

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
June 17, 2019

Selectboard Members Present: Bruce Duchesne, John McLallen, Patricia Pranger, Rose Regula and Nelson Tift.

Others present: Julie Sharon, Sandi Switzer, Connie Berger, Lynn Edmunds, Steve Berger, Carol Macleod, Stephen Benard, Trudy Dias and Ed Dias.

Chair N. Tift called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Agenda Amendments. None.

Minutes. R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by J. McLallen to approve the 06/03/19 Minutes. Motion carried (5-0).

Pay Orders. R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by P. Pranger approving the pay order total of \$174,623.74.

R. Regula noted the Town had purchased replacement reflective street signs over the past several years that have not been installed. By consensus, the Board directed the road crew to install the signs.

B. Duchesne asked about paying assessor mileage. He also asked if it was possible to add the balances of budget line items on pay orders. Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon responded she would provide monthly reports for packets and quarterly updates as agenda items.

The motion carried (5-0).

Road Commissioner Report. None.

J. McLallen and N. Tift noted a number of Seward Hill Road ditching, drainage and signage issues to be addressed by the road crew.

Van Wyck Bridge Repair Bids. No bids were submitted. The matter was tabled until the next meeting so the road commissioner could offer a recommendation.

Ford 550 Truck Bids. N. Tift opened the only bid submitted for the purchase of the Town's 2008 Ford 550. The bid was submitted by Phil Baker and Sons for a total of \$500.

B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by J. McLallen to accept the lone bid. Motion carried (5-0).

Grants in Aid Letter of Intent. R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by P. Pranger authorizing Board members to sign the Grants in Aid Letter of Intent to seek funds to bring hydrologically connected road segments up to standard. Motion carried (5-0).

Stormwater Master Plan Projects. This matter was tabled until the next meeting to await the road commissioner's recommendations.

Events/Communication Committee. Carol Macleod requested newsletter copying fees be waived for July and August. She described the various fundraising efforts for printing, copying and distributing the monthly newsletter.

By consensus, the Board agreed to waive July and August copying fees.

Ms. Macleod indicated the committee would be seeking Board approval in the fall to become a Town committee with a budget. N. Tift requested the town administrator research formation of new municipal committees.

Rutland County Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement Agreement. Sheriff Stephen Benard provided board members with a \$76,377.60 law enforcement agreement for a 12-month period starting July 1 to include 40 hours per week coverage.

B. Duchesne said he had heard from a number of residents that 40 hours per week of coverage was not needed. J. McLallen said he heard similar comments. Sheriff Benard offered a recent history of RCSD patrols in Wallingford that expanded from 20 to 30 hours a week this past year with 10 of those hours devoted to motor vehicle enforcement. He said RCSD was a vendor of police services and would provide whatever services the Board deemed appropriate.

Connie Berger spoke about the traffic speeding on Main Street and past her store and even running stoplights and stop signs. She noted RCSD Officer Nathan Webster had visited the local daycare and his professional demeanor was appreciated.

After further discussion, N. Tift made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula approving the one-year RCSD agreement in the amount of \$76,377.60. Motion carried (3-2). B. Duchesne and J. McLallen voted in the minority.

Public Comments. Trudy and Ed Dias addressed Nash Drive water issues impacting their property. Ms. Dias said her landscape 16 feet from the edge of the road had been washed away. She noted a berm installed a few years ago was effective for a period of time, but she said it had settled and was no longer preventing water from draining onto the property. Mr. Dias said Nash Drive was not properly crowned.

After further discussion, the Board by consensus directed the road crew to either resolve the matter by July 1 or submit a written plan by that date detailing a course of action.

Steve Berger requested increased law enforcement patrols on Railroad Street after the road gets paved this summer.

Planning Commission Appointment. B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by P. Pranger appointing Tony Masuck to the planning commission. Motion carried (5-0).

R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by J. McLallen appointing Bill Brooks as alternate. Motion carried (5-0).

Wallingford Lodge Deposit. P. Pranger made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula approving payment of a \$500 deposit to Fire District #1 for a July 10 concert at Wallingford Lodge. Motion carried (5-0).

Grant Policy. J. McLallen made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula approving a municipal Grant Policy. Motion carried (5-0).

Energy Committee Appointment. R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by J. McLallen to appoint Carol Tashie to the Energy Committee. Motion carried (5-0).

Selectboard Comments. R. Regula asked to postpone employee and contract assessor evaluations until the July 15 meeting as she will not be available to attend the July 1 meeting. By consensus, the Board agreed and further requested Lisa Wright, Jeff Biasuzzi and Steve Lanfear attend the July 15 meeting.

Other Business. B. Duchesne questioned the wording of the Energy Committee's June 4th meeting Minutes and asked whether the Minutes should be written in a more professional tone.

There was a discussion regarding amending the Parking Ordinance to prohibit parking in front of Cumberland Farms. P. Pranger made a motion that was seconded by J. McLallen to amend the ordinance. Motion carried (5-0). By consensus, the Board agreed to a suggestion by VTrans Theresa Gilman that the state agency install the No Parking signs in 2020 along with a scheduled signage replacement project.

Board members briefly discussed Assessor Lisa Wright's memo regarding the Stan Taylor town line matter. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.
Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator

Date Approved: 07/01/19