

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
July 5, 2016

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

Others Present: Sandi Switzer, Julie Sharon, and Phil Baker

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

Agenda Amendments. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer added a request for a Peddler Permit.

Minutes. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2016 meeting. Motion carried (4-0). G. Fredette abstained.

Pay Orders. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve pay orders totaling \$43,067.03. Motion carried (5-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker asked if grader funds could be carried over from the FY'16 budget to pay for repairs.

He said the road crew spent several days hauling material away from the tennis courts and he noted Road Foreman Steve Lanfear graded Tiff Road last Sunday.

Mr. Baker asked if he could provide citizens with chloride upon request to reduce dust on dirt roads. The board agreed by unanimous consent.

The road commissioner mentioned a request by Herb Frederick to remove a cherry tree in the right of way on Homerstone Road. The board agreed the road crew could determine whether they wanted to take on the task.

S. Switzer said American Rock Salt provided a quote of \$78.50/ton for winter salt. The board agreed to follow the road commissioner's recommendation of staying with Cargill.

There was a brief discussion regarding a request to install speed bumps on Church Street. The board agreed to follow the road commissioner's recommendation and deny the request.

The board reviewed the town's existing Culvert Policy. Mr. Baker suggested the town update the policy to require heavy duty culverts be installed in driveways. The board requested the town administrator inquire as to whether VLCT has a model policy.

R. Regula said Ed Dias expressed appreciation to the road crew for addressing drainage issues on Nash Drive. She said Mr. Dias requested cold patch on one additional area.

Paving Bids. B. Brooks opened sealed bids from Pike Industries at \$52.97/ton, Wilk Paving at \$69.37/ton and Fuller Sand & Gravel at \$62/ton for paving projects on Church Street, Nash Drive and High Street.

Mr. Baker questioned whether the Pike estimate included delivery. B. Brooks read the description of the work to be included on the Pike estimate.

M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to accept Pike's estimate of \$52.97/ton to pave sections of Church Street, Nash Drive and High Street with a total paving budget of \$48,573. Motion carried (5-0).

B. Brooks suggested carrying over approximately \$5000 left in the FY'16 paving budget as well as other unexpended highway funds in order to cover the paving costs.

Public Comments. None.

Earl Wade Road Culvert Replacement Bid Request. The board reviewed the bid request form for the Earl Wade Road Culvert Replacement project.

S. Switzer indicated the Better Road grant required a 20 percent local match, which could include labor and equipment. She asked whether the board wanted an advertisement placed in the Rutland Herald.

Mr. Baker suggested the town purchase the culvert to save money and have the winning bidder arrange for delivery and off-load the culvert on site.

The board directed S. Switzer to revise the bid request form with Mr. Baker's recommendations and have B. Brooks review the document for final approval. The board agreed the project should be advertised.

Year End Financials. Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon provided an overview of FY'16 year end financials. She said the town collected \$4000 more than expected in revenues. As for expenses, she reported Administration, Insurance, Public Safety and Highway were under budget. She noted Expenditures came in on budget and Town Government was slightly over. J. Sharon explained Recreation was over budget due to the tennis court work, but she said money set aside for Capital expenses would balance it out.

There was a discussion regarding what to do with funds remaining for some line items. By unanimous consent, the board agreed a June 30 pay order should include \$10,000 for paving, \$2246.20 for culverts, \$425 for trees and shrubs, \$3351 for the Building Fund, \$840 for the Cemetery Fund and \$3500 for grader repairs.

Rutland County Sheriff Department Contract. The board reviewed the contract and noted the amount of \$35,400 for approximately 20 hours of coverage per week for the next twelve months beginning July 1, 2016.

B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve the sheriff's contract. Motion carried (5-0).

B. Brooks said the RCSD Memorandum of Understanding for six months of free dispatch services beginning July 1 included the option of six additional months at no charge. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula. Motion carried (5-0).

N. Tift said the constable will have to be changed over his radio for the new dispatch service.

Employee Short Term Disability. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift to extend short term disability for fulltime employees another year. Motion carried (5-0).

Selectboard Comments. None.

Peddler Permit Request. The board considered Nicholas Tvrdy's request for a Peddler Permit to sell educational materials for youngsters from toddlers to teenagers.

There was a discussion that Mr. Tvrdy had been knocking on doors into the late evening hours around town for a number of days prior to seeking a permit. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to deny the permit request. Motion carried (5-0).

Other Business. The board agreed a municipal ticket should not be issued to Janine Rodgers for her dog running loose since someone else had been in charge of the animal at the time.

M. Tessier said he would contact railroad officials regarding the Route 140W crossing if the town did not receive a response to a request to repair the crossing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Date Approved: 07/18/16

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator