

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes  
January 2, 2017

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

Others Present: Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, Michael Hughes, Scott Sendra and Jeff Biasuzzi.

Selectboard Vice Chair N. Tift called the regular Selectboard meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Wallingford Town Hall.

**Agenda Amendments.** R. Regula added Prudential Committee appointment and M. Tessier added village sidewalk complaint.

**Minutes.** M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting on December 19, 2016. Motion carried (4-0).

**Pay Orders.** M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve the 01/03/17 pay orders totaling \$14,829.46. Motion carried (4-0).

**Road Commissioner's Report.** None.

**Public Comments.** Wallingford Fire Chief Michael Hughes informed the board he was investigating a matter raised in James Driscoll's letter to the town. He said the issues discussed in the letter did not involve the town in any manner. He added he was keeping the Prudential Committee apprised of his investigation.

Prudential Committee member Scott Sendra said Fire District #1 would have no response until the investigation had been completed.

**Prudential Committee Appointment.** R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to appoint Martin Santor to the Prudential Committee until the annual Fire District #1 meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

Mr. Sendra thanked R. Regula for her efforts to fill the vacant post.

**FY'18 Administration, Insurance, Revenue.** M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to table action on the FY'18 budget until the full board was present. Motion carried (4-0).

The board agreed to tentatively schedule a special budget meeting for Monday, January 9 if all members are available.

**Finance and Maintenance Agreement.** M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette authorizing N. Tift to sign the Agency of Transportations Finance and Maintenance Agreement for grade crossing improvements on Route 140. Motion carried (4-0).

J. Sharon noted the town's address on AOT's agreement was incorrect.

**Rutland County Solid Waste District Article.** G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier approving a request by Jim O'Gorman of Rutland County Solid Waste District to add an article to the Town Warning amending the charter to feature a one vote per town clause. Motion carried (4-0).

**Transfer Station Stickers.** The board reviewed estimates from three companies for the printing of stickers to be placed by residents on their vehicles to access the transfer station.

G. Fredette explained the purpose of the stickers was to ensure only legal residents utilized the facility.

After some discussion, M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve including one (1) free sticker in every property tax bill and charging \$3 per sticker available at Town Hall for all other requests. Motion carried (4-0).

G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula approving the purchase of 2000 red stickers from Express Copy. Motion carried (4-0).

The board by unanimous consent agreed stickers must be adhered to vehicles accessing the transfer station starting September 1, 2017.

**Flashing Radar Speed Sign.** G. Fredette informed the board he met with the Mill River Unified Union School District Buildings and Grounds Committee regarding the installation of a flashing radar speed sign near Wallingford Elementary School.

He said the committee was in agreement and recommended to the full MRUUSD Board including \$2500 in the FY'18 budget. He noted a citizen had offered \$1000 toward the sign leaving a balance of \$2500 for the town. He said the town would explore options and seek the best price for the unit.

After further discussion, the board agreed by unanimous consent to add \$2500 to the FY'18 budget for the sign.

**Selectboard Comments.** None.

**Other Business.** Jeff Biasuzzi expressed concern regarding the snow and ice on the sidewalk in front of Cumberland Farms. After some discussion, the board directed Town Administrator Sandi Switzer to send a letter to Fire District #1 officials sharing the

citizen's concern and ask whether the district intended to snowplow that section of sidewalk.

Mr. Biasuzzi presented an overview of the zoning budget, his salary request, and stipends for the planning commission and Development Review Board.

M. Tessier asked Mr. Biasuzzi if he had received Bill Lohsen's letter regarding the solar panels on the recently sold Sease/Tiplady property. Mr. Biasuzzi said he was drafting a response to Mr. Lohsen. He noted solar projects under 150 kilowatts do not trigger municipal or abutter notification by the Public Service Board. He added the planning commission was updating the Town Plan with the latest solar siting and screening requirements.

The board agreed to invite Vermont Alerts to a February meeting.

The board tabled action on the School Choice Week resolution.

The board took no action on Rutland Economic Development Corporation's invitation to become a member at a cost of \$250.

The board briefly discussed whether to send a copy of James Driscoll's letter to the town attorney. By unanimous consent, the board agreed to take no action.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Date Approved: 01/16/17

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator