

Wallingford Board of Civil Authority
Minutes
January 31, 2022

Board Members Present: Justice of the Peace: Nikolaus Houghton, Maureen Duchesne, Sandy Eddy, Curtis Lidstone, Tom Truex, Stanley Seward, Kate Goetz, Maria French, and Tony Petrossi; Selectboard member Nelson Tift, Rose Regula, Bruce Duchesne, and Kathy Luzader, Assessor John Tiffany, and Town Clerk & Treasurer Julie Sharon

Board Members Absent: Wendy Savery and Pat Pranger

Vice Chair N. Houghton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.

The minutes of the November 8, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion made by N. Tift and seconded by R. Regula. Motion carried.

Assessor distributed 7-page report dated January 31, 2022 and given oath.

Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office, 553 Wallingford Pond Road, #0380553 (Span #681-216-10026)

The appellant was not present; however, the members had read the appeal letter from John Brown, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, dated January 19, 2022 with attachments. NITHPO has appealed the Assessor's decision to deny their application for exemption from property tax, as they had not passed two of the three conditions cited in 32 V.S.A. §3802(4). The two conditions are: 1) The property must be dedicated unconditionally to public use; and 2) The primary use must directly benefit an indefinite class of persons who are part of the public and must also confer a benefit on society as a result of the benefit conferred on the persons directly served.

The members were also in receipt of Assessor John Tiffany's denial letter dated January 5, 2022 as well as Town Attorney Gary Kupferer's opinion letter dated December 29, 2021.

The hearing was closed.

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All attachments will be recorded with the approved minutes.

The Committee reviewed the January 20th correspondence from the House of the General Assembly who passed H.589. Their proposal to redistrict the House of Representatives now has Wallingford back to a 2-member House district and includes a portion of Mount Holly, Clarendon, West Rutland, and Proctor. Following some discussion, C. Lidstone made a motion to support the proposed two-member representative district; motion seconded by B. Duchesne. Motion carried with Board members M. Duchesne, B. Duchesne, T. Petrossi, C. Lidstone, T. Truex, S. Eddy, J. Sharon, and N. Houghton voting in favor, and Board members M. French, N. Tift, R. Regula, S. Seward, K. Luzader and K. Goetz voting against.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on a motion made by C. Lidstone and seconded by K. Luzader. Motion carried.

Julie M. Sharon, Town Clerk