

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
September 5, 2017

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

Others Present: Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, Phil Baker, Duane Hart, Melissa Hart, Michael McMahon and Joyce McMahon.

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

Agenda Amendments. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer added Cargill winter salt contract and deleted Mears Meadow Trail since Dean McGee was unable to attend.

Minutes. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting on August 21, 2017. Motion carried (4-0). B. Brooks was not at the meeting and abstained.

Pay Orders. N. Tift made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to approve the 09/06/17 pay orders totaling \$64,393.16 after \$217.52 was added for Marc Pramuk's purchases on behalf of the Conservation Commission as well as a training forum, \$15.52 for Sandi Switzer's mileage to a FEMA meeting, and \$77.04 for planning commissioners to attend a seminar. Motion carried (5-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker reported Road Foreman Steve Lanfear and Town Administrator Sandi Switzer attended a mandatory FEMA meeting related to the July 1 storm. S. Switzer said FEMA would be visiting the town to inspect all damaged sites. She added FEMA reimburses for emergency as well as permanent road repairs. Mr. Baker said the town would wait for the hired labor and equipment bids due September 11 before proceeding with West Hill and Dugway Road repairs. S. Switzer asked when the gravel would be removed from the Cadwallader pasture so farmers could hay the field? Mr. Baker said the gravel would be removed by the end of September.

The road commissioner noted he would be discussing a road/drainage project with Bill Owens from West Hill Road that would require replacement of a culvert within the Right of Way and the landowner paying for the portion of the culvert on private property.

Mr. Baker said regional transportation representatives met with town employees regarding a Grants in Aid project for Haven Hill. He had not received any follow-up directives from the representatives.

N. Tift asked when North End Drive would be repaired near the location of a cone alerting motorists to a highway issue. Mr. Baker said he would discuss the repair with the road

crew. B. Brooks said Mill Street needed some cold patch and M. Tessier said Cook Drive needed to be graded.

The Selectboard directed Mr. Baker to remind the road crew to move the No Parking sign closer to Hull Avenue to discourage parking across from Cumberland Farms.

Roadside Mowing. Duane Hart said he was available to answer any questions regarding his \$85/hour bid for roadside mowing to include tractor and operator. Mr. Baker said there may not be funds in the budget after money is expended on road repairs related to the July 1 storm. Mr. Hart said he would be willing to barter for his services.

Winter Salt. Mr. Baker reviewed Cargill's winter salt contract of \$68.68/ton. He questioned why it was \$10/ton less than last year's rate. He compared Cargill's 2016-17 agreement to Cargill's 2017-18 contract and then recommended the town sign the new contract. By unanimous consent, the board authorized B. Brooks to sign the Cargill agreement.

Public Comments. Michael McMahon provided an overview of the 1972 and 2015 zoning maps, specifically highlighting industrial zone differences. He then displayed a draft map with four proposed zoning regions in response to the Selectboard's request last spring to amend the documents to reflect the industrial zones on the 1972 map.

The board discussed the proposed amendments as depicted on Mr. McMahon's map. By consensus, the board agreed with Mr. McMahon's recommendations for the four areas (see attached). Board members indicated at some point they expected a recommendation from the planning commission regarding changes to the zones.

AT&T Amended Lease Agreement. B. Brooks noted the amended AT&T Cell Tower lease agreement reduces monthly income from about \$1800 to \$1455 per month starting July 1, 2018 with annual 3% increases beginning in 2019. G. Fredette said the five year agreement included two five year renewal periods.

G. Fredette made a motion that was seconded by M. Tessier authorizing B. Brooks to sign the AT&T amended lease agreement. Motion carried (5-0).

U. S. Census. This item was tabled at the last meeting to give former U.S. Census worker and current Wallingford resident Michael McMahon time to review documents related to the upcoming census. Mr. McMahon recommended not registering as a LUCA participant and instead allow the census bureau to conduct all necessary work. He said becoming a LUCA participant would include many labor hours, confidentiality agreements and employee training with no real benefit to the town.

The board by consensus agreed to follow Mr. McMahon's recommendation and inform the U.S. Census Bureau the town would not register as a LUCA participant.

Selectboard Comments/Concerns. G. Fredette said 39% of the children involved with flag football were from Wallingford. He said he would like to see the Recreation Committee discuss contributions from other towns for field maintenance and equipment purchases. S. Switzer noted Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns' Vicky Abare informed the town the municipality could be held liable if any issues arise due to the lack of municipal control over revenue and expenses associated with Little League and flag football. S. Switzer said a Little League representative would be attending the next Selectboard meeting to provide an overview of the season along with a financial accounting. She said she would request a similar session with a flag football representative once that season had concluded.

R. Regula said she received a call from a Meacham Street resident concerned about vehicles parked near the intersection during church services blocking the Route 7 view to the south. The board by consensus directed the road crew install a *No Parking From Here to Corner* sign on Route 7 near Meacham Street.

R. Regula noted transfer station employees wanted to know what action to take when motorists arrive at the facility without stickers on their vehicles. By consensus, the board agreed stickers would be sold at the transfer station and visitors may either buy new stickers at a cost of \$3 each or retrieve stickers enclosed with property tax bills.

N. Tift said the town should consider budgeting for a third person on the road crew.

Other Business. None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Date Approved: 09/18/17

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator