

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes  
May 4, 2015

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

Others Present: Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, Phil Baker, Dave Ballou, Michael McMahon, Joyce McMahon, Nan Dubin, Janine Rodgers, Kathy Ross, Joyce Barbieri, Lowell Klock, David Klock, Ralph Nimtz, Sharon Nimtz, Jeff Biasuzzi, Marc Pramuk, Paul Costello, Jenna Whitson, Jamie Edmunds, Ann Tiplady, Bill Scranton, Jim Marquis, Jillian Burkett, Tom Gainer, and Bonnie Gainer

Chairman Nelson Tift called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

**Agenda Amendments.** Town Administrator added a request by Wallingford Elementary School to use Elfin Lake for a picnic on June 11 to the agenda.

B. Brooks made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by N. Tift. Motion carried (5-0).

**Minutes.** M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

**Selectboard Orders.** B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve pay orders totaling \$1,512,761.28. Motion carried (5-0).

**Lister Services.** Lister Dave Ballou offered options to replace employee John Tiffany, who provides lister/assessor services for the town. Mr. Ballou said the town could hire an appraiser, hire an appraiser along with a data entry person, or train an existing employee for data entry with an appraiser to work a few hours each month or as needed.

He added the town ought to consider eliminating the lister positions due to the training and skill set required to perform the duties. Mr. Ballou said the lister budget could be used to pay a trained individual to perform the duties.

After further discussion, the board directed S. Switzer to request proposals from NEMRC and Lisa Wright Garcia for assessor services on a limited basis with a cost to train a data entry person.

**Road Commissioner's Report.** Road Commissioner Phil Baker said he had directed his insurance company to provide Certificates of Insurance to the town as required for the winter storm debris removal project. There was a discussion regarding where to locate the debris pile for the fire department to burn. Mr. Baker said he would explore a number of options, including Stone Meadow, a manure pit on Creek Road, the Pike

property and the old South Wallingford fairgrounds. Mr. Baker said he would begin the debris removal next week.

The board reviewed the Debris Removal Agreement between the town and Phil Baker and Sons. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks authorizing board members to sign the agreement. Motion carried (5-0).

Mr. Baker said he was seeking estimates for a new tandem truck for the road crew.

He noted a culvert was plugged near the Travers residence off Route 7 and he said he would alert VTrans.

S. Switzer noted a resident had asked if the Timberhill Development would be swept. Mr. Baker said the road crew did not sweep the roads.

**AT&T Cell Tower Plan for Clock Tower.** B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to grant preliminary approval for revised plans to install antennas in the clock tower based on information the town had received to date. Motion carried (4-1). R. Regula cast a nay vote.

**Public Comments.** Lowell Klock asked if the board would provide more details regarding the latest AT&T cell tower plan. B. Brooks responded AT&T would not be replacing the cupola with a replica. He said the latest plan would require replacing face boards.

It was noted James Duggan from the state Division of Historic Preservation and architect Ralph Nimtze had reviewed the proposal and had no objections.

Michael McMahon raised a number of questions regarding the lot line adjustment involving town property and land owned by Tom Phillips. B. Brooks said the matter was appealed to the Development Review Board and the DRB denied the appeal.

G. Fredette said both sides felt they gained something from the lot line adjustment.

**Workshop Request.** The board briefly reconsidered approving a \$125 NEMRC Workshop invoice. G. Fredette made a motion to pay the invoice. The motion died for lack of a second.

**Transfer Station Yard Waste.** There was discussion regarding the location of a yard waste collection site at the transfer station. The matter was tabled until a site visit on May 18 at 6:00 p.m.

**Vision for the Village.** Paul Costello and Jenn Whitson from the Vermont Council on Rural Development provided an overview of the Community Visit Program, which brings residents together to set short and long term goals for a town and accesses resources to achieve those goals.

Mr. Costello indicated the program would require extensive community involvement over four months with no cost to the town other than hosting a community dinner at the end of the program. He said a letter of interest from the town was needed for VCRD to consider offering the program to the community.

Several residents asked questions and offered input with almost unanimous support through a show of hands to proceed with the program.

After an extensive discussion, B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to send a letter of interest to Vermont Council on Rural Development indicating the town would like to participate in the Community Visit Program. Motion carried (5-0).

Bonnie Gainer offered to help write the letter of interest.

**Other Business/Announcements.** None

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Date Approved: 05/18/15

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator