

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
April 4, 2016

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

Others Present: Sandi Switzer, Julie Sharon, Phil Baker, Trisha Nash, Joyce Barbieri, Susan Taggart, Kate Goetz, Tom Wheeler, Steve Halford, Kathy Halford, Elaine Warzocha, and Jeff Biasuzzi.

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

Agenda Amendments. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer added a Town Hall use request and notified the board Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi requested discussion regarding the South Wallingford Industrial zone be moved to 7:45 p.m.

Minutes. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2016 meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Selectboard Orders. N. Tift made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve pay orders totaling \$61,746.79 after a \$52,800 truck payment was added for Green Mountain Kenworth. Motion carried (5-0).

Lifeguards. There was a discussion regarding the shortage of lifeguard applications for Elfin Lake and talk of staffing for the summer recreation program. The board considered whether lifeguards ought to dedicate hours to the lake rather than split time with the summer program.

S. Switzer noted the summer program's co-directors would be working at least 3 days a week together during the five-weeks of camp reducing the need for as many counselors.

The consensus of the board was to continue posting the job openings.

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker reported the new truck was ready and he would pick it up this week.

He said he was working with S. Switzer on Better Roads culvert grants for Sugar Hill Road and Earl Wade Road. S. Switzer indicated both grants required a 20% local match. Mr. Baker said road crew labor and town equipment would offset the local match.

The road commissioner said he spoke to Don Godette regarding water issues near his property on Homer Stone Road. Mr. Baker said the property owner preferred drainage options allowing water to absorb into the ground rather than a culvert installed. Mr. Baker agreed to speak to Elaine Warzocha about the matter. He agreed to keep the board updated.

Mr. Baker said there was a driveway access permit for White Rocks Picnic Road. He said the property owner would like to change the driveway to come out on White Rocks Picnic Road rather than Sugar Hill Road.

M. Tessier asked whether the road crew plowed Mears Meadow Trail and Mr. Baker said they did not.

Annual Financial Plan. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the revised highway Annual Financial Plan at VTrans Brian Sanderson's request. Motion carried (5-0).

South Wallingford Industrial Zone. B. Brooks informed members of the public the town's attorney came to the same conclusion as the planning commission that maps in the zoning ordinance adopted in 2015 were the current regulations. He said if that is the case the only option would be to go through the planning commission to modify zoning regulations to specify what the town wants for the South Wallingford industrial zone.

B. Brooks asked citizens if they wanted the district to revert to the original map showing the industrial district as the gravel pit by White's and the SLC Property (now Troy Minerals), but none of the property behind the brick house? Members of the public agreed. B. Brooks asked the rest of the Selectboard if that was their understanding and by consensus they agreed.

The chairman said the town and the planning commission would pursue revisiting the matter on this issue.

Joyce Barbieri said there were four deeds from 1972 as well as tax maps that could assist the process. She said it was never the intent of the town to expand the industrial zone. Elaine Warzocha said residents wanted to be informed of any municipal meetings pertaining to this topic.

There was a brief discussion regarding the proposed Troy Minerals solar project location.

Tennis Courts. Recreation Committee Chair Trisha Nash indicated the committee recommended the Advantage Tennis proposal of \$36,865 to revitalize one tennis court and retrofit the existing fence around that single court.

She said the acrylic crack binder, Armor tape membrane system and overlay would result in a quality finished product.

Ms. Nash noted little cracks that surfaced in the future should be maintained.

B. Brooks asked whether the proposed work would ensure more than three years usage of the court and Ms. Nash said it was her understanding it would. He said the Selectboard had expressed concerns at the last meeting regarding spending nearly \$40,000 on the court without any assurances it would last more than a couple of years. He said this latest proposal sounded like it would extend the life of the court beyond three years and the town could budget to repair the second court down the road if that was the committee's desire.

There was a discussion regarding funds available for the project and Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon indicated the recreation committee had sufficient funds.

M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to accept the Recreation Committee's recommendation to hire Advantage Tennis at a cost not to exceed \$36,865 to repair and resurface one tennis court and retrofit the fence. Motion carried (5-0).

Public Comments. Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi arrived at the meeting. B. Brooks updated him regarding the discussion with residents related to the South Wallingford Industrial Zone. B. Brooks said the consensus among citizens and the Selectboard was to request the planning commission revisit that aspect of the zoning regulations to amend the industrial zone. He informed the zoning administrator the town clerk had the four deeds as references.

Mr. Biasuzzi said there was a process to follow to amend zoning regulations. He added typographical errors in the new regulations as well as wind and solar siting could also be addressed.

B. Brooks said he understood future public hearings would be required as part of the process. S. Switzer informed the zoning administrator residents wished to be informed in advance of any meetings related to this issue.

Workshop Request. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier approving J. Sharon's request to attend a property tax appeals workshop on May 3 in Rutland at a cost of \$60. Motion carried (5-0).

Property Maps. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to approve spending \$150 for an 18-inch set of property maps at assessor Lisa Wright Garcia's request. Motion carried (5-0).

Selectboard Concerns: G. Fredette asked whether the town owned the road leading to the Wallingford Boys' Camp. The road commissioner replied the town does not own that road.

M. Tessier said he had noticed graffiti on the pedestrian bridge and he also noted water was accumulating on the bridge.

M. Tessier said he met with Dean McGee at Mears Meadow Trail to discuss a number of requests Mr. McGee has for the trail, including road improvements and the installation of a gate on a portion of the trail to control who is on the McGee property. M. Tessier said Mr. McGee also wanted the town to consider discontinuing the entire trail.

M. Tessier said Mr. McGee indicated adjoining property owners were in favor of discontinuing the road. J. Sharon said there was a process involving public hearings and newspaper notifications to be paid by the landowner in order to discontinue a road.

After further discussion and a review of a survey map supplied by Mr. McGee, G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks requesting Dean McGee provide the town with a written agreement signed by all adjoining property owners requesting the municipality pursue the process of discontinuing the road. Motion carried (5-0).

The board by consensus agreed two guns in the Town Hall vault should not be sold or even used for any purpose other than display. The board indicated the Wallingford Historical Society may have some interest in the items.

The board requested S. Switzer contact sign-maker Rob Ketcham to request a quote for a 3-foot Elfin Lake sign.

G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to approve Wendy Savery's Town Hall request for a 7-piece band on May 14th from noon to 5:30 p.m. Motion carried (5-0).

M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve adding a verbal warning for a first violation, a written warning for a second violation and suspension for third violation of the municipal Safety Program. Motion carried (5-0).

Other Business/Announcements. None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Date Approved:

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator