

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting  
Minutes  
February 1, 2021

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, Phil Baker, Steve Lanfear, and Gary Fredette.

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

**Agenda Amendments.** None.

**Minutes.** R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by P. Pranger to approve the 01/18/21 Minutes. Motion carried (5-0).

**Pay Orders.** P. Pranger made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the 02/02/21 pay order total of \$34,296.35 after \$1,700 was added for Rutland Printing for the annual Town Report. Motion (5-0).

**Road Commissioner Report.** Road Commissioner Phil Baker confirmed the accuracy of the Complete Street reports on 2020 paving projects to be filed with VTrans.

He said Wallingford Pond Road needed to be opened up as there was logging operations in the area all winter. He said snowmobiles were pushing snow from the snowbanks into the road.

Road Foreman Steve Lanfear noted the Town of Clarendon was cutting back trees near Haven Hill. He said he visited the area after a resident expressed concern about the location. He said trees were being cut in Clarendon and not Wallingford.

Mr. Lanfear and Mr. Baker said they had not reviewed the draft Tier II report, but agreed to conduct thorough reviews by the February 15 meeting. P. Pranger reminded them it was due March 1.

There was a brief discussion about potential contractors who do line striping for the basketball court. N. Tift suggested L&D based in Barre.

**Mud Season Posting.** Mr. Baker said he had no plans to post roads for mud season. He indicated the town administrator could advise VTrans Brian Sanderson no signage was needed.

**Public Comments.** None.

**Roadside Mowing.** Board members reviewed a \$100/hour rate from David Hosley based in Manchester Center for roadside mowing to include a boom mower and operator. H.P. Fairfield provided a weekly rate of \$3,400 for equipment without an operator and no hours guaranteed. P. Pranger said she had heard residents were satisfied overall with Mr. Hosley's mowing last

year. By consensus, the Board agreed to hire Mr. Hosley for 40 hours and requested he mow the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Weights.** Mr. Baker said there were no special weights to report to VTrans for municipal roads and/or bridges.

**VTrans Paving and Structure Grant Applications.** Mr. Baker recommended the Town reapply for a Class 2 paving grant for Route 140W as VTrans did not award paving grants last year.

Mr. Baker and Mr. Lanfear said they would come up with a bridge or culvert project for the Structures Grant. B. Duchesne said the Town could re-submit the Maple Street bridge application if they did not identify another project.

**Town Road and Bridge Standards.** Board members, the road commissioner and the road foreman reviewed the Town Road and Bridge Standards adopted in 2019. By consensus, the Board agreed to sign the annual Certificate of Compliance of those standards.

**Conservation Commission Appointments.** This matter was tabled until the February 15 meeting.

**Village Designation Center Resolution.** P. Pranger made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to approve and sign the Village Designation Center Resolution. Motion carried (4-1). J. McClallen voted in the minority.

**Selectboard Concerns.** None.

**Other Business.** Board members agreed to invite Rutland Regional Planning Commission's Steffanie Bourque to the February 15 meeting to review the Vulnerable Population Protocol document forwarded to the Emergency Management Director.

Board members agreed the highway department should participate in the February 24 webinar featuring MRGP updates, standards, and reporting requirements.

P. Pranger commended N. Tift, the town administrator, the road crew and transfer station employees on the swift actions taken recently related to the possible COVID-19 contact at the transfer station.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Date Approved:

Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator