

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
September 7, 2015

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

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

Others Present: Sandi Switzer and Gary Wells

Agenda Amendments. N. Tift added Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department coin drop request to the agenda.

Gary Wells requested authorization for a coin drop on October 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the village with a rain date of October 11.

B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette authorizing the coin drop at a village site approved by state regulators. Motion carried (5-0).

Minutes. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to approve the Minutes of the August 17 public hearing and meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Selectboard Orders. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve pay orders totaling \$41,169.92 after \$125 was added for a NEMRC payment. Motion carried (5-0).

Road Commissioner Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker was not in attendance. Board members indicated they wanted Mr. Baker to confirm a paving schedule, provide a list of streets to be paved and reconfirm paving prices with Fuller Sand and Gravel.

Town Administrator Sandi Switzer said she had sent a number of emails to state railway officials requesting a timeframe for repairs to the Route 140W railroad crossing. She said AOT's Dan Delabruere confirmed receipt of the emails, but he did not respond. M. Tessier requested the contact information so he could call Mr. Delabruere.

There was a brief discussion regarding the importance of the road crew servicing highway equipment on a regular basis.

M. Tessier requested the road crew remove a "No Unauthorized Vehicle" sign off Waldo Lane near the transfer station.

There was discussion about the need for Haven Hill to be graded.

Appointments/Resignations. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to accept with regret Ann Tiplady's resignation from the Development Review Board. Motion carried (5-0).

G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to appoint Bill Brooks to the Development Review Board. Motion carried (4-0). B. Brooks abstained.

B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to appoint Carol Ann Martin to the planning commission. Motion carried (5-0).

Public Comments. M. Tessier noted Eileen Tessier would be interested in volunteering to assist the American Red Cross blood drive at Town Hall in November.

Workshop Request. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi's grant writing workshop request.

There was discussion regarding whether the Town Administrator should attend the workshop as well.

B. Brooks withdrew his motion and G. Fredette withdrew his second. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

State Grant Agreements. By consensus, the board authorized Wallingford Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon to sign state grant agreements through the "e-Sign Live" program.

Hartshoro Road Dog Complaint. There was a discussion concerning ongoing complaints from Jerry Florance about Casey Burnham's barking dog.

The board briefly reviewed the local Animal Regulation Ordinance – Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 4207.

N. Tift made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks authorizing the Town Administrator to issue a second municipal ticket to Ms. Burnham for violating the local ordinance. Motion carried (5-0).

Route 103 Junk Vehicles. S. Switzer informed the board Mr. Ferris O'Connell called Town Hall to indicate all but one unregistered vehicle would be moved or screened from the traveled portion of the road near his Route 103 rental property within 24 hours.

B. Brooks offered to drive by the property to see whether the unregistered vehicles had been moved.

N. Tift made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to serve notice to the property owner, Ray Agostinelli, of possible violation of the municipal junk ordinance if more than

one unregistered vehicle remains after the 24-hour period requested by Mr. O'Connell. Motion carried (5-0).

The board directed the town administrator to request Constable Jerry Tift confirm vehicle registrations. They also indicated Rutland County Sheriff's Department should be contacted if the town proceeds with serving Mr. Agostinelli a notice.

Other Business/Announcements. The board agreed to have Rutland County Sheriff's Department set up a speed cart on School Street.

There was a brief discussion regarding the lack of tickets being issued to motorists by RCSD. N. Tift said he would speak to Sheriff Stephen Benard about the town's concerns.

N. Tift indicated he would be attending the LEPC meeting on September 22 and would request Emergency Management Coordinator Gary Wells also attend.

The board discussed tennis court repair quotes. By unanimous consent, board members agreed to wait for a Recreation Committee recommendation.

The board declined an option for the town's transfer station to set up a primary battery collection site in response to Act 139.

Board members agreed Charlie Woods should become familiar with the Elfin Lake concession stand water system in order to operate it each spring and fall.

S. Switzer notified the board Harry Chapman, John Sease and Ann Tiplady, and Tom and Barbara Truex appealed their respective Board of Civil Authority decisions to Superior Court.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Date Approved: 09/21/15

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator