

Wallingford Selectboard Minutes*

June 2, 2014

Selectboard Present: Nelson Tift, Mark Tessier, Tom Phillips, Rose Regula and Gary Fredette

Others Present: Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, Phil Baker, Steve Lanfear, Stephen Benard, Bill Brooks, Ellie Fredericks, Julie Baker, Joel Baker and Erin Mansfield.

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

Minutes. The board by consensus approved the minutes of the May 19th meeting.

Selectboard Orders. G. Fredette made a motion to approve the pay orders totaling \$64,907.67; motion seconded by R. Regula. Motion carried (5-0).

Rutland County Sheriff Contract. Rutland County Sheriff Stephen Benard presented the board with a law enforcement agreement in the amount of \$17,340 for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The sheriff explained the amount was the same as the contract that expires this month. The agreement includes a single deputy working split patrols between Wallingford and Clarendon 40 hours a week or 2080 hours per year.

Sheriff Benard said there had been 216 traffic stops since the first of this year, with 124 tickets issued along with 57 warnings. He said 56 percent of the speeding tickets were for 11 to 20 miles over the speed limit.

G. Fredette made a motion to approve and sign the contract, M. Tessier seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Sheriff Benard requested permission to schedule a Rotary coin drop on July 12 with a rain date of July 19 from the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

T. Phillips made a motion to approve the coin drop; R. Regula seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker said he would obtain estimates by the next meeting for the equipment needed to outfit the town's backhoe with a sweeper. He said he would prefer to put the sweeper on the backhoe rather than the loader due to the age of that vehicle.

Mr. Baker indicated he would get estimates for single and double lined above ground fuel tanks for the town garage. He estimated a single line tank at \$2500 to \$2600 and the double lined to be an additional \$1200. He said the tank would be anchored to concrete blocks above the water line.

Mr. Baker said the heavy rainstorms had plugged a number of culverts and he said he cleared the one near Blackwood Road. He noted road foreman Steve Lanfear had worked overtime to address washouts.

The board questioned whether Steve could fix the manhole near the fire station and Steve responded it needed to be dug out with new plumbing. Mr. Baker indicated he would scope out the project and provide estimates at the next meeting.

By consensus, the board approved oil undercoating three town vehicles at the road foreman's request. The road foreman agreed to perform roadside mowing on Elfin Lake Road before the beach opens June 21st.

T. Phillips advised Steve the fiscal years ends June 30th and there was \$13,000 left in the FY '14 gravel budget.

Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon advised Steve only \$400 of the \$2000 culvert budget had been spent as of June 2. Steve said he needed to purchase culverts and would be using up the rest of the funds by the end of the month.

A resident, Bill Brooks, asked when work would begin on Hartsboro Road. Mr. Baker responded mid-July at the earliest. Mr. Brooks asked about the repairs to the Route 140W bridge and town administrator S. Switzer responded Kirk Thomas from Vermont Protective Coatings said it would begin in the next two weeks.

P. Baker said he would have the tree at the recreation field removed by June 18th.

Public Comments. None

Elfin Lake Use Request. T. Phillips made a motion to approve Kaylie Niedzwicki's request to host a gathering for Mill River National Honor Society at Elfin Lake on Sunday, June 8 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. with the group providing lifeguards; R. Regula seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

T. Phillips made a motion to approve Wendy Savery's request on behalf of the First Congregational Church to host a picnic at Elfin Lake on Sunday, June 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with the church providing lifeguards; G. Fredette seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

By consensus, the board approved Cheryl Maniery's request to host an afterschool program gathering at Elfin Lake on Friday, June 13 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. as long as they provided lifeguards.

Building Use Request. The board discussed recent requests to host private events on the second floor of Town Hall and the potential harm to Wallingford Historical Society items on display. By consensus, the board agreed to invite members of the Historical Society to the next meeting to discuss the issue.

M. Tessier made a motion to deny Chris Powers' request to use the second floor for a June 22 event; G. Fredette seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Response to Mitchell Road Request. The board reviewed a letter to Frank Chapman in response to his request to operate a bulldozer on Mitchell Road.

G. Fredette suggested the 30-day notice be revised to a 15-day notice. N. Tift indicated the letter should note all entrances to the trail shall be returned to the same or better condition when the project is complete.

G. Fredette made a motion to authorize N. Tift to sign the letter on behalf of the board after the changes were made; M. Tessier seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

Other Announcements/Business: The board discussed Jim Austin's junk complaint regarding John Squier's property. By consensus, the board agreed Mr. Squier had been cleaning up the property and no action needed to be taken.

G. Fredette made a motion directing S. Switzer to send warning notices to dog owners to register their animals by the end of the month or be assessed fines; R. Regula seconded the motion. Motion carried (5-0).

The board reviewed Health Officer Trish Nash's report on Chris Rabtoy's property on Railroad Street. The board determined no violations existed based on the report.

T. Phillips indicated he had obtained estimates for a pavilion to be constructed at Elfin Lake. There was some discussion as to the location for the pavilion and whether A-1 ought to be hired to map out the septic tank. The board agreed to revisit the issue at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Sandi Switzer, Town Administrator