

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
March 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, Julie Sharon, Sharon Nimitz, and Tammy Heffernan.

Selectboard Chair Nelson Tift called the Informational Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 36 people who joined the meeting either by computer, tablet, smartphone or landline. Only town officials and those who addressed the Selectboard were listed as present.

Agenda Amendments. None.

N. Tift introduced members of the Selectboard, the town clerk and treasurer, the town administrator and then turned the meeting over to Moderator Tammy Heffernan.

Ms. Heffernan provided an overview of the guidelines for the Zoom Informational Meeting and detailed how members of the public could ask questions or make comments.

Ms. Heffernan introduced statehouse Representatives Art Peterson and Tom Burditt. Both provided summaries of their work and committee assignments in Montpelier. Both thanked outgoing Rep. Dave Potter for his work on behalf of the district.

Article I. Ms. Heffernan read Article I of the Town Meeting Warning. No public input.

Article II. Ms. Heffernan read Article II of the Town Meeting Warning. No public input.

Article III. Ms. Heffernan read Article III of the Town Meeting Warning. Sharon Nimitz asked why the Town would not accept postmarks for tax payments. N. Tift responded townspeople had approved tax collection articles for many years that indicated postmarks would not be accepted. He said he did not have any other reason for this tradition.

Article IV. Ms. Heffernan read Article IV of the Town Meeting Warning. N. Tift said P. Pranger would provide a budget overview. P. Pranger explained the proposed FY'22 budget of \$1,292,013.92 was a decrease of \$24,437.49 from the FY'21 budget of \$1,316,451.41. She said the proposed budget would require an estimated tax rate of \$.3744 based on the 2020 Grand List. She noted this would be a more than 2 cent drop from the current tax rate of \$.3972. She provided a detailed overview of each section of the spending plan. No public input.

Article V. Ms. Heffernan read Article V of the Town Meeting Warning. No public input.

Article VI. Ms. Heffernan read Article VI of the Town Meeting Warning. N. Tift said the Selectboard worked hard to draft a budget that kept spending down as much as possible and he added town officials would appreciate voter support. No public input.

With no other business, comments or questions, Ms. Heffernan thanked everyone for attending and reminded them of voting hours at Town Hall on Tuesday.

R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by P. Pranger to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Motion approved (5-0).

Date Approved: 03/15/21

Submitted by: Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator