

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
February 16, 2015

Selectboard Members Present: Nelson Tift, Gary Fredette, Rose Regula, and Mark Tessier.

Others Present: Sandi Switzer, Stefane Goulet, John Squier, Justin Filskov, Jay White and Jeff Biasuzzi.

Agenda Amendments. M. Tessier added Rutland County Solid Waste District Act 148 requirement and Town Administrator Sandi Switzer added Wendy Savery's Town Hall Use Request and Fire Alarm Services.

Minutes. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

Selectboard Orders. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve pay orders totaling \$26,999.67 (combined total with the Feb. 2 pay orders due to the cancelled meeting). Motion carried (4-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker was not present. John Squier asked whether there were any state regulations restricting the number of consecutive hours highway department employees can work without rest.

The board directed S. Switzer to contact Department of Motor Vehicles to inquire about regulations.

G. Fredette requested copies of road crew timesheets to review hours at the next meeting.

J. Squier said he would be available to do roadside mowing with the town's mower this summer. He also said he would be willing to operate the new single axle truck the town is considering purchasing.

Town Hall Use Request. Jay White representing Chipman Lodge #52 requested use of the Town Hall second floor for Mason meetings. He said the Mason's building in the village was sold and they needed a gathering location. He said the group meets about 10 times a year and meetings are held the second Thursday of the month. He added they would need storage space for some items like columns and a small table.

N. Tift said the board granted the Historical Society use of the upstairs in exchange for a donation to the town. He asked whether the Masons would consider redoing the floors in exchange for the request. J. White the group would be open to the idea.

G. Fredette made a motion to approve the Mason's request to use the Town Hall second floor for 10 meetings a year; R. Regula seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

The board agreed to J. White's request for keys to the building and lister's office for Mason as well as Energy Committee meetings.

Public Comments. Wallingford Fire Chief Stefane Goulet requested the board approve a resolution urging the governor to oppose eliminating dispatching services in Rutland and Derby.

G. Fredette made a motion to send the resolution to the governor; M. Tessier seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

Lot Line Adjustment. Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi updated the board regarding Highland Homesites Association, Inc.'s appeal of the lot line adjustment permit issued to Tom Phillips regarding his Route 140W property. He said he hoped the matter would be resolved before an appeal hearing is scheduled.

If the matter is not resolved, Mr. Biasuzzi said someone from the Selectboard should attend the hearing. N. Tift agreed to represent the board.

Annual Lister Certificate. M. Tessier made a motion to sign the 2013 Annual Lister Certificate – No Appeal or Suit Pending form - at the request of John Tiffany; N. Tift seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

Roadside Mower Rental Agreement. HP Fairfield provided the town with a rental agreement for a roadside mower for one week (a maximum of 40 hours) starting August 31 at a rate of \$2800. R. Regula made a motion for N. Tift to sign the agreement on behalf of the board; M. Tessier seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

Mowing Bids. The board reviewed the 2015 mowing bids from Mason's Property and Lawncare, F.A.S. Trucking and Landscaping, King's Landscaping and Pine Hollow Nursery.

G. Fredette made a motion to accept the low bid from F.A.S. Trucking; R. Regula seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

Lister Seminar Request. R. Regula made a motion to approve John Tiffany's request to attend a NEMRC seminar in Rutland on February 26 at a cost of \$125; M. Tessier seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

Mr. Biasuzzi indicated he would be attending two upcoming zoning seminars and the costs would be split among the three towns employing him at a rate of \$120 per town.

Road Name Request. Beth Sheehe requested permission to name her private road off Route 7 South. Ms. Sheehe noted another property owner had a right-of-way.

The board supported the E911 Coordinators' recommendation that Ms. Sheehe should collaborate with the other property owner to come up with a street name, the new name cannot conflict with any other street names, Ms. Sheehe would have to pay for the street sign to include the word 'private' and she would be responsible for notifying the postal service of the name change.

Development Review Board Appointment/Resignation. John West submitted his resignation from the Development Review Board last fall. By consensus, the board accepted the resignation.

G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to appoint Nathan Astin to fill the vacancy. Motion was approved (4-0).

Other Announcements/Business. G. Fredette said he would like the Recreation Committee to forward an Elfin Lake pavilion proposal to the Selectboard, so the town can contact Rodney Ward at G.E. to arrange for volunteer labor. The proposal should include dimensions and materials. He said he would like to see the pavilion constructed in the spring or early summer rather than waiting until next fall.

M. Tessier made a motion to accept Emergency Management Coordinator Jerry Tift's resignation and to appoint Gary Wells to the post; G. Fredette seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

G. Fredette noted he received a complaint regarding Wallingford Pond Road not being plowed. He said Road Foreman Steve Lanfear has since cleared the road to the parking lot.

M. Tessier indicated Act 148 deadlines were discussed at a recent Rutland County Solid Waste District meeting. He said the town at some point would be required to accept yard waste like leaves, brush and debris. He said the town could assess fees.

The board agreed to limit the agenda for the March 2 meeting, which will take place at Wallingford Elementary School right before the annual floor meeting.

Jeff Duchesne contacted S. Switzer requesting the town consider hiring Catamount Electric for fire alarm annual inspections as well as repair services at Town Hall. The board directed S. Switzer to obtain service rates from Mr. Duchesne. G. Fredette indicated the elementary school just switched to Catamount Electric, however, he said Catamount does not inspect fire extinguishers and he had to find another company for that service.

The board had no response to Michelle Wade's email request for property tax relief.

The board unanimously supported S. Switzer's idea of monthly Open Mic nights at Town Hall featuring area musicians. M. Tessier offered use of his audio system. S. Switzer said non-profit groups could host fundraiser bake sales at the events.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Date Approved: 03/02/15

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator