

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
September 22, 2014
Subject to Approval and Revision

Select Board Members Present: Nelson Tift, Gary Fredette, Tom Phillips and Rose Regula

Others Present: Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, Charlie Gauthier and Gary Wells

Chair N. Tift called the Selectboard meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Amendments. N. Tift added a VLCT insurance item regarding a citizens' cracked windshield complaint.

Minutes. The September 8 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent on a motion made by G. Fredette and seconded by R. Regula.

Selectboard Orders. G. Fredette moved to approve pay orders totaling \$13,294.32; N. Tift seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker did not attend the meeting. The board did review the Town Road and Bridge Standards adopted in 2013 that outlined the minimum culvert size for driveways.

Public Comments. None.

Coin Drop. T. Phillips moved to approve a request by Charlie Gauthier on behalf of the Wallingford Fire Department to hold a coin drop on Saturday, October 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in front of the Rotary building; G. Fredette seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0). It was noted this would likely be the fire department's last coin drop because they were disbanding the corporation on January 1, 2015.

Designated Physician for Workers' Compensation Claims. N. Tift indicated VLCT was recommending towns designate a physician for employees' non-emergency injuries. VLCT suggested designating Rutland Regional Medical Center's Occupational Health as the first point of contact. This would mean fulltime, part-time and seasonal workers injured on the job would visit Occupational Health for an evaluation of non-emergency injuries prior to any other medical appointment.

N. Tift said his concern was opening up the town to additional liability if an employee goes to a clinic rather than a physician. T. Phillips suggested inviting Dick Trono from Occupational Health to the next meeting to answer questions.

Bethany Bosch Day. T. Phillips made a motion to adopt a proclamation declaring

October 3 as Bethany Bosch Day in the town of Wallingford in honor of her perseverance in swimming the English Channel; N. Tift seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0). The proclamation is attached to the meeting minutes.

G. Fredette will deliver and read the proclamation to Ms. Bosch at the Wallingford Elementary School celebration on October 3.

Dog Licensing Late Fees. The board reviewed a survey of other Rutland County towns outlining dog registration fees and late charges. N. Tift noted state statutes allowed municipalities to add 50% late fees to dog registration costs.

Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon suggested simplifying Wallingford's fee schedule by charging \$10 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$14 for females and males that have not been spayed or neutered by April 1 of each year. She suggested charging late fees after April 1 of \$15 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$21 for females and males that have not been spayed or neutered.

N. Tift said the town should issue municipal tickets to residents who fail to register their dogs after a four-month grace period. He said the dog warden should issue the tickets and make any necessary court appearances. The board agreed by unanimous consent.

Hartsboro Road. The board reviewed Fuller Sand and Gravel's bid of \$73 a ton for 184 tons at a cost of \$13,432 for a paving project on Hartsboro Road. It was the only estimate received at Town Hall from the three contractors – Wilk, Pike and Fuller – requested to bid.

T. Phillips moved to accept Fuller's bid and authorized N. Tift to sign the contract; R. Regula seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

N. Tift noted Town Administrator S. Switzer should make a note on the contract the project would require a 2.5-inch base #2 and a 1.5-inch top #3 as outlined in the bid request.

Other Business/Announcements. The board discussed the \$500 cost to repair the fence at the Transfer Station after a break-in and theft of redeemable bottles and copper from air conditioners. The board considered options for the collection of bottles, which benefits Wallingford Elementary School's Four Winds program. The board directed S. Switzer to contact a Four Winds representative and urge more frequent collection of bottles to reduce the incentive for break-ins.

The board authorized S. Switzer to order two Bus Stop Ahead signs as requested by Rutland South Supervisory Union for Route 140W.

No board members expressed interest in attending the Fall Selectboard Institute sponsored by VLCT or the State Government Municipal Day on November 13.

The board agreed with a VLCT recommendation on a claim to be filed regarding Robert

Fitzgerald Sr.'s contention material from a town vehicle damaged his windshield while traveling on Route 7 near SLC on September 4. VLCT indicated they would investigate the claim to determine if there was any town liability.

T. Phillips said he was having trouble arranging a survey for a land swap with the town. He said the land swap would square-up his property and give the town more room behind the transfer station. He said there would be no cost to the town for the land swap.

T. Phillips moved to appoint Nathan Astin to a three-year seat on the planning commission; G. Fredette seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

G. Fredette made a motion to approve a catering permit for an October 4 wedding at the Wallingford Lodge; N. Tift seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator

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