

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
March 21, 2016

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

Others Present: Sandi Switzer, Julie Sharon, Phil Baker, Trisha Nash and Marc Pramuk

B. Brooks called the regular Selectboard meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Wallingford Town Hall.

Agenda Amendments. None.

Minutes. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to approve the Minutes of the March 7, 2016 meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to approve the annual meeting Minutes of February 29, 2016. Motion carried (5-0).

Selectboard Orders. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve pay orders totaling \$30,438.08 after \$1,102.50 was added for Wright Appraisal Services. Motion carried (5-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker reported he met with VTrans official Brian Sanderson along with Road Foreman Steve Lanfear and Town Administrator Sandi Switzer to review the required Annual Financial Plan and to discuss paving grants for Route 140W and Creek Road, and culvert grants for Earl Wade Road, Sugar Hill Road, and Hartsboro Road.

Mr. Baker said last week he visited some of the sites along with Creek Road bridge with Mr. Sanderson. He said the bridge footings and deck were deteriorating and he said the town should watch it closely. He said the state inspected bridges every two years.

Mr. Baker said this morning S. Switzer and S. Lanfear visited the same sites along with Dugway Road with an Agency of Natural Resource representative to discuss stream alteration permits.

Mr. Baker said he would like to install an electric pressure wash for municipal vehicles at the town garage if there were funds available at the end of the current fiscal year. He estimated the cost at \$1500.

The road commissioner said the state would be paving Route 140E this summer from Route 7 to Route 103. Mr. Baker said he would notify Fire District #1 the state wanted

the manhole covers raised. He said the paving project should not interfere with school bus routes since paving would not likely begin until after the last day of school in June.

Mr. Baker said he was trying to arrange a meeting with Don Godette and Joe Tyminski regarding water issues on Homer Stone Road.

S. Switzer indicated VTrans official John Zicconi contacted the town regarding a petition to rename Route 103 to Desert Storm Veterans Memorial Highway and wanted to know if there were any other known designations for that road. The board could think of none.

Annual Financial Plan and Paving Grant. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to approve the highway Annual Financial Plan. Motion carried (5-0).

The board reviewed the paving grant applications to be submitted to VTrans for Route 140W and Creek Road projects.

Tennis Courts. The board reviewed estimates ranging from \$22,800 to resurface one tennis court to \$69,800 for a complete rebuild of both courts submitted by four different contractors.

Recreation Committee Chair Trisha Nash said the committee wanted both courts resurfaced. She said the public supported that effort through a petition to the town as well as a vote at the annual floor meeting in favor of raising \$22,300 in property taxes for the project.

There was a discussion regarding other available funds for the work, whether the town ought to consider rebuilding one court rather than resurfacing two courts, repairing the fence, and the removal of vegetation. Mr. Baker said the road crew would not likely be available to remove the vegetation since they had so many other projects going on.

Ms. Nash agreed to discuss options with Recreation Committee members and revisit the matter at the Selectboard's meeting April 4.

Pavilion Dedication. By consensus, the board agreed to schedule the pavilion dedication/community day at Elfin Lake for Saturday, June 18. They indicated community groups (fire department, grange hall, churches) along with municipal committees were welcome to participate with booths, displays, refreshments or other ideas. Conservation Commissioner Marc Pramuk said fellow commissioners would lead walks along Stone Meadow trails and organize a scavenger hunt for children.

The board suggested groups coordinate activities with the Town Administrator.

Public Comments. Mr. Pramuk indicated the Conservation Commission assisted by Rotary Club members and Mill River Union High School Key Club members would be

installing a split rail fence at Stone Meadow this weekend. He requested assistance from the road crew to relocate boulders prior to the installation.

The board directed the Town Administrator to notify the road foreman of Mr. Pramuk's request.

Bulk Mail Permit Requests. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to approve bulk mail permit requests by Gilbert Hart Library and Fire District #1. Motion carried (5-0).

Elfin Lake Season Pass and Daily Rates. By consensus, the board set season pass rates at \$65 for residents and \$75 for non-residents and daily rates at \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for ages 2-17 years old, and under 2 free.

2016 Liquor License Renewals. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to approve eight liquor license renewal applications after all lines on every form were completed. Motion carried (5-0).

Child Safety Ordinance. The board reviewed the municipal Child Safety Ordinance that was adopted and then suspended in 2009. With guidance from VLCT, the board by unanimous consent agreed to take no action unless the town's attorney advised the municipality to enact it. The review was prompted by an inquiry from Constable Jerry Tift.

Selectboard Concerns: G. Fredette noted a truck on Florence Avenue had a drip pan beneath the gas tank to catch leaks. N. Tift directed the Town Administrator to contact the state fire marshal.

G. Fredette asked whether anyone had heard complaints from citizens regarding rapid gunfire at the Carrara pit. No one indicated they had received complaints.

M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks to adopt the Safety Program and Hazardous Communication Program. Motion carried (5-0). M. Tessier said every municipal employee should receive a copy and endorse it after reading it.

There was a discussion regarding Dean McGee's request to upgrade Mears Meadow Trail. M. Tessier agreed to meet with Mr. McGee at the trail to find out what he intended to do.

There was a discussion regarding Fire District #1 charters related to fire protection services. The board agreed the town should ask Joyce Barbieri to research the history of the fire department.

S. Switzer indicated the town received a final and unexpected ERAF payment of \$20,401.29 for Tropical Storm Irene.

S. Switzer informed the board she received a call from Scott Atwood in response to the town's letter regarding junk vehicles on the Buzzell property at 1123 Route 7 South. Mr. Atwood wanted to know whether he could move the vehicles to the rear of the property. Board members agreed as long as they were not visible from the road.

Executive Session. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to enter executive session at 8:16 p.m. for a civil action. Motion carried (5-0).

B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to exit executive session at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried (5-0).

B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift directing town attorney Gary Kupferer to respond to the Green Mountain Bureau complaint. Motion carried (5-0).

Other Business/Announcements. None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Date Approved: 04/04/16

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator