

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
June 20, 2016

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

Others Present: Sandi Switzer, Julie Sharon, and Korrine Rodrigue

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 VTrans Work Permit Application for Cumberland Farms, HP Fairfield's Roadside Mower Agreement, and an Elfin Lake season pass request.

Minutes. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

Pay Orders. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve pay orders totaling \$70,815.61 after \$2,036.25 for Wright Appraisal Services, \$210 for F.A.S. Trucking hauling top soil, \$272 for the Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department barbecue at Community Day, and \$38.34 for lister mileage were added. Motion carried (4-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker did not attend the meeting.

Winter Salt. S. Switzer said American Rock Salt did not provide an estimate and Cargill offered a price of \$79.06 per ton same as last year. The board tabled the item until later in the meeting.

Rutland County Sheriff Department Contract. B. Brooks said Sheriff Stephen Benard was unable to attend the meeting. He said the Sheriff indicated the 12-month contract to begin July 1 would total \$37,440 for 20 hours of patrols each week. B. Brooks noted it was the amount agreed upon at budget time.

There was a discussion regarding dispatch services and the challenges faced by the constable, who is not permitted to call in license plates during routine stops under the current arrangement with Vermont State Police.

M. Tessier said it was his impression at budget time that RCSD would include dispatch services in the new contract. N. Tift suggested the town request dispatch services be added to the agreement. B. Brooks responded Sheriff Benard wanted a separate memorandum of understanding for that issue.

After further discussion, M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the RCSD contract for 20 hours a week starting July 1 for a 12 month period at a cost not to exceed \$37,440. Motion carried (4-0).

B. Brooks explained Sheriff Benard requested RCSD and the town enter into a memorandum of understanding for free dispatch services on a six month trial bases beginning July 1. M. Tessier noted the town should have the option of renewing the trial period for an additional six months at no cost to give the town the opportunity to budget for dispatch services.

M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift to approve a memorandum of understanding with RCSD for six months of free dispatch services with the option of renewing the services for an additional six months at no charge. Motion carried (4-0).

B. Brooks said Sheriff Benard requested permission on behalf of Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club to hold a coin drop on Route 7 near Hull Avenue on July 16 with a rain date of July 23. He said the sheriff had verbal permission from VTrans representative Brian Sanderson for the event.

M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the Rotary coin drop on July 16, 2016 with a rain date of July 23, 2016. Motion carried (4-0).

Rutland County Senate Candidate. Korrine Rodrigue introduced herself to the board and indicated she was a candidate for a Rutland County Senate seat. She said she lives in Rutland Town. She provided an overview of her educational and professional background as well as her family life. Ms. Rodrigue said she has extensive experience in addressing community substance abuse issues and was very active in Project Vision.

Public Comments. None

Ballfield Use Request. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula authorizing Art Peterson to use the ballfield off Meadow Street for flag football practices and games as well as a clinic starting in August. Motion carried (4-0).

Board members indicated Mr. Peterson should coordinate schedules with baseball and softball groups.

School Street Trees. N. Tift made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier authorizing \$200 to be used to offset the cost of two mature trees on School Street near Tim Upton's property. Motion carried (3-1). R. Regula voted in the minority.

Selectboard Concerns: M. Tessier asked whether the road crew had addressed the water issues near Trudy Dias' home on Nash Drive. S. Switzer said Road Foreman Steve Lanfear was scheduled to work on it earlier in the day and she had left a message at the town garage asking if the work was completed.

Other Business/Announcements. M. Tessier requested the Town Administrator contact Vermont Railway to see if improvements could be made to the Route 140W railroad crossing.

S. Switzer informed the board Mark Downing responded to the town's Junk Ordinance violation notice by indicating unregistered vehicles would be moved from his East Wallingford property the first week in July.

S. Switzer said she requested Constable Jerry Tift visit the Buzzell and Frederick properties in South Wallingford near VTel to see if unregistered vehicles had been moved or screened.

The Town Administrator said VLCT's Wade Masure met with Conservation Commission Chair Marc Pramuk to discuss liability concerns regarding the addition of bee colonies at Stone Meadow. S. Switzer said Mr. Masure would be issuing recommendations.

B. Brooks noted the Town Administrator had included a VLCT model Purchasing Policy in the Selectboard packets. S. Switzer said purchasing policies must include certain requirements when municipalities receive federal funds for local projects. She said VLCT indicated the model policy meets federal guidelines. S. Switzer said the board could review the document and consider whether to take action in the future.

VTrans Work Permit. The board reviewed a request by Cumberland Farms that would make the town the co-applicant on a VTrans Work Permit application for sidewalks and crosswalks related to the construction of the new store. The application and a map of the project was provided to the town by Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi on June 17th. B. Brooks said the town's Development Review Board had already signed off on the proposal.

B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift to approve signing the application as co-applicant. Motion carried (4-0).

Mower Rental Agreement. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier to approve HP Fairfields roadside mower rental agreement of \$2950 for 40 hours with an additional \$1475 for 20 hours the week of July 18-22, 2016. Motion carried (4-0).

The board by consensus indicated the road crew should make workplace safety a priority and mowing any or all of the additional hours would be at the discretion of Road Foreman Steve Lanfear.

Season Pass Request. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift approving Conservation Commissioner Marc Pramuk's request to donate an Elfin Lake season pass to Forester Kyle Mason. Motion carried (4-0).

Mr. Mason volunteered to lead a guided trail walk during Community Day.

Executive Session. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to enter executive session at 7:22 p.m. for employee evaluations. The board came out of executive session at 7:52 p.m.

M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula authorizing \$2 an hour raises to transfer station employees (Stearns Stewart, Jim Regula and Art Nemeth), 1 percent raises for fulltime employees (Julie Sharon, Steve Lanfear and Charlie Woods), 3 percent raises for part time employees (Sandi Switzer, Jill Stone Teer, John Squier, and Jeff Biasuzzi), and set the head lister hourly rate at \$14, the lister hourly rate at \$12, and the new assistant town clerk and treasurer hourly rate at \$12.75. Motion carried (4-0).

Winter Salt. The Selectboard revisited discussion regarding winter salt with only one estimate. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift to approve Cargill's estimate of \$79.06 per ton for winter salt. Motion carried (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Date Approved: 07/05/16

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator