

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes  
May 2, 2016

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

Others Present: Julie Sharon and Dana Ero

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

**Agenda Amendments.** On behalf of Lisa Donahue, Julie requested Elfin Lake day passes to be used as a prize giveaway for the 18th annual Wallingford Community Bike Safety Day taking place on May 14. The event is sponsored by Wallingford Rotary and General Electric. After some discussion, B. Brooks made a motion to approve donating a 2016 season pass; motion seconded by G. Fredette. Motion carried (5-0).

**Minutes.** B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to approve the minutes of the April 18th, 2016 meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

**Selectboard Orders.** M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve pay orders totaling \$1,471,813.90. Motion carried (5-0).

**Road Commissioner's Report.** Road Commissioner Phil Baker was not present.

**Culvert Policy.** The Selectboard reviewed the town's Culvert Policy adopted in 1998 along with information from VLCT on this matter. The Selectboard agreed to table this discussion until Road Commissioner Phil Baker was present.

**Aflac Presentation.** Dana Ero provided an overview of Aflac services that could be offered to the Town's employees at no cost to the Town. She discussed their three core programs: accident, cancer and short-term disability. Payments would be made through payroll deductions, and a minimum of three employees must enroll. G. Fredette made the motion to instruct Sandi Switzer to coordinate an employee meeting, which would allow Ms. Ero to speak to the Town's employees; motion seconded by R. Regula. Motion carried (5-0).

**Public Comments.** None.

**E-cycle Registration.** On a motion made by M. Tessier, and seconded by G. Fredette, authorization was given to update the E-cycle registration so that the Town can continue collecting ewaste.

**Elfin Lake Use Request.** On a motion made by B. Brooks, and seconded by G. Fredette, authorization was given to allow the Wallingford Elementary School for a picnic on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried (5-0).

**Selectboard Concerns:** M. Tessier brought up the graffiti that's on the pedestrian bridge. It was decided that the most economical remedy would be to paint over the graffiti. The road crew will be asked if they have any black paint available and a volunteer painter will be sought.

**Other Business/Announcements.** Sandi Switzer made the Selectboard aware of approximately 10 streets not in the town's ordinance regulating speed, which impacts the size of the lettering on the new street signs. Bixby and Fieldstone are not in the ordinance, and she is questioning whether to install signs for those roads as if they were 25 M.P.H. limits. N. Tift recommended that a 35 M.P.H. limit be used to avoid the need of a traffic engineering study.

The Selectboard was pleased that things are progressing with the tax sale complaint involving Green Mountain Bureau v. James Smith.

Regarding Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi's question if the Selectboard would like him to contact Cumberland Farms or the Mobil station about installing an electric charging station, and pursue a grant after he learns how that would work in private property, the Selectboard did not feel that the town should be finding sites. Jeff will be notified that he is not to do this as a representative of the Town; however, he could do it as a private citizen.

Regarding Joyce Barbieri's question on whether a special meeting of the Planning Commission was warranted to deal with the South Wallingford industrial zone matter (because the April meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum), the Selectboard felt that the Planning Commission was already directed to work on this issue.

The Selectboard reviewed the letter issued by Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi to Paul Burroughs regarding the display of goods for sale, along his property, that has exceeded 15 days in a year. N. Tift questioned if Mr. Burroughs needs to comply with state law regarding the business he seems to be running at his property. Julie reported that Mr. Burroughs submitted an application and check to the Zoning Administrator last week. The Selectboard will wait on the decision of the Zoning Administrator.

After reviewing pricing for on-site lettering for the new truck from Awesome Graphics and Mitchell Tees, the Selectboard decided to remain with Green Screen Graphics on a motion made by G. Fredette and seconded by M. Tessier. Motion carried (5-0).

The Selectboard decided that Sandi did not need to pursue additional bids, for repair of the cracks on the basketball courts, than what she has already done.

G. Fredette recently spoke with Sandi about the pavilion dedication next month. She expressed concern that no one is coming forward to take part in the celebration, and Gary would like to make it easier for her.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Date Approved: May 16, 2016

Julie Sharon, Town Clerk & Treasurer