

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
February 3, 2020

Selectboard Members Present: Bruce Duchesne, John McClallen, Patricia Pranger, Rose Regula and Nelson Tift.

Others present: Sandi Switzer and Phil Baker.

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

Agenda Amendments. By consensus, Municipal Roads General Permit annual report was added.

Minutes. R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to approve the 01/20/20 Minutes. Motion carried (5-0).

Pay Orders. P. Pranger made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the pay order total of \$33,868.80. Motion carried (5-0).

Road Commissioner Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker reported the road foreman had repaired the plow dented in an accident last year and would install it on the 2016 Kenworth. J. McClallen asked if the road crew had purchased new chainsaws yet and Mr. Baker said no.

The road commissioner said Homerstone Road Bridge would be repaired in the spring.

N. Tift asked about the Complete Street forms to be submitted to VTrans. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer said she had prepared the forms detailing paving projects on Railroad, Mill and East Streets last year.

There was a discussion about submitting paving and bridge/structure grant applications. Board members and the road commissioner were provided with a bridge inventory. P. Pranger requested Road Foreman Steve Lanfear inspect all municipal bridges not inspected by the state and select a grant project by the next meeting on February 17th.

Tax Sale. By consensus, the board agreed R. Regula would represent the Town at tax sales on February 12, but not bid on any properties.

Public Comments. None.

Transfer Station Fees. N. Tift indicated Transfer Station attendant Jim Regula had recommended raising disposal fees for car parts to \$3, a passenger tire to \$3, a vacuum cleaner to \$2, a large water tank to \$10, a small tank to \$7, and a window to \$3. By consensus, the Board approved the changes as recommended.

Great Elfin Lake 5K Race Sponsorship letters. By consensus, the Board approved two sponsorship letters submitted by race organizer Kelly Dilonno.

Elevator Maintenance Agreement. P. Pranger made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to approve Garaventa Lift's annual maintenance agreement that includes two visits per year at a cost of \$750. Motion carried (5-0).

Board members by consensus agreed to pay the full fee up front in order to be eligible for a two percent discount.

Selectboard Concerns. J. McClallen asked if the Board wanted to revisit a decision restricting punch cards to bagged garbage. R. Regula said she would like to give it a year before enacting any changes.

Other Business. P. Pranger asked about J. McClallen's visit to the Wallingford Block to view VMS Construction's work related to the Municipal Planning Grant. J. McClallen provided an overview of the structural enhancements.

N. Tift indicated a representative from Vermont Local Roads had notified the Town an attorney had advised him not to sign the Building Use Agreement for the 10-hour OSHA at Town Hall on March 19 and 26. After some discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to approve the workshop at Town Hall without the agreement.

N. Tift said the town administrator had sought roadside mowing options in addition to H. P. Fairfield and discovered that David Hosely from Manchester charged \$100 an hour for a boom mower including labor. He said Mr. Hosely would be available in mid-May, but would first like to visit the mowing sites. It was noted H.P. Fairfield's weekly rate of \$3,300 would equate to \$82/hour for 40 hours of mowing plus additional labor charges that would put it over \$100/hour. By consensus, the Board approved the road commissioner meeting with Mr. Hosely to set a mowing schedule.

N. Tift indicated the portable speaker to be purchased at the recommendation of the Recreation Committee cost \$169.59 rather than the \$159.99 approved on the December 17 pay orders. By consensus, the Board agreed to the purchase at the \$169.59 price.

Board members reviewed Attorney Charles Merriman's letter to Attorney James Carrol dated February 3, 2020. There were no objections.

There was a brief review of photographs taken of bike jumps being constructed at Stone Meadow. It was noted Conservation Commission members planned to attend the February 17 meeting to discuss options.

N. Tift said Gary Fredette had resigned as Rutland Regional Planning Commission alternate and Rutland Regional Transportation Council alternate. There were no volunteers to serve as alternate. N. Tift said he would attempt to attend meetings that the representative, Erika Berner, could not attend.

N. Tift said the Town had received \$28,654.51 as the state's share of the July 2018 storm damage repairs.

By consensus, the Board requested the town administrator draft a letter to state representatives in opposition to proposed amendments to state statutes that would expand tree warden authority over trees in town right-of-ways.

By consensus, the Board designated Road Commissioner Phil Baker as Requesting and Aiding Official for the Rutland Regional Planning Commission Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement with Road Foreman Steve Lanfear as alternate.

The Municipal Roads General Permit Annual Report must be submitted to the state and N. Tift agreed to sign it. The town administrator noted the report indicated the Town had recently completed the road erosion inventory.

Mr. Baker said he would be willing to let the road crew use a trailer at no charge to transport an excavator if voters approve the purchase at Town Meeting. P. Pranger asked Mr. Baker to keep an eye out for a good used trailer.

There was a brief review of the language in the Town's Zoning and Permit Fee Schedule related to Development Review Board hearings. By consensus, the Board agreed to amend Section VI (A) to indicate the \$250/initial hearing includes one publication notice and amend Section VI (B) to indicate there would be added fees for each additional hearing and/or publication notice.

R. Regula said she would like attorney correspondence sent by certified mail.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.
Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator

Date Approved: