

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes  
October 5, 2020

Selectboard Members Present: Bruce Duchesne, John McClallen, Patricia Pranger, Rose Regula, and Nelson Tift. The meeting was held via Zoom audio conference call.

Others present: Sandi Switzer, Ralph Corbo, and Gary Fredette.

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

**Agenda Amendments.** None. The road commissioner did not attend.

**Minutes.** R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by P. Pranger to approve the 09/21/20 Minutes. Motion carried (5-0).

**Pay Orders.** R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by J. McClallen to approve the 10/06/20 pay order total of \$21,479.84. Motion carried (5-0).

**Road Commissioner Report.** None.

Board members reviewed estimates secured by Tree Warden Steve Pytlik for removal of trees on North Main Street near the Rotary Building and Emma's Place.

Town Administrator Sandi Switzer said she contacted VTrans's officials to inquire whether the trees were in the state Right of Way on Route 7, which would mean tree removal would be VTrans' responsibility.

Board members agreed the trees would be the landowners' responsibility if the trees were beyond the ROW. The matter was tabled until VTrans officials respond.

N. Tift noted Road Commissioner Phil Baker had called before the meeting and expressed support for acquiring winter road salt from American Rock Salt at \$70/ton for up to 500 tons and \$74/ton after 500 tons. Mr. Baker said there were delivery issues with Cargill in the past and Apalachee was \$74.50/ton.

P. Pranger made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to enter into an Agreement with American Rock Salt at \$70/ton for up to 500 tons. Motion carried (5-0).

**Public Comments.** Ralph Corbo expressed concern regarding military refueling training missions in the skies above East Wallingford. He cited a recent training incident in California and the potential threat to citizens near those training missions. He requested the Board contact the Congregational delegation with concerns. After some discussion, Corbo said he would draft a letter and submit it to the Board for review and possible endorsement. N. Tift said board members would read any letter submitted, but would not commit to an endorsement.

**Town Hall Painting and Energy Efficiency Projects.** There was a discussion regarding the Energy Committee's energy efficiency upgrade recommendations for Town Hall at an estimated \$23,000 for air sealing and insulation. There was also a discussion regarding the need to paint the exterior trim.

It was decided a notice seeking a handy person should be posted on Front Porch Forum for the immediate air sealing needs. Board members requested the Energy Committee provide an air sealing checklist.

It was further agreed that painting and insulation projects would be delayed until next year.

**VLCT PACIF Renewal.** By consensus, the Board agreed to increase Town Garage contents to \$15,000, Town Hall contents to \$25,000, the sand shed to \$9,000 and the salt shed to \$20,000 on the VLCT PACIF Renewal form. Board members agreed with Workers Compensation salary estimates based on the FY'21 budget.

By consensus, the Board directed the town administrator to submit the VLCT PACIF Renewal with those adjustments.

**Amendment to the Motor Vehicle Regulation Ordinance.** N. Tift said a traffic study was not required to amend the Motor Vehicle Regulation Ordinance to lower a speed limit for safety reasons.

B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by P. Pranger to amend the ordinance to lower the speed limit on East Street to 25 m.p.h. Motion carried (5-0).

S. Switzer said the road commissioner had requested a No Thru sign be posted on Church Street. No action was taken.

**Basketball Court Estimate.** The town administrator reported Bendig Paving's Chriss Bendig indicated the material on the basketball court would need to be reclaimed before new material installed. He offered to submit an estimate.

N. Tift asked if Bendig's would provide a price for sealing cracks and adding asphalt.

He further requested a price for line striping on the court as well as striping near the new No Parking area by Cumberland Farms.

P. Pranger read state Floodplain Manager Kyle Medash's response regarding no permit required to add a layer of asphalt to the existing court.

**Selectboard Concerns.** None.

**Other Business.** N. Tift noted Wallingford Rescue's Eric Davenport had responded to a citizen's concern regarding coverage with limited personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Date Approved:

Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator