

Wallingford Selectboard Minutes*

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February 17, 2014

Selectboard Present: Bill Brooks, Nelson Tift, Mark Tessier, Tom Phillips, and Gary Fredette

Others Present: Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, and Justin Filskov

Chair B. Brooks called the regular Selectboard meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Minutes. N. Tift moved to approve the minutes of February 3; G. Fredette seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0). T. Phillips abstained.

Selectboard Orders. G. Fredette made a motion to approve the pay orders totaling \$16,886.26; motion seconded by M. Tessier. Motion carried (5-0).

Mowing Bids. The board reviewed mowing bids received from Pine Hollow Landscape, F.A.S. Trucking and Landscaping, and Mason's Property and Lawncare Maintenance.

G. Fredette made a motion to accept the low bid from F.A.S. Trucking and Landscaping owned by Justin Filskov (\$80 per cemetery mowing, \$95 for recreation field, \$15 for Town Hall, \$20 for Elfin Lake and \$15 for Veteran's Park); N. Tift seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

T. Phillips requested Mr. Filskov contact the recreation committee to coordinate mowing the recreation field with scheduled games.

Public Comments. None

Route 103 Junk Complaint Mr. Ferris O'Connell received a certified letter January 8 notifying him of the junk ordinance violation at the property he is renting at 689 Route 103 in East Wallingford. He was informed he had 30 days to remove or screen vehicles to avoid civil penalties.

Board members agreed no improvements were made. B. Brooks said the town would issue tickets in the amount of \$50 each for 10 consecutive days and if the fines were not paid the town would take the matter to court.

Earth Waste Scrap Metal Contract. G. Fredette made a motion to sign the three-year Earth Waste & Metal agreement for the handling of scrap metal with the town paying a fee of \$100 per pull and Earth Waste paying the town 69.5% of the market price for the metal; N. Tift seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Revised Rutland Regional Planning Commission Agreement: B. Brooks made a motion to sign the revised RRPC agreement for municipal planning grant services with the new payment structure of 40/30/30; N. Tift seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

VTrans Grant. B. Brooks recommended the town apply for a Town Highway Class 2 Roadway Program and Town Highway Structures Program grant to pave Route 140 W and Creek Road . He said the town's share of the project would be 20% and the state's share 80%.

B. Brooks said the FY '15 budget included \$40,000 for paving, with \$10,000 of that amount needed for Hartsboro Road .

J. Sharon noted the state recommended municipalities apply every year for the grants. T. Phillips suggested the town apply for the maximum amount of \$175,000. B. Brooks said Route 140 W should be the top priority, then Creek Road .

Security Policy Annual Review. The board reviewed the list of everyone who has keys to Town Hall. J. Sharon indicated Joyce Barbieri would continue to have a key to the front door after Town Meeting since she was president of the Historical Society.

N. Tift moved to approve the list; M. Tessier seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Wallingford Pond Road Invoice. The board reviewed a letter from Jack Bowen seeking a balance of \$78,975.17 for reconstruction of TH 38 - Wallingford Pond Road - after Tropical Storm Irene. The board also reviewed documents indicating Mr. Bowen was paid in 2012 for the amount he bid on the project, which was \$55,683.

The board agreed to send a letter to Mr. Bowen indicating the town had paid the contractual amount for the road work and considered the matter closed.

Other Announcements/Business: B. Brooks made a motion to allow N. Tift and G. Fredette to attend VLCT's Selectboard Institute in Rutland on April 12 at \$60 per person; T. Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

The board reviewed Secretary of State Jeb Spaulding's letter outlining required steps for municipalities to take for additional financial assistance after a natural disaster, including: proactive flood hazard regulations, up-to-date Transportation Codes and Standards, and a local emergency operations plan. B. Brooks indicated the town was in compliance with those requirements.

J. Sharon said a committee was working on the fourth requirement - adopting a local hazard mitigation plan.

B. Brooks said the town would need to update the Drug and Alcohol Policy to include 11 mandated elements as presented to the town in a draft policy provided by VLCT.

The board discussed a timetable for K. Allen Masonry to begin the Town Hall brick repair project. Board members agreed Mr. Allen could begin the project whenever he was available in late spring or early summer.

The board further agreed Mr. Allen's estimate of \$6878.50 would be paid in two increments: 50% at the start of the project and 50% after July 1 upon successful completion of the work.

T. Phillips said he was familiar with Mr. Allen's work and was confident he would do a good job.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Date Approved: 03/03/14

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator