

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes  
November 2, 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, Rose Regula and Mark Tessier.

Others Present: Sandi Switzer

**Agenda Amendments.** None

**Minutes.** M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the October 19, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried (5-0).

**Selectboard Orders.** G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks to approve pay orders totaling \$1,526,900.27 after a \$195.13 Merchants Bank petty cash item was removed and a \$139.92 item for Stone Meadow birch trees and a Main Street red maple was added. Motion carried (5-0).

**Road Commissioner Report.** Road Commissioner Phil Baker did not attend the meeting.

There was a brief discussion regarding District Transportation official Brian Sanderson's assessment of the Van Wyck bridge and his comment about seeking a Structure's grant for improvements. Board members said they were unaware of any issues with the bridge. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer noted Road Commissioner Phil Baker had indicated guardrails were needed.

There was a discussion about the status of the Creek Road Bridge. S. Switzer said Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon confirmed there was \$60,000 in a fund for the bridge with another \$30,000 from this year's budget. S. Switzer suggested the town consider pursuing a state Structure's grant in the spring for bridge improvements. The board reviewed a 2012 report from DuBois and King outlining short term and long term rehabilitation options. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift authorizing S. Switzer to contact DuBois and King to request an estimate for the firm to conduct another inspection of the bridge in order to update the report. Motion carried (5-0).

**Public Comments.** None

**NCER Contract Amendment.** The board reviewed a request by Jason Linnell of National Center for Recycling to amend an agreement with the town eliminating

payments to the municipality for collecting covered electronic waste at the transfer station.

S. Switzer advised Mr. Linnell confirmed NCER would vacate the agreement within 30 days if the town did not sign the amended contract.

N. Tift noted citizens had come to rely on the Transfer Station as a drop-off area for ewaste.

The board reviewed emails from Rutland County Solid Waste District's Jim O'Gorman on the matter including a note that recyclers may charge for non-covered items at some point in the future.

By consensus, the board approved the amended NCER Agreement that eliminates payments to the municipality for ewaste.

**Offsite Secure Data Storage.** M. Tessier provided an overview of the research he conducted regarding options for off-site secure data storage. After a brief discussion, B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve the CAMA Disaster Recovery Agreement forwarded to the town by NEMRC's Ernie Saunders in the amount of \$600 for one year effective November 1. Motion carried (5-0).

**Bulk Mail Permit Request.** B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette approving Green Hill Cemetery's request to use the town's mail permit to distribute a capital campaign letter. Motion carried (5-0).

**Blood Drive.** By consensus, the board approved a request by Rich Dow from American Red Cross to hold a blood drive at Town Hall on November 24.

**Selectboard Comments/Concerns.** M. Tessier said he was contacted by Jerry Florance regarding the ongoing barking dog issues on Homerstone Road. N. Tift indicated VLCT confirmed the town could not impound the animal without a court order or warrant. By consensus, the board authorized N. Tift to speak to the property owner regarding the barking dog.

N. Tift noted Mr. Florance had requested copies of municipal tickets issued to Casey Burnham for violating the town's Animal Regulation ordinance. The board chairman said VLCT indicated Mr. Florance had the right to the public documents and advised the town to redact Ms. Burnham's birthdate and driver's license number on the copies.

**Other Business/Announcements.** N. Tift directed S. Switzer to send John McLallen a thank-you card and transfer station punch card for installing U.S. flags in the village and in East Wallingford in the spring and removing and storing the flags in the fall.

The board reviewed a preliminary five year plan for municipal projects and capital expenses.

N. Tift said the board would begin the FY'17 budget process at the second meeting in November.

B. Brooks questioned the status of the Truex and Tiplady/Sease appeals of Board of Civil Authority decisions to Superior Court. S. Switzer read aloud the email she sent to attorney Gary Kupferer requesting he advise the town on how to proceed. By consensus, the board directed S. Switzer to contact Mr. Kupferer to request an update.

R. Regula informed the board she had requested copies of Prudential Committee meeting Minutes from 1990 through 1992 in order to research sidewalk maintenance matters. R. Regula said she was informed the Minutes had been discarded.

G. Fredette directed S. Switzer to contact the Secretary of State's office to inquire whether there was a timeline or statutory requirement to fill a vacancy on a committee or board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Date Approved: 11/16/15

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator