

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
October 19, 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: Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, Trisha Nash, and Gary Fredette.

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

Agenda Amendments. Add by consensus Deputy Fire Warden appointment.

J. McClallen made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to recommend to the state the appointment of Martin Rabtoy as deputy fire warden. Motion carried (5-0).

Minutes. B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the 10/05/20 Minutes. N. Tift had one minor correction. Motion carried (5-0).

Pay Orders. P. Pranger made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to approve the 10/20/20 pay order total of \$62,002.95. Motion carried (5-0).

Road Commissioner Report. None.

R. Regula asked if the road crew filled the pavement cuts on Maple and River Streets with Surepak. She said Fire District #1 should be billed if the road crew repaired those sections excavated for water line repairs.

Public Comments. Recreation Committee Chair Trisha Nash asked permission to use unexpended Recreation budget funds to purchase buckets and candy for a Halloween scavenger hunt. By consensus, the Board granted permission to spend up to \$200 and advised that all locations dispensing candy should be monitored.

Town Administrator Sandi Switzer suggested Ms. Nash submit an item for the Newsletter to inform citizens about the scavenger hunt.

P. Pranger suggested seeking volunteers from the Mill River High School Key Club.

Quarterly Financials. Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon provided an overview of FY'21 first quarter financials.

Center for Tech and Civic Life Grant. P. Pranger made a motion that was seconded by N. Tift authorizing the board chair to sign the Center for Tech and Civic Life Grant agreement in the amount of \$5,000 for election related expenses. Motion carried (5-0).

Board members agreed Ms. Sharon should decide whether to distribute gift cards to election workers.

North Main Street Trees. There was a discussion regarding Tree Warden Steve Pytlik's recommendation regarding trees near North Main Street. Board members agreed by consensus to recommend VTrans remove the tree at 96 North Main Street that was determined to be in the state Right of Way.

J. McClallen made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne that the landowner remove the tree outside the state Right of Way at 212 North Main Street at his expense. Motion carried (5-0).

Wallingford Elementary School Test Pit. By consensus, the Board agreed the Town would not volunteer road crew labor and equipment to dig test pits at Wallingford Elementary School as part of the Stormwater Management Design project.

Development Review Board Resignation. P. Pranger made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to accept Erika Berner's resignation from the Development Review Board with appreciation for her service. Motion carried (5-0).

Board members agreed the DRB should recommend a replacement and consider one of the DRB alternates.

Energy Committee Appointment. P. Pranger made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to appoint David Castonguay to the Energy Committee to a term that expires in 2023. Motion carried (5-0).

Selectboard Concerns. None.

Other Business. There was a review of the two state Bridge Inspection reports released in 2020 for Town owned bridges. No other 2020 state inspection reports for Town owned bridges were available on the state VTrans website.

N. Tift advised Attorney Charles Merriman email with a letter from Attorney James Carroll should be placed in the Stan Taylor file. He noted the Wallingford Selectboard does not agree with Mr. Carroll's assessment of the status of that property.

The Board reviewed information related to a Transportation Alternative Grant for sidewalk repairs. There was a brief discussion regarding ownership of sidewalks. N. Tift advised the grant information be forwarded to Fire District #1.

N. Tift noted the Board had received information related to New England Power Link's action to renew state permits related to a clean energy transmission line to be located along Route 103 in Town.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed the basement boiler room should remain unlocked since the Emergency switch is inside that room.-

N. Tift acknowledged board members received Ralph Corbo's letter regarding F-35 refueling training missions in the skies above East Wallingford. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Date Approved: 11/02/20

Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator