Wallingford Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes November 13, 2014

Select Board Members Present: Nelson Tift, Gary Fredette, Mark Tessier and Rose Regula

Others Present: Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, Marc Pramuk, Jerry Tift, Chris Stephenson, Steve Benard, Chuck Cacciatore, Erin Mansfield, Joseph Donohue, Ralph Nimtz, Glenn Eno, Gary Lieb, Jim Regula, Jeff Biasuzzi, Shari Owens, PJ Owens, Richard Savery, Debbie Scranton, Brian Pinsonault, Elicia Mailhiot, Al Graves, Sarah Woods, Ann Jarrosak, Jim Pickett, Elouise Hauserman, and Cassie Ahearn

Chair N. Tift called the Selectboard meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Constable Jerry Tift and Rutland County Sheriff Deputy Chris Stephenson provided an update on the investigation into recent vandalism at the recreation field, cemetery and other areas of the village. They also discussed some of the consequences facing the alleged violators.

N. Tift described the extent of law enforcement coverage in town between the constable patrols and RCSD coverage. He said there were no funds in the municipal budget for increased patrols, security cameras or more lighting. He said the board would soon be preparing the next fiscal budget and would consider funding options.

Glenn Eno from Catamount Security gave a brief presentation on increased lighting at the recreation field, lake and possibly other locations.

Gary Lieb from The Royal Group offered an overview on surveillance cameras in addition to increased lighting mentioned by Mr. Eno.

N. Tift discussed revitalizing the Neighborhood Watch program. He urged residents to volunteer for the program.

Sheriff Steve Benard asked residents to contact law enforcement officials immediately if they witness suspicious activity. He circulated a sign-up page to generate an email list, so residents can share information with one another and RCSD. The sheriff said an officer would be contacting the town to assist with organizing a Neighborhood Watch program.

There was some discussion that street lights were too dim and several residents asked what could be done? The board indicated Fire District 1 was responsible for street lights and the Prudential Committee would be contacted regarding the matter.

Vermont State Police Lieutenant Chuck Cacciatore said he would direct more patrols to

this area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator

Minutes Approved: 11/17/14