

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes  
August 16, 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 6:35 p.m. at Wallingford Town Hall.

**Agenda Amendments.** Town Administrator Sandi Switzer added the Better Roads Grant Agreement.

**Minutes.** M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2016 meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

**Pay Orders.** N. Tift made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the 08/16/16 pay orders totaling \$14,784.52 after \$922.50 was added for Wright Appraisal Services. Motion carried (5-0).

**Road Commissioner's Report.** Road Commissioner Phil Baker discussed Doug Edward's logging operation near Hartsboro Road. He said a dispatch service in Canada was sending several different subcontractors to haul the logs and he wanted to know how to address overweight vehicle permit applications.

N. Tift said each trucking company must obtain a permit or risk civil fines issued by law enforcement officers.

Mr. Baker noted the town had received a quote of \$6700 from Pike Industries to pave 150 lineal feet of the Homer Stone Road corner past the railroad crossing. He said he wanted to see if a smaller area could be paved to correct the deficiencies while reducing cost. He suggested Nicom Coatings provide an estimate to repair cracks in the basketball court.

Mr. Baker said Pike would be paving Church Street, High Street and Nash Drive in September.

M. Tessier noted Waldo Lane needed to be graded after the recent rain storms. Mr. Baker agreed and said Dugway Road had washed out in a couple of areas and West Hill Road needed to be repaired in some spots.

Mr. Baker said he wondered about lowering the speed limit on Church Street, but he said he found out it was an extensive process. He asked whether additional 30 m.p.h. speed limit signs could be posted with increased radar patrols.

N. Tift agreed there should be more signs and recommended two more in each direction.

G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to follow N. Tift's recommendation to increase the number of speed limit signs on Church Street. Motion carried (5-0).

M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks to direct the road crew to remove two No Parking signs at the elementary school. Motion carried (5-0).

**Earl Wade Road Culvert Replacement Bids.** B. Brooks opened the five sealed bids received for the Earl Wade Road culvert replacement project. S. Switzer noted the town was awarded a Better Roads grant totaling \$13,504 with a required local in-kind match of \$3,376.

Base bid amounts were as follows:

Phil Baker and Sons - \$11,870

Allard Excavating - \$38,077

Belden Company - \$31,450

Richard Reed and Son - \$36,195

Griffin & Griffin - \$22,779.

B. Brooks asked how the road crew would be used for the in-kind match. It was noted the Better Road grant included the town's \$8695 cost to purchase the culvert with freight. The board agreed the road crew could be used for labor and hauling material.

After further discussion, G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift to award the project to low bidder Phil Baker and Sons. Motion carried (5-0).

**Driveway Access Policy.** The board and Mr. Baker reviewed the revised draft of the Driveway Access Policy. Mr. Baker approved the amendments. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to adopt the policy. Motion carried (5-0).

**Municipal Tax Rate.** The board reviewed Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon's memorandum regarding grand list totals, FY'17 budget figures, the homestead and non-residential education tax rates, and the surplus amount. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift to set the municipal tax rate at \$0.3032. Motion carried (5-0).

**Public Comments.** None.

**Selectboard September Meeting.** The board by consensus agreed to move the first meeting of September to Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

**Selectboard Comments.** R. Regula raised a concern from a resident regarding speeding on Railroad Street. She requested increased radar patrols in that area and the board agreed.

The board discussed state highway sign questions from engineer Paul McKechnie, who is working with VTrans. N. Tift recommended more speed limit signs on Route 7 as well as other safety measures. The board requested N. Tift work with S. Switzer to respond to the inquiries.

**Better Road Grant Agreement.** B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift authorizing S. Switzer to sign the Better Road Grant Agreement for the Earl Wade Road culvert replacement project totaling \$13,504 with a required in-kind match of \$3,376. Motion carried (5-0).

**Other Business.** The board reviewed and approved assessor Lisa Wright Garcia's final draft of the RFP for reappraisal services for distribution.

N. Tift said Department of Children and Families was contacted regarding a Route 103 living situation. S. Switzer indicated Department of Environmental Conservation enforcement officer Patrick Lowkes had indicated he intended to investigate the same property.

M. Tessier asked when the Prudential Committee would be forwarding a request to the board to appoint a third member. After some discussion, the board directed S. Switzer to notify Fire District #1 officials that Bill Brooks was willing to serve on the committee as an interim or permanent member.

B. Brooks requested lister positions be added to a future agenda to discuss whether to eliminate the posts.

N. Tift said he would like to attend the VLCT annual Town Fair in October. R. Regula also expressed interest in attending. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette approving the requests and naming N. Tift as the town's voting delegate. Motion carried (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Date Approved: 09/06/16

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator