

Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2022

Zoom/phone-in: 6:00 p.m.

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Present: Linda Martin, Kurt Klein, Richard Lee, Alan Carpenter, Kurt Billings
Employees: Belinda Harris Clegg, Deb Klein
Public: Dolan Patrick, Monica Cross

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

Organizational Meeting of Selectboard

Election of Chair: Lee nominated Martin to serve as Chair. Seconded by Klein. No other nominations.

Voting: All 4 in favor with Martin abstaining.

Election of Vice Chair: Lee nominated Klein to serve as Vice Chair. Seconded by Carpenter. No other nominations. Voting: All 4 in favor with Klein abstaining.

Election of Clerk: Klein nominated Lee to serve as Clerk. Seconded by Carpenter. No other nominations.

Voting: All 4 in favor with Carpenter abstaining.

Adopt Rules of Procedure: Motion by Lee to adopt the current Rules of Procedure. Seconded by Klein.

Discussion: None. Voting: All 5 in favor.

Set Date and Time of Regularly Scheduled Meetings: The first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. was set for regularly scheduled meetings based upon unanimous agreement.

Designation of Newspaper for Notices: The *News & Citizen* was designated as the newspaper for official notices based upon unanimous agreement.

Set Mileage Rate: It was noted that the Town is currently reimbursing mileage at 51 cents per mile. The rate for IRS and the State of Vermont is 58.56 cents per mile. Motion by Lee to set the mileage rate at 55 cents per mile. Seconded by Billings. Voting: All 5 in favor.

Amendments to the Agenda

Klein asked that an executive session be scheduled at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel issues. Martin asked that Overweight Permit and Vermont Codes and Standards be added. All were added to the Agenda without objection.

Approve Minutes of February 16 and Informational Meeting of February 23, 2022: Motion by Klein to approve the Minutes of February 16 and February 23. Seconded by Carpenter. Discussion: None. Voting: All in favor.

Comments from the Community: None.

Selectboard review/action

Overweight permit: Martin stated she had just been contacted by JP Sicard, a construction company from Barton, seeking permission from the Town to exceed the weight limit allowing him to use two pieces of equipment to cut brush in preparation for concrete and bridge work on the rail trail. Following discussion, the board authorized the company to exceed the weight limit with the condition that the company maintain contact with the Road Foreman.

Appoint LRSWMD Supervisor: The current Supervisor representing the Town is Phil Wilson. He is willing to continue in this role, and can provide updates to the Selectboard. The board would like Phil to attend an April meeting. Motion by Lee to reappoint Phil Wilson as Supervisor on the SRSWMD board. Seconded by Klein. Voting: All in favor.

Wolcott Store liquor and tobacco license: The Wolcott Store's license is up for renewal. There are no known violations. Motion by Lee to approve the Wolcott Store liquor and tobacco license. Seconded by Billings. Voting: All in favor.

Transfer Station Attendant: This matter will be moved to executive session at the end of the meeting.

Codes and Standards: The board discussed the Certificate of Compliance. The document must be signed and submitted to the State before applying for grants. The board unanimously approved and signed.

Project Manager position: A packet was distributed to each board member containing applications for the Project Manager position. Martin noted that an ad had run in the *News & Citizen* for two weeks. An ad had also been placed with Vermont League of Cities and Towns. There are three applicants to interview. Interviews will be scheduled for 15 minutes each, beginning at 5:15 p.m. right before the start of the March 16 meeting.

Town Meeting Ballot: There was no candidate for Cemetery Commissioner on the ballot. No one received sufficient write-in votes. The position will need to be posted within ten days. It will appear on the Town's website and on the bulletin board at Town Office.

Voters approved the Town opting in to allow retail cannabis sales. The board will need to consider next steps. It was noted that if a retail cannabis store does open, the Town would not receive any sort of revenue from it. It was noted that the Budget passed with a good margin. The board is gathering information on the costs and due dates for various projects for the capital reserve fund.

Clegg noted there were 251 total voters. Absentee votes numbered 134; the remainder voted in person. There are 1,200 voters on the checklist.

Executive session: Motion by Lee to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. Seconded by Klein. Voting: All in favor. The board entered executive session at 7:00 p.m. The board came out of executive session at 7:24 p.m. Motion by Lee to set the Head Lister salary at \$25 per hour. Seconded by Carpenter. Voting: All 4 in favor with Martin abstaining. Motion by Lee to set the Assistant Lister salary at \$20 per hour. Seconded by Carpenter. Voting: All 4 in favor with Klein abstaining. Motion by Lee to set the Transfer Station Attendant salary at \$15 per hour. Seconded by Carpenter. Voting: All 5 in favor. The new salaries are effective March 2, 2022.

Adjourn: Motion by Lee to adjourn. Seconded by Billings. Voting: All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Klein

Next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting – March 16, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.