Wallingford Selectboard Meeting Minutes August 1, 2016

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

Others Present: Sandi Switzer

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

Agenda Amendments. None.

Minutes. R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2016 meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Pay Orders. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to approve the 08/02/16 pay orders totaling \$36,586.06. Motion carried (5-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. None.

G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to table action on the Driveway Access Policy until the road commissioner was present. Motion carried (5-0).

Reappraisal Request for Proposal. The board reviewed Assessor Lisa Wright Garcia's draft Request for Reappraisal Services for the 2018 Grand List.

- B. Brooks asked whether anyone on the Selectboard had any changes or suggestions. Board members had none.
- B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve the Request for Reappraisal Services document. Motion carried (5-0).

Letter to VTrans. The board reviewed a letter to VTrans Chris Cole and Dan Delabruere requesting immediate action to improve rail crossings at Route 140W and the south end of Hartsboro Road.

- M. Tessier said it was unfortunate the town had to go to such lengths to get the state's attention regarding the two crossings. He suggested generating a town wide petition if the board does not get a response.
- G. Fredette noted town officials receive daily complaints about the two crossings. B. Brooks suggested sending copies of the letter to U.S. Senators Leahy and Sanders and Congressman Welch.

The board agreed by unanimous consent to distribute the letter to state VTrans officials as well as the congressional delegation.

Public Comments. None.

Selectboard Comments. G. Fredette asked whether Champlain Valley had confirmed a fixed rate price of \$1.77 for #2 heating fuel. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer said Champlain Valley had sent a confirmation email that morning.

B. Brooks asked whether the town should review late afternoon admission fees to Elfin Lake. The board agreed to seek a recommendation from the Recreation Committee.

R. Regula asked whether a Rutland County Sheriff Department escort has been arranged for a Board of Civil Authority inspection committee site visit. S. Switzer confirmed a deputy escort had been arranged.

Other Business. B. Brooks noted Charlie Woods and John Squier had gone above their road crew duties in cleaning up a large garbage mess in East Wallingford.

G. Fredette asked whether the Wallingford Alumni Association would be interested in the Little Red Schoolhouse bell.

The board by unanimous consent agreed with the Recreation Committee's recommendation for a green tennis court with white tennis lines. They further agreed on yellow pickleball lines.

There was a discussion regarding the need for a health inspector to visit the Witham/Peck property on Route 103. The board directed S. Switzer to contact a Department of Environmental Conservation enforcement officer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Date Approved: 08/15/16

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator