

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting

Minutes

June 6, 2022

Selectboard Members Present: Carolyn Behrendt, Bruce Duchesne, Justin Jankus, Kathy Luzader and Nelson Tift.

Others present: Sandi Switzer, Phil Baker, Jordan Jankus, Steve Lanfear, Ed Dias, Trudy Dias, Bert Jones, Nick Flanders, Karl Ross, Morgan Over, David Fox, Jim Bagnall, Albert Jones, and Greg McCormack.

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

Agenda Amendments. By consensus, the Board approved adding an Executive Session for personnel to the agenda.

Minutes. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to approve the 05/16/22 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried (4-0). J. Jankus abstained as he was not at the meeting.

Pay Orders. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by J. Jankus to approve the 06/07/22 pay order total of \$58,887.81.

B. Duchesne said the clay expense added to that recreation maintenance line of the FY'22 budget (already over budget) required Selectboard approval according to the Purchasing Policy since it was beyond the \$1,500 threshold. He asked if money remaining in a baseball account would be used to reimburse the Town for the expense. Recreation Committee member Jordan Jankus said the committee chair may be looking into it.

Motion carried (5-0).

Honorable Mentions. John McClallen for putting up the American flags in the village; Bill Lohsen for turning on the water at the Elfin Lake concession stand and the Boy With the Boot fountain; Bruce Duchesne for assisting with the new Elfin Lake public beach raft; Emily and Jason Keicher for volunteering to clean the Elfin Lake concession stand before it opens for the season; Recreation Committee for raking the Elfin Lake public beach.

Rutland County Sheriff Department Agreement. B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by K. Luzader to approve the Rutland County Sheriff Department's agreement for law enforcement services for 20 hours per week over a 12-month period beginning July 1 for a total of \$45,947. Motion carried (5-0).

There was a discussion about the enforcement of No Parking zones and a request to contact Vermont Transit and The Bus about relocating some stops to locations with better visibility and sidewalks.

Road Commissioner's Report. Ed and Trudy Dias presented the Selectboard, Road Commissioner Phil Baker, and Road Foreman Steve Lanfear with photographs of their

Nash Drive property featuring new asphalt berms. The couple noted the Town had assisted with various measures in the past to address road concerns. They requested reimbursement for half the cost of the \$1,200 berm as they said it was needed to address Nash Drive drainage issues impacting their property and to proactively prevent damage to their newly paved driveway. N. Tift responded reimbursing a landowner for a solution the Town was not involved in would set a precedent. J. Jankus agreed. He said the Town could have assisted with the matter beforehand, but he said after-the-fact would set a troubling precedent.

Bert Jones requested Town assistance with a Route 140E catch basin that was filled with sand. He said state transportation officials had cleaned it annually in the past, however, he said a VTrans official recently informed him it was not on the state inventory. After further discussion, Town Administrator Sandi Switzer offered to write a letter to VTrans Robert Faley regarding this matter. By consensus, the Board agreed. Mr. Baker then offered to call transportation officials to set up a meeting. Morgan Over noted a catch basin on Church Street was plugged. Mr. Baker agreed to contact A1 for the annual catch basin cleaning.

Paving Bids. N. Tift opened sealed Taft Terrace, Florence and Shedd paving bids from Fuller, Wilk and Pike. Fuller bid \$96/ton for 320 tons; Wilk bid \$122/ton for 485 tons; and Pike bid \$134/ton for 474 tons. After some discussion, the matter was tabled until Mr. Baker obtained bid clarifications.

Salt Shed. K. Luzader said she spoke to Stan Wilbur who recommended Otter Creek Engineering or NBF Architects to assist with grant application design and cost details for a salt shed. She presented a quote of \$252,900 that ClearSpan provided to the Town of Tinmouth for a hoop option.

After discussion, the Board agreed to contact Otter Creek and NBF for prices to create a design preferred by Mr. Baker to include extending the sand shed roof line to create space for salt storage.

Line Striping. N. Tift said the town administrator put out a notice for line striping and received a response from Green Mt. Line Striping based in Bennington. There was a discussion about crosswalks, No Parking zones, and fire hydrant markings. By consensus, the Board agreed to seek an estimate.

Mr. Baker raised a concern from a Hartsboro Road resident who asked for a section of the road near Ice Bed to be lowered to 25 m.p.h. N. Tift said VTrans frowned on intermittent speed limits.

Public Comments. None..

Grants in Aid. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by C. Behrendt to authorizing the Board to sign a Letter of Intent for Grants in Aid for state fiscal year 2023. Motion carried (5-0).

Mill River Unified Union School District Board Vacancy. Two candidates, Nick Flanders and Karl Ross, addressed the Board as to why they were seeking the open seat on the Mill River Unified Union School Board. Mr. Ross indicated he had prior experience on that Board and Mr. Flanders explained he ran for the seat and was narrowly defeated. Board members indicated either candidate would be a good fit for the school board.

N. Tift polled the Selectboard and Mr. Flanders was favored, 3-2. He said the recommendation would be forwarded to MRUUSD board members, who make the appointment in consultation with the Selectboard. Mr. Ross responded he thought the Town and not the school district should have the authority to appoint and he would withdraw his name as to increase the likelihood the Town's recommendation would be followed.

Hot Weather Annex. Wallingford Emergency Management Director Jim Bagnall provided an overview of his recent meeting with Rutland Regional Planning Commission's Steffanie Bourque regarding an offer to use funding from the Vermont Department of Health to work with the Town on developing a Hot Weather Emergency Response Annex to the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP). He said there were no state funds available at this time to provide hydration, a generator or other materials for an annex. He said it was to be used as an emergency site when triggered by certain weather conditions and it was not intended to be used for overnight stays. By consensus, the Board approved pursuing the RRPC offer.

Letter of Support for Sidewalk Grant Application. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by C. Behrendt to sign a Letter of Support for the VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Program grant application to construct new School Street sidewalks estimated at \$542,828 with the Town match 20 percent.

Summer Recreation Program Counselor Application. By consensus, the Board approved hiring Virginia Turso as a Summer Recreation Program counselor at \$15.75/hour.

Unlicensed Dogs. The Board by consensus approved sending letters to dog owners who failed to register their dogs by the April 1 deadline. Dog owners who pay the registration and late fees by June 20th will not be issued tickets.

Selectboard Meeting Dates for June and July. By consensus, the Board agreed to meet Friday, June 17 at 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, July 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Selectboard Concerns. C. Behrendt said traffic was not stopped during the Memorial Day parade and the line-up was not organized prior to the start of the parade. Jordan Jankus responded American Legion officials organized the event. She said the Recreation Committee oversaw the parade in the past.

K. Luzader asked about the edging on the basketball court. The town administrator said F.A.S. Trucking and Landscaping said it would be done by the end of the fiscal year. She

added Advantage Tennis agreed to resurface the tennis court by the end of the fiscal year.

Other Business. N. Tift asked about Jordan Jankus' movie night proposal. Mr. Jankus explained movies in the public domain with no copyright issues would be shown at Town Hall two Thursdays a month and there would be no admission fees.

Executive Session. B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by K. Luzader to enter Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. as allowed under 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) "the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee."

Motion carried (5-0).

K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to exit Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. N. Tift said after the closed door discussion, the Board would seek guidance from counsel.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted By: Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator

APPROVED THIS 5th Day of July, 2022 Wallingford Selectboard

Carolyn Behrendt _____

Bruce Duchesne _____

Justin Jankus _____

Kathy Luzader _____

Nelson Tift _____