

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
October 27, 2021

Selectboard Members Present: Bruce Duchesne, Kathy Luzader, Rose Regula, and Nelson Tift.

Others present: Sandi Switzer, Steve Lanfear, Shannon Pytlik, Monica DeLorme, Eric DePhillips, Thomas Cummings, Patricia Pranger and Carolyn Behrendt.

Selectboard Chair Nelson Tift called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Agenda Amendments. None.

Public Comments. Shannon Pytlik said there was Act 250 jurisdiction on the old Pike property on Creek Road being considered by the Town as a temporary municipal salt storage site. N. Tift responded the Town was in the initial phase of researching storage options.

Salt Storage Shed. Road Foreman Steve Lanfear detailed potential water drainage issues that would have to be addressed before municipal use of the old Pike property as winter salt storage.

R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by K. Luzader to table the matter. Motion carried (4-0).

N. Tift said the Board would review options for purchasing a leaf blower at the November 1 meeting.

Public Comments. Ms. Pytlik requested interviews to fill the Selectboard vacancy be conducted in open session rather than executive session in the spirit of transparency. She noted interviews for a Mill River School Director post were conducted in open session. Monica DeLorme spoke in favor of an open door session for interviews.

N. Tift polled Board members. R. Regula said she preferred executive session in order to make applicants feel more at ease. K. Luzader said she was in favor of an open session, but would go along with the rest of the Board. N. Tift said he shared R. Regula's view. B. Duchesne stated his preference was for interviews to be conducted in executive session and the final decision be made in open session as required by the Open Meeting Law.

R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to enter executive session at 4:30 p.m. for the evaluation and appointment of a public officer as allowed under (1 V.S.A. Section 313(a)(3). Motion carried (3-1). K. Luzader voted in the minority.

R. Regula made a motion that was seconded by K. Luzader to exit executive session at 5:34 p.m. Motion carried (4-0).

B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by R. Regula to appointment Patricia Pranger to fill the Selectboard vacancy until Town Meeting in March based on her accounting skills and previous Selectboard experience. Motion carried (3-1). K. Luzader voted in the minority.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Submitted By: Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator Date Approved: 11/01/21