

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting

Minutes

July 18, 2022

Selectboard Members Present: Carolyn Behrendt, Bruce Duchesne, Justin Jankus and Nelson Tift. Kathy Luzader did not attend.

Others present: Sandi Switzer, Julie Sharon, Phil Baker, David Potter and Greg McCormack.

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

Agenda Amendments. N. Tift noted there would be a discussion under Public Comments regarding K. Luzader's signature to be added to the Declaration of Inclusion.

Minutes. J. Jankus made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to approve the Minutes of the 07/05/22 meeting. Motion carried (4-0).

Pay Orders. B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by C. Behrendt to approve the 07/19/22 pay orders in the amount of \$10,056.60. Motion carried (4-0).

Preliminary Year End Financials FY'22. Town Clerk and Treasurer Julie Sharon provided an overview of year end financials for fiscal year 2022. A surplus of \$86,963 was projected before the final pay order of \$12,751. J. Sharon explained transfer station fees brought in \$22,000 more than projected, grant revenue brought in \$22,000 more than expected, Elfin Lake gate and concessions exceeded \$8,600, insurance expenses were \$15,000 less than budgeted, and transfer station costs were \$20,000 below budget. Other items included: a \$20,300.22 surplus in the Highway budget - the State of Vermont awarded the town an extra Highway Supplement in the amount of \$9,241.04 in FY22 (shown in 4502-Highway State Aid). This totals a Highway surplus of \$29,541.26. J. Sharon proposed earmarking a portion of that surplus to offset the deficit in Road Crew Salaries of \$15,443.46 and Road Crew Overtime Salaries of \$3,239.77 totaling \$18,683.23. Wallingford Day #4554 Income was \$13,340.02 and #5816 Expenses were \$12,254.51, leaving a surplus of \$1,085.51. There is no budget in FY23 for Wallingford Day. J. Sharon noted the Committee wanted money raised to be put back into Wallingford Day expenses. Barb Kaminski donated \$3,500 for next year's fireworks, which would total \$4,585.51 towards next year's Wallingford Day. Going forward, J. Sharon recommended the Selectboard consider budgeting for this annual event, starting with FY'24 so carryovers would not be needed in the future.

J. Jankus made a motion that was seconded by C. Behrendt to approve the 06/30/22 pay orders in the amount of \$12,751.54. Motion carried (4-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker reported road crew member Laurie Phillips secured a slab of marble at no cost to the Town to be used as a base for the Carving Studio bench to be installed at the Gilbert Hart Library. He said the

other option would be to pour a concrete base. After discussion, J. Jankus made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to install the marble slab. Motion carried (4-0).

Mr. Baker said roadside mowing contractor David Hosely would not be available for the two weeks of contracted mowing this summer. Mr. Baker offered to use his own mower for limited roadside mowing on Route 140W, Creek Road and Hartsboro Road. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer asked about contacting Cash Ruane in Clarendon regarding renting that mower and Mr. Baker agreed.

Salt/Sand Shed Update. Mr. Baker said he met with Otter Creek Engineer's Brent Rakowski along with the town administrator, Road Foreman Steve Lanfear, and Selectboard member Bruce Duchesne regarding municipal salt and sand sheds. He explained Mr. Rakowski advised extending the sand shed roofline to create space for salt storage would likely run into numerous hurdles if the Town pursued state/federal grants. Mr. Baker explained the cost to extend the roofline without a grant would be about the same as the Town's local match for a new structure using state/federal grants.

After discussion, the Board by consensus agreed to pursue a grant for a new structure and obtain cost estimates from Otter Creek Engineering for assistance with the grant application, preliminary designs/budgets, and preliminary environmental approvals. The town administrator offered to contact Rutland Regional Planning Commission's Devon Neary for assistance as well.

Honorable Mentions. Gary Fredette and Bruce Duchesne for assisting the road crew with installing the new raft at Elfin Lake; Jeff Biasuzzi for putting together a Town Hall office chair and then donating a transfer station punch card to a local organization; David and Joan Kelley for donating \$100 toward distribution of the monthly newsletter, Wallingford Standard; Thrive Center of the Green Mountains for donating funds for sponsorships to the Wallingford Summer Recreation Program; Jordan Jankus for hosting free movie nights at Town Hall; Wallingford Day group, lots of volunteers and especially Maria French and Jenn Galusha for putting together another successful Wallingford Day event; and Michael Barbieri for helping to bring the largest Revolutionary War living history weekend in northern New England to the Hubbardton Battlefield.

Public Comment. By consensus the Board agreed Kathy Luzader should sign the Declaration of Inclusion approved at a Selectboard meeting last April. J. Jankus asked about some of the language used in the document and requested the Board's consent for him to contact Peg Soule (who helped spearhead the effort). B. Duchesne said the Board approved the document as presented and he considered it a done deal. C. Behrendt said J. Justin could bring it back to the group to be sure the wording is what they wanted and, she noted, it could always be amended in the future. The Board agreed J. Justin could discuss the matter with Ms. Soule.

David Potter. David Potter introduced himself as a statehouse candidate for Rutland-2 (Wallingford, Clarendon, West Rutland and part of Rutland Town). He said he served 16 years in the statehouse and 10 years as vice chair of the Transportation Committee. He

said he helped secure funds for Rutland County bridge and road projects and he said his motto is he “worked with others to get things done.”

Skateboard Clinic. No one attended the meeting for this topic.

Animal Control Officer. N. Tift said he had no concerns about the animal control officer seeking training, but he did not agree with the position becoming a certified law enforcement officer.

Energy Committee Appointment. J. Jankus made a motion that was seconded by C. Behrendt to appoint Anthony Fahoury to the Energy Committee for a three-year term. Motion carried (4-0).

Recreation Committee Resignation. By consensus, the Board accepted with regret Jordan Jankus’ resignation from the Recreation Committee.

Heating Oil Bids. Heating oil per gallon bids were submitted as follows: \$5.79 H. B. Energy; \$3.96 Irving Oil; \$3.75 Champlain Valley; and \$4.65 Suburban Propane. B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by J. Jankus to accept Champlain Valley’s heating oil bid. Motion carried (4-0).

Selectboard Concerns. None.

Other Business. N. Tift said a No Trespass Order had been served on an individual for Elfin Lake public beach and Stone Meadow.

N. Tift said Steve Pytlik issued a final check in the amount of over \$1,200 to the Town and closed out the Little League baseball account. The funds would be used to offset clay expenses for the fields.

J. Jankus made a motion that was seconded by C. Behrendt to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried (4-0).

Submitted By: Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator

APPROVED THIS 1st Day of August, 2022 Wallingford Selectboard

Carolyn Behrendt _____

Bruce Duchesne _____

Justin Jankus _____

Kathy Luzader _____

Nelson Tift _____