

Wolcott Litter & Solid Waste Ordinance Committee Meeting  
April 28, 2022

5:30 p.m., Zoom

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Present: Michelle Cortes-Harkins, Rick Harkins, Kurt Klein, John Wheeler  
Absent: Barbara Conn, Fay Lauber, Andy Duff  
Scribe: Deb Klein

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Michelle Cortes-Harkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Amendments to the Agenda:** None.

**Approve Minutes of March 24, 2022:** Motion by Kurt to approve the Minutes of March 24. Seconded by Rick. Discussion: None. Voting: All in favor.

**Comments from the Community/Correspondence:** None.

**New Business**

**Recap of Bulk Waste Day:** Overall, the first Bulk Waste Day was successful, with 2.8 tons collected. A lot of metal was brought to the Transfer Station that day as well, which can be sold. There were 54 vehicles from Wolcott that brought bulk items. It can be anticipated that participation will be greater next year.

A big part of the success that day was having Joey from the Town road crew present with the excavator to compress the bulk waste in the roll off. It was a good idea to have the event run from 9:00 to 1:00, the same hours as the Transfer Station, so traffic did not get backed up.

For next year, it would be a good idea to keep track of what is in the bins for a couple of weeks before the event to make sure all bins are empty, and all tires have been removed. It would be good to talk with the Transfer Station attendant in advance and provide them with flyers to be handed out listing what will, and what will not, be accepted. The list of what will/will not be accepted can be made more specific. It should be emphasized that no contractor materials will be accepted, but that metal items are welcome. Thought can be given to partnering with All Metals regarding small electronics. Consideration needs to be given to allowing space for bulk items that may be brought to the Transfer Station on the Sunday following the event. If it appears the roll offs may fill on Saturday, bulk items may need to be stacked in a pile to gradually be added to the bins over time. The Bylaws will need to be reviewed. Consideration should be given to contacting those who are known to be struggling with excessive bulk items, so they can take advantage of the opportunity.

**Green Up Day:** Michelle reported that in response to her Front Porch Forum posts she is receiving emails from volunteers. Folks are using the spreadsheet to sign up to cover certain sections of roads. This will help eliminate the duplication of efforts. Kurt reported that the road crew will be prepared for pick up on the following Monday. The Transfer Station has been alerted to accept Green Up bags that weekend without charge. Bags will be delivered to the elementary school for distribution. Bags are also

available at Town Office and the Library. The Gazebo will be manned from 10:00 to 1:00 to provide bags as needed. Chili will be served to cleanup volunteers starting at noon. Volunteers are needed for the Gulf Road and a couple other problem areas. John reported that a large amount of bulk items were dumped on West Hill Road leading to Zach's Woods Pond. Kurt will go up there with his pickup.

### **Solid Waste Complaints**

**Proposed Abandoned Property Ordinance:** The idea of an Abandoned Property Ordinance needs to go before the Selectboard for consideration.

**Morey Hill Rd:** The landowner has been taking trash and some items to the Transfer Station, but they are behind on their payments.

**Morey Hill #2:** Kurt's understanding is that the landowner wants to build a house on this property. It is hoped that a condition can be added to the building permit that the mobile home with the caved in roof must be removed prior to the start of construction.

**East Hill Rd:** Kurt spoke with the Sheriff's Office regarding assistance with enforcement. A deputy can do a civil standby when the Town issues a citation, but the Sheriff's Office will only enforce traffic citations. The Town continues to look for assistance with enforcement issues.

**Issues referred to the State:** Kurt has received a letter from the State enforcement officer. Kurt has followed up with him and is awaiting a reply.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Klein