

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
August 17, 2015

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

Visitors: Sandi Switzer, Jeff Biasuzzi, Jill Burkett, Ed Bove, Mark Pramuk, Kathy Ross and Rich Dow

Chair N. Tift called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Planning Commission member Jeff Biasuzzi summarized the revisions made to the Zoning Regulations dated 2015 with the latest minor changes to the Table of Contents and a line on page 9.

There was discussion regarding Article 4, Section 5 related to solar generation facilities. Mr. Biasuzzi suggested the following language be added to Section 5 - "Zoning Law shall not prohibit the installation, operation, or maintenance of solar generation systems that are exempt by VT statute (30 V.S.A. Section 248; and subsequent revisions.) Town zoning regulations do apply to other solar, wind, hydrological, and geothermal energy generation facilities that are not exempt of local jurisdiction by State of Federal Laws."

There was discussion regarding Article 8, Section 8 page 24 - the minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet for each recreational camper or trailer unit.

Mark Pramuk said he had reviewed the revised zoning regulations as well as the Town Plan and he said both documents needed to be more aspirational.

The public hearing ended at 6:43 p.m.

The Selectboard meeting was called to order by Chair N. Tift at 6:44 p.m.

Agenda Additions/Deletions. None.

Minutes. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the 08/03/17 minutes. Motion carried (5-0).

B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the 08/05/15 minutes. Motion carried (3-0). G. Fredette and M. Tessier abstained, because they were not in attendance at that meeting.

Pay Orders. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks to approve pay orders totaling \$15,650.90, including the Countryside Glass invoice. Motion carried (5-0).

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

Town Administrator Sandi Switzer said Chris Garrow asked whether he could purchase a 12" culvert from the town to get the municipal rate. After some discussion, the board declined his

request so the town does not set a precedent for purchasing items on behalf of residents at lower rates.

M. Tessier questioned what could be done with the water puddling on the Waldo Lane end of the pedestrian bridge. S. Switzer noted she had sent a memo to Road Foreman Steve Lanfear on July 20 requesting the road be graded at the end of the bridge to improve drainage. M. Tessier requested a reminder be sent to the road foreman.

N. Tift said there were drainage issues at the end of Meadow Street.

Blood Drive. Rich Dow from American Red Cross requested the town approve a blood drive at Town Hall in November. He said a local point person would be needed to promote the event and organize a couple of volunteers. The drive would last about 8 hours, including setting up and breaking down.

The board by unanimous consent approved the request. S. Switzer was directed to post an item on Front Porch Forum seeking a point person for the blood drive.

Road Salt. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve Cargill's salt quote of \$79.06 a ton for an estimated 550 tons. Motion carried (5-0).

Revised Fee Schedule for Zoning Permits. Zoning Administrator Jeff Biasuzzi offered a review of the revised permit fee schedule dated August 16, 2015 for the new zoning regulations.

After some discussion, B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve the revised permit fee schedule to take effect when revised zoning regulations were enacted. Motion carried (5-0).

Public Comments. None.

First Meeting in September. The first Monday in September is Labor Day. The board by unanimous consent agreed to meet on that day as usual.

Letter of Resignation. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks to accept Bruce Dobbins letter of resignation from the planning commission and other boards and committees with regret. Motion carried (5-0).

New England Clean Power Link. The board reviewed a revised schedule for public hearings and technical hearings. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette indicating the town had no objection to the revised hearing schedule. Motion carried (5-0).

Request to Cater Permits. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula authorizing the Town Clerk to sign Request to Cater permits. Motion carried (5-0).

Ballfield Use Request. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks to approve Michelle Kinney's request to use the ballfield on September 12 with a rain date of September 13 for an Open Mic fundraiser for the Wallingford Elementary Ski Program. Motion carried (5-0).

Selectboard Comments/Concerns. R. Regula said she would look through Prudential Committee and Selectboard meeting minutes from the late 1980s and early 1990s to find out which entity was responsible for sidewalk maintenance.

Other Business/Announcements. The board by unanimous consent approved Ray Stratton's request for a horseshoe pit on the flat area adjacent to the northeast end of Town Hall.

The board reviewed emails alerting the town the Rutland Regional Medical Center Occupational Health Clinic closed. By unanimous consent, the board agreed town employees could seek medical treatment from their own physicians for non-emergency work related injuries until VLCT recommends a group for the designated physician program for workers' compensation claims.

N. Tift noted the Rutland County Sheriff's Department generated little revenue for the town from July tickets.

Zoning Regulations. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by B. Brooks to accept revised zoning regulations with two minor changes adding solar generation facility language recommended by Mr. Biasuzzi and reducing the 15,000 square foot camper/trailer minimum lot size to 1,500. Motion carried (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Date Approved: 09/07/15

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator