

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes  
October 5, 2015

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

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

Others Present: Sandi Switzer, Julie Sharon, Marc Pramuk, George Ambrose, Tammy Heffernan, Ken Fredette and David Younce.

**Agenda Amendments.** Town Administrator Sandi Switzer indicated Ken Welch was not available to attend the meeting. She requested the electric vehicle charging station be tabled.

**Minutes.** R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2015 meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

**Selectboard Orders.** B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve pay orders totaling \$168,139.29. Motion carried (4-0).

**FY'16 First Quarter Financials.** Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon provided an overview of the first quarter financials noting the \$5900 expense for the transfer station fence and the \$5896 cost to have a Don Glendenning work crew construct the pavilion.

**Road Commissioner Report.** Road Commissioner Phil Baker said Fuller Sand and Gravel would be paving Circular Avenue and Elm Street on Wednesday, October 7. He said they would be shimming River Street. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer indicated \$47,000 was available for paving.

Mr. Baker said the roadside mower left a lot of stubs and debris. He said those areas will look better if the road crew hits the same spots next year.

The road commissioner said he would take a look at Pembroke Lane after hearing from a citizen sections paved two years ago were breaking up. He added he would visit East Street to find out who was involved in the heavy trucking activities in that neighborhood.

Mr. Baker said he would talk to Road Foreman Steve Lanfear about service to the Caterpillar.

**Public Comments.** Marc Pramuk, who serves on the Conservation Commission, asked whether there were any issues with the group's plan to improve the parking area at Stone Meadow with the installation of a split rail fence, a carved stone and trees.

Mr. Baker said he did not foresee any issues as far as runoff or drainage. The Selectboard did not express any concerns regarding the layout of the parking area.

S. Switzer asked whether additional rails could be ordered to extend the split rail fence adjacent to the concession stand at Elfin Lake. Mr. Pramuk agreed and requested the Recreation Committee provide him with the number of rails needed.

**Act 46.** Wallingford Elementary School Director Ken Fredette provided an overview of state legislation entitled Act 46 requiring school districts to consolidate into supervisory districts with at least 900 students. The new district would have a single pre-kindergarten through grade 12 school board and a single tax rate.

He said the new district would be comprised of Wallingford, Clarendon, Shrewsbury and Tinmouth. He said the school board would consist of four representatives from Wallingford, four from Clarendon, two from Shrewsbury and one from Tinmouth.

He said this effort was about consolidating school boards and governance and not about consolidating schools.

Mr. Fredette indicated the new governance would go into effect in July of 2016 if voters in all four towns approve the proposal at Town Meeting in March.

Mill River Union High School Director George Ambrose explained there were tax incentives and some cost savings regarding the consolidation of school boards, including the centralization of transportation and special education resources.

MRUHS School Board Chair Tammy Heffernan said there would be one board overseeing the entire supervisory district and each school would have an ad hoc committee to bring any issues to the board. She said Montpelier would decide how to proceed with governance if voters rejected the proposal.

Rutland South Supervisory Union Superintendent David Younce said there would be funds available to assist with the transition.

Mr. Ambrose urged residents to send questions or comments to [studycommittee@rssu.org](mailto:studycommittee@rssu.org).

**Workshop Request.** B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi's request to attend a zoning forum workshop on October 28 with the cost divided among the three towns he serves. Motion approved (4-0).

**Town Fair Voting Delegate.** G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks authorizing R. Regula to serve as the town's voting delegate at the annual VLCT Town Fair on October 8. Motion carried (3-0). R. Regula abstained.

**Foley's Textile Contract.** G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks to approve Foley's Textile Agreement dated September 22, 2015 for road crew uniforms. Motion carried (4-0).

**Appointment.** B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to appoint Susan Taggart to the Recreation Committee. Motion carried (4-0).

**Flu Shot Clinic.** The board declined to enter into an agreement with RAVNAH for a flu shot clinic on-site for town employees.

G. Fredette suggested the town coordinate flu shots with Wallingford Elementary School next year.

**Knowledgewave Program.** By unanimous consent, the board approved a \$50 expense be added to pay orders for access to Knowledgewave for 12 months with 10 users to be identified by the Town Administrator. Knowledgewave has partnered with Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns to offer a variety of online free and reduced rate videos, webinars and classes such as Excel, Microsoft Office, and Powerpoint.

**Social Service Funding Request Policy.** VLCT recommended a model policy for Social Service Funding Requests. The board declined to adopt the policy.

**Other Business/Announcements.** The board authorized the purchase of a \$50 gift certificate for Maureen Duchesne in appreciation for sharing her office with the Town Administrator while floors were being refinished.

The board indicated new conference room chairs were not needed unless the town could find a bargain.

There was some discussion regarding Jerry Florance's complaints about a barking dog issue on Homerstone Road. The board by unanimous consent directed Town Administrator Sandi Switzer to issue Casey Burnham a \$100 municipal ticket for a third violation of a municipal ordinance related to animal regulation. N. Tift directed S. Switzer to contact the judicial bureau to request a hearing in the matter.

N. Tift said there was no action for the town to take at this point regarding emergency dispatch services.

The board indicated Cabbage Night and Halloween were the only upcoming events requiring Rutland County Sheriff Department patrols.

Board members reviewed TDI New England's Public Service Board hearing schedule, Green Mountain National Forest fourth quarter plans for regional projects, and Recreation Committee September Meeting Minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Date Approved: 10/19/15

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator