertise in the technology work he has been doing for the Town on a volunteer basis. Motion by Klein to award \$150 to Dolan Patrick as a token of the Selectboard's appreciation for his work. Motion amended by Lee to raise the amount to \$200. Seconded by Martin. Voting: All in favor.

**Lister/E-911 request to delete road names:** The board was asked to delete three road names that had been issued years ago, but no such roads exist. By deleting the road names, State GIS maps, E-911 maps, and the Town's tax maps can be more accurate. Motion by Billings to delete the road names: Hidden View Lane, Hilltop View Lane, and Stoney Meadow Lane. Seconded by Lee. Voting: All in favor.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Klein to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lee. Voting: All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Klein

*Special Town Meeting - November 10, 2021  
Next regularly scheduled meeting - November 17, 2021*