

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
August 21, 2017

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

Others Present: Sandi Switzer, Phil Baker, Mary Cohen, Lyle Jepson, Don Glendenning, Bruce Martin, Eric Atkins, Amos Kempton Michael McMahon and Joyce McMahon.

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

Agenda Amendments. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer added Army Corps. Of Engineer CAT 2 application for Dugway Road.

Minutes. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting on August 7, 2017. Motion carried (4-0).

Pay Orders. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the 08/22/17 pay orders totaling \$119,496.23 after \$1584 was added for Jacob Dorman reappraisal data collection, \$3847.50 for Wright Appraisal, \$118.24 assessor mileage, and \$70 for the State of Vermont. Motion carried (4-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker reported he met with two groups to survey July 1 storm damage. He said Army Corps of Engineers required an application for Dugway Road stream work. He said a disaster declaration was made which would trigger a FEMA visit to all sites impacted by the storm. Mr. Baker noted the town was going out to bid to hire labor and equipment to assist the road crew with Dugway and West Hill road rehabilitation projects.

Don Glendenning asked about emergency vehicle access to the southern end of West Hill Road via Dugway. The road commissioner responded the road crew had worked on Dugway to ensure access.

Mr. Baker obtained winter sand prices from Pike Industries at \$7.05/ton and SLC at \$7.35/ton. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula approving the Pike price. Motion carried (4-0).

Request for Reimbursement. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier authorizing N. Tift to sign the Request for Reimbursement form for state grant paving funds. Motion carried (4-0).

VTrans Route 140E Project Update. VTrans Bruce Martin, design engineer Erik Atkins and Amos Kempton provided an update regarding Route 140E road and bank stabilization projects starting in June 2018. Mr. Martin said the project would require road

closure and detours for several weeks. Mr. Atkins said the proposal included a stretch of road 8/10 of a mile long between Bear Mountain Road and Sugar Hill Road. He said it included full reconstruction in some portions and bank stabilization in other sections. Mr. Martin said the state would go out to bid in September and award the project in late October.

There was a discussion regarding detours and increased traffic on side roads. Mr. Martin said there may be grant funds available to offset some impacts on those streets.

Marketing Initiative. Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Cohen and REDC Executive Director Lyle Jepson provided an overview of a Killington Valley marketing initiative to reverse downward population trends through a 10-year rebranding campaign for the region. A marketing firm was hired and three sub-committees formed to spear head the effort. Ms. Cohen said the initiative has the financial support of Rutland City, a number of towns and several leaders of industry. Mr. Jepson said municipalities around the region were being asked for \$1 per resident in support of the campaign. He said they wanted to provide an overview of the project and were not making a formal request for funds at this time.

Public Comments. Michael McMahon presented draft maps of Industrial Zones in response to the Selectboard's request last spring to amend the zones to reflect the 1972 maps. The board tabled any action until the full board was present.

Flag Football. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer said flag football coordinator Art Peterson gave assurances no town employee would be asked to coordinate schedules, referees, registrations or any other duties related to flag football. She indicated Mr. Peterson said he would work with the Recreation Committee should the town decide to bring the sport under the town's recreation umbrella.

G. Fredette asked the town administrator to find out where flag football participants lived and report back to the board. He said at some point the town would be interested in working with other towns on funding equipment and field maintenance.

G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier approving flag football as a recreation department offering. Motion carried (4-0).

VLCT Fair. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula approving Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, Rose Regula and Steve Lanfear's attendance at the annual Vermont League of Cities and Town's fair in Killington at a cost of \$60 each with R. Regula serving as the voting delegate. Motion carried (4-0).

School Street Speed Survey. G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier authorizing Nelson Tift to conduct a speed survey on School Street as required to install a flashing radar sign. Motion carried (4-0).

U.S. Census LUCA Registration. Tabled.

September Select Board Meeting. By consensus, the board agreed to meet on Tuesday, September 5 rather than the Labor Day holiday.

Other Business. None.

Selectboard Comments/Concerns. R. Regula asked about the Route 140W railroad crossing repair status. S. Switzer responded the state planned to do the repairs in 2018.

R. Regula noted the town had no authority to respond to a letter of concern regarding the delinquent tax collector.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Date Approved:

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator