

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting

Minutes

April 21, 2022

Selectboard Members Present: Bruce Duchesne, Justin Jankus, and Nelson Tift. Kathy Luzader and Carolyn Behrendt were not in attendance.

Others present: Sandi Switzer, Steve Lanfear, and Phil Baker.

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

Public Comments. None.

Wallingford Elementary School Stormwater System. The Selectboard reviewed an Operation and Maintenance Plan for a Wallingford Elementary School stormwater system design created by Watershed Consultants as part of a Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) grant.

N. Tift said he was opposed to signing the agreement. J. Justin expressed concern with the list of Town responsibilities included in the plan as well as the timeframe to review the document. Road Commissioner Phil Baker said the plan needed to define Town and Mill River Unified Union School District responsibilities in the event of system repairs, failures and other aspects of what he estimated to be a \$500,000 project.

B. Duchesne noted both Watershed Consultants Andres Torizzo and RNRCD's Nanci McGuire said the Operation and Maintenance Plan was for the design phase and a refined agreement could be developed prior to seeking construction funds. He said the agreement to be signed was part of the deliverables for the design grant. B. Duchesne said if the Town's refusal to sign the agreement resulted in a forfeiture of grant funds, then agencies may be reluctant to work with the Town on the project in the future.

J. Jankus said the WES stormwater project was part of the state's water quality initiative. He said the Town would need to negotiate a detailed maintenance agreement down the road. As an example, he said the Town and MRUUSD should work together when hiring an outside contractor to maintain/clean the system in an effort to reduce costs for both entities.

After further discussion, B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by J. Jankus authorizing N. Tift to sign the Operation and Maintenance Agreement with an attached letter calling for the development of a refined agreement prior to seeking construction funds. Motion carried (3-0).

J. Jankus made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to adjourn at 4:42 p.m. Motion carried (3-0).

Submitted By: Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator

APPROVED THIS 2nd Day of May, 2022 Wallingford Selectboard

Carolyn Behrendt _____

Bruce Duchesne _____

Justin Jankus _____

Kathy Luzader _____

Nelson Tift _____