Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
July 16, 2018

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

Others present: Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, Phil Baker, Steve Lanfear, Nicole McPhee, Shannon Pytlik, Rachel Burch, and Michael Luzader.

Chair B. Brooks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. Brooks made a motion to enter executive session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the road crew position according to 1 V.S.A. §313 (a)(3) the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee. N. Tift seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Board members emerged from executive session at 6:29. No action was taken.

Agenda Amendments. None.

Minutes. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the 06/18/18 Minutes. Motion carried (5-0).

M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the 07/03/18 Minutes. Motion carried (3-0). B. Brooks and G. Fredette abstained since they were not at that meeting.

Pay Orders. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift approving pay orders totaling $56,832.32. Motion carried (5-0).

Road Commissioner Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker said he would like to narrow the width of the Route 140W section to be paved this summer to 22 to 24 feet in order to reduce costs and use the funds to pave near the railroad crossing and by the Waldo Lane intersection. By comparison, he said the basic travel portion of Route 7 in the village was 22 feet wide. The board had no objection.

Mr. Baker was asked whether the state would allow it. He responded he would speak to VTrans' Brian Sanderson.

There was a brief discussion regarding the highway department tractor. The board agreed with the road commissioner's recommendation to advertise it in the Rutland Herald for sale to the highest bidder.

The board reviewed photographs of a separated piece of concrete on Homer Stone Road Bridge. Road Foreman Steve Lanfear said he would inspect the bridge.

There was a brief discussion regarding roadside mowing. The board asked Mr. Baker to submit an estimate.

Elfin Lake Dock. Michael Luzader requested the board reconsider a decision not to install the dock. He also noted lake rules were not being followed and suggested concession stand workers be offered more hours in order to have two people working some shifts with one person dedicated to enforcing lake rules.

Rachel Burch said fees and season passes remained the same this season despite no lifeguards at the lake and no dock installed.

G. Fredette indicated Vermont League of Cities and Town's Wade Masure offered several recommendations, which included not installing the dock. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer explained Mr. Masure suggested if the Town were to install the dock it should be in at least nine feet of water with no obstructions in the water, be well maintained, and No Diving enforced.

Mr. Luzader said dock rules could be enforced with the extra help. Shannon Pytlik raised safety concerns including the decision not to hire lifeguards. She said the limited hours offered to lifeguards discouraged people from applying.

G. Fredette questioned whether some visitors would get the wrong impression of whether there were lifeguards at the lake with an employee enforcing rules.

There was a brief discussion regarding observations of increased law enforcement patrols at the lake.

B. Brooks said the board could review the budget to see whether funds were available to increase concession stand hours as Mr. Luzader suggested. N. Tift cautioned whether the Town's insurance carrier would support concession stand workers acting in an enforcement capacity.

M. Tessier said the Recreation Committee should be consulted before any decisions were made. He said the committee was meeting July 17th. B. Brooks said he would try to attend.

Ms. Pytlik asked the board to direct the Recreation Committee to begin planning for next summer.

Public Comments. Nicole McPhee introduced herself and gave an overview of her candidacy for Rutland County probate judge.

Preliminary Year End Financials. Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon reported $1,369,922 in revenue for FY'18 with expenditures totaling $1,346,468 without the June 30th pay order.

She explained the Town was anticipating $175,000 in reimbursements from FEMA and the state for the July 1, 2017 storm. Those funds could be applied to Conservation, Cemetery, Recreation and Building funds.

After further discussion, M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve 06/30/18 pay orders totaling $45,720.80. Motion carried (5-0).

With the approved pay orders, preliminary figures indicate a $5300 shortfall for FY'18. Board members agreed the preliminary numbers were impressive given the unexpected expenses due to the storm.

G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to increase the 07/17/18 pay orders by $935.16 for Kofile vital binder and marriage license expenses. Motion carried (5-0).

Road Erosion Inventory Agreement. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve an agreement between the Town and Rutland Regional Planning Commission related to the Better Roads road erosion inventory grant with $6398 to be paid to RRPC for the work. Motion carried (5-0).

Church Street Complaint.. Board members reviewed Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi's draft letter to estate attorneys for the Dennis Smith property on Church Street. The board tabled the matter.

Municipal Road General Permit Application and Fee. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift authorizing the board chair to sign the Municipal Road General Permit application with a $240 fee. Motion carried (5-0).

Ballfield Soil Sample Testing. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula approving state Dept. of Environmental Conservation's request to collect a soil sample at the ballfield on Meadow Street. Motion carried (3-2). N. Tift and M. Tessier voted in the minority.

Request to Cater. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier approving Constance Mendell's Occasions Catering, Inc.'s liquor license request for a wedding at The Barn at White Rocks on July 28. Motion carried (5-0).

1631 Route 103. B. Brooks opened a sealed offer from Cathy Read for the purchase of 1631 Route 103. He read aloud the offer of $3000. After some discussion, M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift to make a counter offer to cover out of pocket expenses and closing costs. Motion carried (5-0).

Other Business. The Board reviewed email exchanges between Joyce Barbieri and Gary Holloway from VT Dept of Housing and Community Development regarding the Town taking ownership of a portion of Route 7 in the village in order to address residents' complaints regarding noise and traffic. It was noted the Town could not be seasonal owners. B. Brooks indicated it was a great idea but too costly.

The board directed the town administrator to draft a No Nudity ordinance for a future meeting.

G. Fredette gave an overview of Watershed Consultants stormwater management plans to provide 30% concept designs for four projects: Florence Avenue, Family Dollar, WES and North Main Street. By consensus, the Board agreed with the plans.

S. Switzer said Dale Davenport informed the Town Wallingford Rescue and Mt. Holly Rescue had worked out agreements for coverage during the Route 140E road closure.

There was a discussion regarding sending a letter of interest to the Public Service Board for the Troy Minerals solar project. The Board agreed by consensus to send the letter.

By consensus, the Board agreed not to participate in a class action lawsuit related to PILOT payments for federal forest land.

There was a discussion regarding Darcy Sanderson's request for permission to play music at a wedding reception at 30 Lidstone Lane until midnight on August 11 with fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Board members agreed Ms. Sanderson should abide by the Town's Noise Ordinance. They further suggested she notify all neighbors of the event.

The Board approved the $113.36 estimate for an Elfin Lake Rules sign as recommended by VLCT. B. Brooks suggested purchasing a second foam board sign with the same rules.

Executive Session. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to enter executive session for employee evaluations at 8:34 p.m. according to 1 V.S.A. §313 (a)(3) the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee. J. Sharon, S. Switzer and Mr. Baker were invited to attend. Motion carried (5-0).

The Board emerged from executive session at 9:04 p.m. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to hire Kyle Eastman for the road crew at a rate of $17/hour. Motion carried (5-0).

R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier approving 3% pay raises for Julie Sharon, Jill Stone Teer, Sandi Switzer, Charlie Woods, Steve Lanfear, Jim Regula and Art Nemeth. Motion carried (5-0). Board members by unanimous consent confirmed Lisa Wright's hourly wage at $60 agreed upon last January.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Date Approved: 08/06/18
Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator