

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
July 6, 2021

Selectboard Members Present: Kathy Luzader, John McClallen, Rose Regula, and Nelson Tift. Bruce Duchesne did not attend.

Others present: Sandi Switzer, Phil Baker, and Maria French.

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

Agenda Amendments. None.

Minutes. R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by K. Luzader to approve the 06/21/21 Meeting Minutes after a minor correction. Motion carried (4-0).

Pay Orders. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the 07/07/21 pay order total of \$40,667.46 after the following additions: \$150 Pockette Pest Control; \$5,000 C&C Fireworks. Motion carried (4-0).

Rutland County Sheriff Department Agreement. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to approve the Rutland County Sheriff agreement for FY'22 at a cost of \$54,184 for 25 hours/week coverage. Motion carried (3-1). J. McClallen voted in the minority.

Public Comments. None.

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker said Kyle Eastman gave his two week verbal notice. N. Tift asked for the notice in writing and he directed the town administrator to run an advertisement in Seven Days for the post. By consensus, the Board agreed to accept applications until the position is filled.

Town Administrator Sandi Switzer asked if the road crew could adjust the basketball hoops to regulation height in response to complaints. J. McClallen described resetting the backboards to achieve the 10 foot height. K. Luzader noted some residents were unhappy with the rims since one was a single and one a double. It was noted, the rims were the same ones used prior to the court rehabilitation. Mr. Baker agreed to see what could be done with the hoop height.

Wallingford Day Fireworks. Maria French said the fire chief had approved a plan for fireworks at the Wallingford Day celebration on July 17 at 9 p.m. N. Tift asked if the fire chief had reviewed the checklist Ms. French had submitted. She responded she would be sure it was reviewed with the fire chief and C&C Fireworks owner Chuck Clarino. She said Mr. Clarino had permits for his business. N. Tift said he had no objections as long as all sides abide by the checklist.

Grant Agreements. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula authorizing N. Tift to sign VTrans' Route 140W Class 2 paving grant agreement and the structure grant agreement for a Maple Street retaining wall as well as a Better Roads grant agreement for West Hill, Mooney and Dugway road ditching projects. Motion carried (4-0).

Short Term Disability. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula authorizing N. Tift to sign Hickok & Boardman's short term disability agreement. Motion carried (4-0).

Jiffy Mart Liquor License. R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by K. Luzader to approve a liquor license for Jiffy Mart located on Route 103. Motion carried (4-0).

Annual Employee Reviews. Board members were provided copies of annual employee reviews. R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by K. Luzader authorizing 2 percent across the board raises for full and part time employees (not seasonal or temporary) and adjust Charlie Woods' hourly rate to match Steve Lanfear's rate. Motion carried (4-0).

Selectboard Concerns. J. McClallen asked when work would begin at the Elfin Lake public beach to address erosion matters. Mr. Baker said at the end of the summer. N. Tift cautioned any work should take place outside the 250-foot shoreline buffer.

K. Luzader asked about appointing a delegate as a library trustee. N. Tift said he preferred to wait until Mr. Duchesne was present.

There was a discussion about VLCT Wade Masure's response regarding sidewalk liability. The town administrator asked about inviting the Prudential Committee to an upcoming meeting. Board members agreed. There was a brief discussion about whether sidewalk maintenance would be allowed with ARPA funds.

It was noted Ethan Kenney could not obtain his lifeguard certification by the July 9 deadline in order to work at Elfin Lake.

Other Business. Board members directed the town administrator to contact Dale Lincoln or Joe Weaver for estimates to replace window sills at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Submitted By: Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator Date Approved: 07/19/21