

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
June 1, 2022**

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
Presenter: Franco Rossi, CAI Technologies
Public: Karen McKee, Dolan Patrick

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

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

Approve Minutes of May 18, 2022: Motion by Billings to approve the Minutes of May 18. Seconded by Lee. Discussion: None. Voting: All in favor.

Comments from the Community/Correspondence: Martin reported that the board received a letter stating that due to the Federal Infrastructure Bill, construction costs associated with the School Street bridge will be paid at 100%. The Town will remain responsible for paying 5% of costs for Right of Way and engineering.

Presentation: The board had previously reviewed a proposal for online mapping services from CAI Technologies. Rossi demonstrated how the software could work for all Town departments and for the public. Rossi reviewed with the board the costs for various components. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$13,475. Since one of the primary goals of the project is to provide data to those who need it without their having to physically come to Town Office, costs would be paid for with ARPA funds. The process of converting data and making it available to the public might take six months. The board discussed the proposal following the presentation. The Town may also want to invest in a scanner for uploading documents in the future. Motion by Klein to move forward with contracting with CAI Technologies for online mapping services. Seconded by Lee. No further discussion. Voting: All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Amendment to Street Naming Ordinance

The board heard comments from one of the 911 Coordinators regarding proposed changes to the Ordinance. It was noted that prior to amending the Ordinance, the board needs to determine whether to go forward with a Town-wide 911 project. Such a project would involve installation of green reflective signs at all properties with a 911 address. It was pointed out that it is the Town's responsibility to look after the health and welfare of its citizens. The board will seek an estimate on the cost for signs, posts, and installation. ARPA funds could be used for the project. The board also needs to have a written policy with regard to road signs on private roads.

Project Manager Report

Klein stated he received a quote for general maintenance work that needs to be completed on Town buildings. Since the quote was quite high, bids will be sought. It may be better to separate out the jobs to be done individually.

The heating oil contract with Bourne's expired May 31. Bourne's will not enter into a contract offering a fixed rate. Heating oil costs will go from \$2.599 to over \$4 per gallon. Diesel rates are also increasing.

Klein will check into a federal grant opportunity for Safe Streets & Roads. The board can think about a specific project.

The board discussed receipt of a bid for roadside mowing for \$9,000. Motion by Martin authorizing the Project Manager to seek bids for roadside mowing in addition to the bid received. In the event no other bids can be obtained, the Project Manager is authorized to sign a contract for roadside mowing for \$9,000. Seconded by Billings. No further discussion. Voting: All in favor.

At this time, it appears there are 17 individuals with 27 dogs that remain unlicensed. Letters have been sent to owners who have not yet licensed their dogs. An attempt will be made to contact these owners by phone.

A Gulf Road resident has reported heavy trucks and equipment using the one-lane bridge on Gulf Road. The weight limit restrictions for the bridge will be checked for accuracy.

An insurance inspector checked on the damage done to the boiler at the Town Garage. The inspector's findings should be known within two weeks. The board can then consider how to move forward with replacing the boiler.

The board will review the proposed contract for services with the Lamoille County Sheriff's Office for future discussions.

Security measures have been taken following several break ins at the Transfer Station. In response to a State inspection, some minor changes are being made.

The board authorized Martin to sign a letter of intent to participate in the SFY23 Municipal Roads Grants-In-Aid Program. Grant funds would be used to construct and repair certain road segments to bring them up to standards.

Plans are progressing for cleanup of the Town owned property on East Hill Road.

Selectboard review/action

Town Garage – quotes: The board continued their discussion on leasing a Volvo loader. It is the only one available. Financing options were discussed. Motion by Lee to enter into a 7-year lease agreement with Volvo for a new 2022 Loader as outlined. Seconded by Carpenter. Voting: All in favor.

Plan to clean out old Schoolhouse – update: Billings and Carpenter reported on plans to remove scrap metal, doors, windows, and cabinets from the old schoolhouse. An inventory will be taken and can be posted on Front Porch Forum. A date will be set for removal.

Review delinquent tax payment plan: Last year the board entered into a payment plan with a homeowner allowing them to make payments on delinquent property taxes as well as trash from the property taken to the Transfer Station. The homeowner has failed to comply with the agreement. The homeowner declined to seek assistance from the State for unpaid taxes. The board deemed the delinquent tax agreement null and void. The homeowner will no longer have access to the Transfer Station on credit.

Adjourn: Motion by Klein to adjourn. Seconded by Martin. Voting: All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Klein

*Special Town Meeting – June 7, 2022, 6:00 p.m. – Wolcott Elementary School
Next regularly scheduled Selectboard Meeting – June 15, 2022*