

# Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes August 17, 2022

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

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Present: Linda Martin, Kurt Klein, Kurt Billings, Allen Carpenter-(6:00 to 6:40)  
Absent: Richard Lee  
Employees: Belinda Harris Clegg, Deb Klein  
Public: Dolan Patrick, Paul McGrath, Monica Cross, Florence Falk, Bruce Wheeler

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Martin called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Amendments to the Agenda:** Martin asked that a new member's name be added to the Cemetery Commissioner CD and Savings accounts with Union Bank. No objection. Motion by Klein for the Selectboard to send a letter to Union Bank authorizing Christa Peck's name to be added to the Wolcott Cemetery Commission CD and Savings accounts. Seconded by Carpenter. Voting: All 4 in favor.

**Approve Minutes of August 3, 2022:** Motion by Klein to approve the Minutes of August 3. Seconded by Carpenter. Discussion: None. Voting: All 4 in favor.

### Comments from the Community/Correspondence

Florence Falk, Town Hill Road, informed the board that a large amount of dust enters her home from the dirt road, which she considers to be a health problem. She noted that chloride applied to the road helps cut down on the dust, but not for long. Discussion included the dry spells we have been having this summer, and the difficulty the Town has had obtaining chloride which has been in short supply. Options were discussed. Ms. Falk also noted that vehicles travel Town Hill Road at a high speed on weekday mornings and evenings. Ms. Falk brought up the location of the solar speed sign on Town Hill Road. It was noted that the sign is illogically placed, but it cannot be moved since it is a permanent installation. Options were discussed.

The board reviewed the Lamoille County Sheriff's monthly report. Martin noted that the full Selectboard is invited to meet with the Sheriff on Thursday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m. at his office in Hyde Park.

### Project Manager Report

Klein reported that Northstar Electric estimates it will cost \$2,400 to run power to the new heater in Town Garage, and to repair the overhead lights.

The Town has a contract with Bourne's for the purchase of propane at \$1.9530 per gallon through April, 2024. The Town has not had a contract for heating oil since May. Bourne's could not quote a fixed price because the market is so volatile. Currently, the price is \$4.29 per gallon. The board discussed options. Klein will contact Bourne's to inquire about a below-rack price.

The Town received an offer of \$25,000 as trade-in value for the Town truck. The road crew is satisfied with that amount. The board determined to move forward with the trade-in and purchase of a new truck. Painting will start on the Town Garage.

The Listers are working with CAI Technologies to get the tax maps and Lister card information available to the public online.

The Litter Committee is in the process of working with an organization that would set up a bin at the Transfer Station for long-term collection of textiles.

#### **Selectboard review/action**

**Transfer Station:** The board continued their discussion of tire fees at the Transfer Station. For some size tires, the Town is paying more for disposal of the tires than is being charged to customers. Following discussion, the board determined the new tire prices should be: \$5 for lawn mower tires; \$6 for car tires less than 17 inches; \$9 for car tires larger than 17 inches; \$2 additional charge for a rim; \$16 for a tractor trailer tire; \$41 for a tractor tire; and \$16 for a truck tire. Motion by Klein for the Selectboard to adopt the tire prices as discussed. Seconded by Billings. Voting: All 3 in favor. The new tire prices are to go into effect immediately, as of August 17, 2022.

**NEK Craftsbury/Wolcott opportunity:** NEK Broadband has brought to the attention of the board an opportunity to use approximately \$53,000 in ARPA funds to have fiber installed in a section of Wolcott at the same time as installation is occurring in Craftsbury. The opportunity is available assuming Craftsbury builds out to the Wolcott town line. The area covered would probably be a portion of Town Hill Road, Cross Road, and a portion of East Hill Road. NEK Broadband will pledge matching funds so that \$1 equals \$3. Bruce Wheeler, the Town's representative on the NEK Broadband CUD, discussed the proposal with the board. Wheeler recommends going forward with it. The board will seek answers to a few questions they have and discuss it further at the September 7 meeting. The deadline date for consideration is September 15, 2022.

**Planning Commission LVRT Grant:** The Town's Planning Commission met with a member of the Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) to discuss a grant opportunity. The idea for the grant would be to have composting toilets on Town property near the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT). Martin will follow up with LCPC for more information.

**Community Barbeque 8-26-2022:** Martin reported that signs have been posted along roads in Town advertising the event. The date on the signs can be changed from year to year, so the signs can be used into the future. Much like last year, hamburgers, hotdogs, and corn on the cob will be provided to Wolcott residents. Information tables will be set up in the parking area around Town Office so folks can find out more about what is new and exciting in Town. There will be events in the Library, and in Town Garden. There will be games for children. The event will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The event is free, but donations will be accepted.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Klein to adjourn. Seconded by Billings. Voting: All 3 in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Klein

*Next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting – September 7, 2022*

