

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
October 16, 2017

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

Others Present: Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, Michael McMahon, Phil Baker and Steve Lanfear.

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

Agenda Amendments. None.

Minutes. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting on October 2, 2017. Motion carried (5-0).

Pay Orders. N. Tift made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the 10/17/17 pay orders totaling \$33,386.78 after \$3376 was added for Jacob Dorman data collection, \$2722.50 for Wright Appraisal, and \$64.20 for Wright Appraisal mileage. Motion carried (5-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker said work had begun on Dugway Road following the July 1 storm and work would begin on West Hill Road later this week. He said gravel debris was removed from the Cadwallader pasture and would be used on West Hill. He said the town requested VTel move the fiber optic line on West Hill.

Road Foreman Steve Lanfear described damage to culverts by VTel contractors while installing the fiber optic line. M. Tessier directed Mr. Lanfear to photograph and document any damage.

Mr. Baker provided estimates for labor, equipment and material to repair Dugway and West Hill Roads so the town could obtain a line of credit.

Town Administrator Sandi Switzer reminded the road foreman of a complaint about a tree leaning over Dugway Road near the house at the bottom of the hill.

N. Tift gave the road foreman instructions regarding the location for a 35 m.p.h. sign to be installed on Creek Road.

AT&T Cell Tower Upgrade. The board by unanimous consent approved sending a letter written by the town administrator to Britta Tonn regarding updates to AT&T cell tower equipment in historic Town Hall.

Radar Speed Sign School Street. By unanimous consent, the board agreed to replace the TrafficLogix radar speed sign approved at the September 18th meeting with an ElanCity sign estimated at \$3250.

Public Comments. Michael McMahon was present to discuss a citizen's concern regarding planning commission meetings held at a private residence. Mr. McMahon indicated the September meeting was held at a member's home and the October meet was scheduled to be at the same location.

Board members discussed public access to a private home and directed Mr. McMahon to notify planners meetings should be held in a public building preferably Town Hall. There was also a brief discussion regarding access to draft Town Plan documents for citizen feedback.

Selectboard Comments/Concerns. None.

Other Business. R, Regula said progress had been made in removing unregistered vehicles from a Route 103 property.

G. Fredette offered an update from Health Officer Trisha Nash regarding the Witham property on Route 103. He said the health officer reported findings to the state Dept. of Children and Families. He said Ms. Nash had been in contact with the constable and Rutland County Sheriff's Department related to a variety of concerns at that location.

S. Switzer said the constable had notified her Scott Atwood relocated his mud bog event from Wallingford to Danby.

Executive Session. B. Brooks made a motion that was seconded by G. Fredette to enter executive session at 7:24 p.m. with the town administrator, road commissioner and road foreman for a personnel matter. Motion carried (5-0).

The Selectboard emerged from executive session at 7:54 p.m. with no action taken.

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The Selectboard emerged from executive session at 8:05 p.m. By unanimous consent, the board agreed transfer station employee Stearns Stewart must submit a physician's note allowing him to return to work at the transfer station. Furthermore, the board requested transfer station employees submit written statements to the town administrator regarding what, if any, work related issues arose during transfer station hours on October 14.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Date Approved:

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator