

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
June 15, 2015

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

Others Present: Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, Phil Baker, Marc Pramuk, Stephen Benard, Dave Fox, Dave Ballou, and Steve Burzon

Chairman Nelson Tift called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Wallingford Town Hall.

Agenda Amendments. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer added Bruce Dobbin's request to be appointed to the Development Review Board.

Minutes. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks to approve the Minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Selectboard Orders. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by R.Regula to approve pay orders totaling \$24,070.47. Motion carried (5-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker said he was interested in paving Nash Drive, River Street, Mill Street and Circular Drive. He requested Town Administrator Sandi Switzer to seeking paving bids featuring the mileage of each road, price per ton in place, 1 ½ inch top coat and a leveling shim coat. He requested the town seek bids from Pike, Fuller and Wilk.

Mr. Baker said culverts on Sugar Hill Road, West Hill and Hartsboro Road needed to be replaced.

M. Tessier suggested the town consider at some point in the future hiring an employee to assist with winter road maintenance and perform other municipal duties such as mowing, lake and ballfield maintenance, trash removal and other tasks contracted out.

S. Switzer mentioned a request to install a Children At Play sign on Depot Street. N. Tift said heavy traffic and speed was a factor on the road used as a bypass around the Route 7 traffic lights. He said he did not think a sign would help.

Rutland County Sheriff Contract. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette authorizing N. Tift to sign the one-year agreement with RCSD in an amount not to exceed \$17,340. Motion carried (5-0).

Dispatch Services. N. Tift indicated he had met with Vermont State Police Captain Donald Patch regarding future dispatch services given the state's intention to

consolidate emergency call centers in Rutland and Derby with Rockingham and Williston. Sheriff Benard said he would also be meeting with Captain Patch to discuss options.

Public Comments. Marc Pramuk provided the board with photographs of a water line across Otter Creek. He indicated he was concerned the pipe was very exposed when water levels were low and could have an impact on those using canoes and kayaks in the waterway.

Mr. Baker suggested Mr. Pramuk contact Fire District 1 officials.

Lister Services Contract. The board reviewed Wright Appraisal Company's agreement for lister/assessor services beginning July 1.

N. Tift said it was not the board's intention to have Jill Stone Teer as a contact or point person for the listers' office. He said Ms. Teer was hired for data entry and administrative duties. N. Tift said the town would need Lisa Wright Garcia to provide more than three office hours each week as noted on the agreement.

Lister Dave Ballou said Ms. Teer had trained with NEMRC's John Tiffany for three hours and would be training with him for an additional six hours over the next two weeks. Mr. Ballou said she would still need about 20 more hours of training.

After further discussion, the board agreed by consensus to have S. Switzer contact NEMRC to request Mr. Tiffany's lister/assessor services to the town be extended for 60 days beyond June 30. B. Brooks requested NEMRC provide an hourly rate for services starting July 1. The board directed S. Switzer to update Ms. Wright about the town's plan for the transition from NEMRC to Wright Appraisal Company.

Transfer Station Fence. The board reviewed the two estimates received for installation of a chain link fence around the future yard waste area at the transfer station. Garden Arts of Manchester provided an estimate of \$12,571.23 and Springfield Fence of Springfield estimated the job at \$5900.

Garden Arts owner Steve Burzon was present to answer any questions.

G. Fredette made a motion to accept the low bid of \$5900 by Springfield Fence. M. Tessier seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Horse Pasture Concern. The board reviewed town ordinance Title 4 Chapter 2 Section 4216 in response to Drew Lohsen's concern a neighbor's horse pasture is less than 150 from his dwelling and well.

The board by unanimous consent agreed an enclosure is something that houses animals, therefore there was no violation of the ordinance.

The board also reviewed an email from state enforcement officer Wendy Anderson of the Agriculture Resource Management Division regarding the distance from the horse pasture to Lohsen's well. Ms. Anderson indicated a horse pasture must be greater than 50 feet from a well. The Selectboard indicated there did not appear to be a violation of the state regulation.

The board suggested Mr. Lohsen follow Ms. Anderson's advice and conduct a free water test to determine whether his well had been contaminated.

Ballfield Tree. The board approved by unanimous consent Andie Bove's request to have Pratico's Landscaping Service replace the vandalized tree at the ballfield with a white birch or hydrangea. The board further agreed the town would pay Pratico's the insurance claim of \$478 for the tree replacement.

Ballfield Use Request. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to approve Art Peterson's request for a flag football clinic at the ballfield August 3-5 and flag football games and practices three times a week starting August 24 through October 10. Motion carried (5-0).

Stone Meadow Agreement. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier authorizing N. Tift to sign Resource Management, Inc.'s Sales and Use agreement allowing the Conservation Commission to receive top soil and wildflower seeds at no cost to the town. Motion carried (5-0).

Other Business/Announcements. The board revisited the fee set at the last meeting for bags of compostable leaves. By consensus, the board agreed to reduce the rate from \$2.50 to \$2 per bag.

B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to appoint Bruce Dobbins to a vacant three-year seat on the Development Review Board. Motion carried (5-0).

S. Switzer informed the board VLCT responded to an inquiry that photos attached to an email should be considered public property and must be made available upon request.

B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette directing S. Switzer to contact the town's attorney for advice on the storage of junk vehicles on the Agostinelli property on Route 103.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Date Approved: July 6, 2015

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator