

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes  
November 16, 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, Julie Sharon, Connie Berger, Gary Kupferer, Lisa Wright Garcia, Dennis Andrus, Sr., Sara Green, Ashley Potter and Patrick McArdle

**Agenda Amendments.** Town Hall Quote for Wire Repair

**Minutes.** M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the November 2, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried (5-0).

**Selectboard Orders.** B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve pay orders totaling \$10,444.76 after \$877.50 was added for Wright Appraisal assessor services. Motion carried (5-0).

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

The board agreed John Squier should assist the road crew with cleaning out culverts before winter.

G. Fredette noted beaver dams near Wallingford Pond Road could be problematic and he suggested the town contact Green Mountain National Forest officials to find out if they monitored the dams.

**Executive Session.** G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks to enter executive session at 6:37 p.m. with town attorney Gary Kupferer for pending litigation. Motion carried (5-0).

Assessor Lisa Wright Garcia joined the executive session at 6:42 p.m.

G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks to come out of executive session at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried (5-0).

No action was taken.

**Public Comments.** Ashley Potter informed the board she was the assistant director of the day care center on Main Street. She said a petition was being circulated calling for

traffic safety improvements on Route 7 near the facility. Ms. Potter noted motorists did not always obey the posted 30 m.p.h. speed limit and she would like to see it reduced to 25 m.p.h. She added crosswalks, signage and improved lighting would be helpful.

Connie Berger said some motorists parked their vehicles on the nearby Roaring Brook bridge creating traffic issues.

B. Brooks asked whether there would be any opposition to removing a section of sidewalks near the daycare to create more parking spaces for drop-offs and pick-ups.

N. Tift said he would not be opposed to lowering the speed limit. He noted Town Administrator Sandi Switzer had already contacted two state transportation officials regarding steps necessary to request a speed limit reduction.

**Creek Road Bridge.** S. Switzer informed the board DuBois and King estimated it would cost \$3000 to inspect and update the 2012 report on the Creek Road Bridge.

The board reviewed the 2012 DuBois and King bridge report indicating short term repairs would cost \$130,000 and bridge replacement would cost over \$1 million.

The board directed S. Switzer to contact Representative Dave Potter, who serves on the House Transportation Committee, and request the Creek Road Bridge be added to a future transportation Bill.

**Peddler License Application.** Board members reviewed an updated Peddler/Vendor Application.

The words "if required" were added to the Certificate of Insurance sentence.

B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift approving the updated Peddler/Vendor Application and authorized the Town Clerk and Treasurer to sign applications on behalf of the town. Motion carried (5-0).

**FY'17 Town Government Budget.** Board members agreed to increase line 5114 Offense by \$500 to \$10,000; level fund line 5115 Legal Expenses at \$2000; double line 5118 Seminars to \$2000; set line 5125 VLCT Dues at \$3250; level fund line 5150 Transfer Station at \$89,000; and level fund all other Town Government expenses.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission dues and Rutland County tax will be set at a December meeting.

**FY'17 Capital Budget.** Board members set line 5710 Rte 140W Bridge Phase 11 (4 of 10) at \$10,700; line 5712 Creek Road Bridge Sinking Fund at \$30,000; line 5713 Building Fund at \$19,550; and line 5714 Stone Meadow Reclamation (4 of 4) at \$23,100.

**Florence Avenue Junk Vehicle Complaint.** The board reviewed a Florence Avenue junk vehicle complaint. After a brief discussion, board members directed S. Switzer to draft a letter to the Dennis Smith Estate requesting adherence to the Revised Ordinances of Wallingford, Title 4, Chapter 7: Regulating the Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles. Board members indicated the letter should not be limited to Smith's Florence Avenue property, but all other Smith properties in Wallingford.

**Town Hall Wiring Quote.** N. Tift noted the town received an estimate of \$185 from Glenn Eno to repair an electrical wire above the basement door at the front of Town Hall as requested by VLCT's Loss Control Consultant Wade Masure.

M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks to approve the expense. Motion carried (5-0).

**Selectboard Comments/Concerns.** None.

**Other Business/Announcements.** N. Tift pointed out clock repairman Alan Grace had estimated work on the Town Hall clock over the past few months would total between \$400 and \$500. S. Switzer said the chimes had not been striking and she would contact Mr. Grace.

S. Switzer secured a \$75 estimate for a dedication sign for the Elfin Lake pavilion. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve the expenditure. Motion carried (5-0).

The board directed S. Switzer to notify Road Foreman Steve Lanfear that he should commit a couple hours each week to rate road conditions with the Town Administrator for the ongoing Network Inventory.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Date Approved: 12/02/15

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator