

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
December 19, 2016

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

Others Present: Sandi Switzer, Phil Baker, Eric Davenport and Bonnie Gainer

Selectboard Chair B. Brooks called the regular Selectboard 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 December 05, 2016. Motion carried (5-0).

Pay Orders. N. Tift made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the 12/20/16 pay orders totaling \$60,802.40 after \$450 was added for Wright Appraisal Services. Motion carried (5-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker informed the board he had researched deeds and maps for Rogers Farm Road in response to Stan Taylor's snow plowing complaint. Mr. Baker said he then measured the road. He said the road is .15 of a mile or about 790 feet and ends just before Taylor's loop near the house.

The road commissioner said the road crew plows to the pillars because there was no place to turnaround past the pillars. He said the road ends about 300 feet past the pillars.

B. Brooks said the highway department utilizes two large plow trucks for most of the winter road maintenance making it difficult to maneuver in narrow spaces.

After a lengthy discussion, the board unanimously agreed to direct the road crew to plow to the pillars. They further agreed to inform Stan Taylor of the decision and offer to visit the property in the spring to discuss the installation of a turnaround at the end of the road in order for the road crew to plow the full length of Rogers Farm Road next winter.

Mr. Baker informed the board the sander shaft broke on the 2016 Kenworth, but he said it would be covered under the warranty.

There was a discussion about plowing Wallingford Pond Road and the board agreed it should be plowed to the parking lot.

Town Administrator Sandi Switzer directed the board to an email and photographs from a Cumberland Farms representative pointing out an open trench and requesting the town

address it for safety reasons. Board members indicated there was always a trench at the site and no action was needed.

Mr. Baker said Pike was closing this week for the winter but would open with a 36 hour notice if the road crew needed sand.

B. Brooks requested the road crew repair an Ice Bed Road sign.

The board directed the road crew to remove a couch dumped at the transfer station.

Wallingford Rescue FY'18 Budget. Eric Davenport requested level funding at \$11,000. The board unanimously agreed.

Gilbert Hart Library FY'18 Budget. Bonnie Gainer requested level funding at \$36,000. The board unanimously agreed.

Bonnie commended the road crew for their hard work.

FY'18 Highway. The board agreed on the following line items:

5337 - \$43,000; 5336 - \$5000; 5334 - \$5000; 5333 - \$300; #5331 - \$10,000 for a maintenance truck; #5328 - \$2200; 5327 - \$500; 5325 - \$40,000 - 5324 - \$1500 - 5323 - \$60,000; 5322 - \$1750; 5321 - \$5000; 5320 - \$750; 5319 - \$35,000; 5318 - \$28,000; 5317 - \$500; 5316 - \$500; 5315 - \$20,000; 5314 - \$7000; 5310 - \$1500; 5309 - \$300; 5308 - \$4000; 5307 - \$3500; 5303 - \$500; 5302 - \$1500; 5301 - \$9500.

After some discussion, the board created line #5332 with \$3500 for catch basin cleaning and other special projects.

FY'18 Appropriations. The board unanimously agreed to level fund all appropriations with the exception of increasing the Rutland County Humane Society line item to \$300.

There was a discussion regarding a request to add \$10,000 for Green Hill Cemetery. The board agreed to warn it as a separate article.

The board denied funding requests from Vermont Trails and Big Heavy Music.

Public Comments. None.

Vermont Sick Leave – Act 69. The board reviewed the pending state law requiring employers to offer paid sick leave to employees working an average of 18 hours a week or more throughout the year.

After some discussion, the board agreed to offer 2.5 days or 20 hours of sick leave to Jill Stone Teer beginning January 1, 2017 then doubling and capping sick leave at 5.0 days or 40 hours beginning January 1, 2018. The board further agreed sick leave was “use it or lose it” and would not carry over from year to year.

Bulding Use Agreement. The board unanimously agreed to sign a Building Use Agreement for Wallingford Elementary School for the annual Town Meeting on March 6, 2017.

Fire Protection Budget Committee. B. Brooks made a motion to nominate M. Tessier to serve on the Fire Protection Budget Committee. The board approved the nomination (4-0). M. Tessier did not vote.

N. Tift's term on the committee expires in 2019.

Annual Report Dedication. The board agreed to dedicate the annual Town Report to Charlie Gauthier.

Mears Meadow Trail. S. Switzer informed the board Dean McGee had paid \$500 to initiate the road discontinuance process for the section of Mears Meadow Trail on his property. The board agreed to wait until spring to schedule site visits and public hearings.

Selectboard Comments. R. Regula said the transfer station was not plowed and sanded after the Saturday snow storm making it difficult for residents to use the facility. The board agreed roads were a priority during snow storms and the transfer station attendants had permission to keep the facility closed until the road crew plowed and sanded it.

The board agreed transfer station stickers required for motor vehicles would be printed and sold as soon as possible at a cost of \$3 per sticker. No deadline has been set regarding when residents would be required to have the new stickers on vehicles in order to use the transfer station.

Other Business. None

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Date Approved:

Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator