

Wallingford Selectboard Meeting

Minutes

September 19, 2022

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

Others present: Sandi Switzer, Bruce Dobbins and Phil Baker.

Selectboard Vice Chair Kathy Luzader called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Amendments. None.

Minutes. B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by J. Jankus to approve the Minutes of the 08/15/22 meeting. Motion carried (3-0). K. Luzader did not vote as she was not in attendance. B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by C. Behrendt to approve the Minutes of the 09/06/22 meeting. Motion carried (3-0). J. Jankus did not vote as he was not in attendance. J. Jankus made a motion that was seconded by B. Duchesne to approve the Minutes of the 09/09/22 meeting. Motion carried. C. Behrendt did not vote as she was not in attendance.

Pay Orders. J. Jankus made a motion that was seconded by C. Behrendt to approve the 09/20/22 pay order total of \$25,653.47. Motion carried (4-0).

B. Duchesne noted a charge by Phil Baker and Sons for transporting equipment. He said the Board should include money in the next budget for a trailer.

Honorable Mentions. Thomas Downey and Carol Browner for donating \$4,000 to be used to replace backboards and hoops at the ballfield; Barb Kaminski for donating \$100 for the Boy With the Boot flower project; and a special note of gratitude to Wallingford citizens, organizations and businesses and those beyond our Town border who have given in large and small ways to the Bromley family after the tragic barn accident.

Public Comments. None.

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker reported work had begun on the Carrara Camp bridge and the road crew had nearly completed the Grants in Aid project on Chapin and Blackwood Roads.

Mr. Baker said he had met with Road Foreman Steve Lanfear about the Maple Street retaining wall project. He said the 2014 Kenworth was being repaired and roadside mowing was nearly completed.

The road commissioner said he was researching a brush hog attachment for the excavator in order to perform roadside mowing/brush removal year-round. He estimated the cost at \$5,000. It was noted roadside mowing was under budget in FY'23 by about \$3,000 and there was a couple thousand remaining in the Supplemental Income received

by the Town last spring. Those funds, he said, could be used to purchase the attachment. Mr. Baker agreed to do more research.

Salt/Sand Shed. Board members reviewed the material sent by Otter Creek Engineering regarding a 65'X144' canvas-style salt/sand shed at a cost of \$693,000 including site preparation and engineering costs. B. Duchesne said he would like to table applying for the VTrans Municipal Mitigation Grant due October 7th for a new sand shed until the Town could explore other options. Mr. Baker agreed.

B. Duchesne suggested forming a committee to look into alternatives, including a Morton Steel Building. J. Jankus asked about the impact of salt on the structure. Mr. Baker said it would have to be lined with blocks to prevent erosion. By consensus, the Board agreed to wait until next year to apply for the VTrans Municipal Mitigation Grant and to form a committee comprised of B. Duchesne, Mr. Baker and Mr. Lanfear to explore options and costs then report back to the Board.

Fitzgerald Environmental Associates Agreement. Board members reviewed the draft agreement between the Town and Fitzgerald Environmental Associates related to the Watersheds United Vermont grant for the Elfin Lake erosion reduction design and permitting project. By consensus, the Board authorized K. Luzader to sign the document.

West Hill Cemetery Gate. B. Duchesne provided an overview of the right of way and gate questions related to a lot line adjustment between the Taylor property and the West Hill Cemetery. By consensus, the Board agreed the Taylors should relocate the gate to a spot conducive for public access to the cemetery, but restrict access to the Taylor land.

Selectboard Concerns. K. Luzader asked about the status of the Creek Road bridge. Mr. Baker said a temporary bridge was needed. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer explained VTrans had provided temporary bridge estimates in 2018 as follows:

- To install a temporary bridge over the existing structure (not recommended if you are planning to do work on the existing bridge in the near future): \$10,000 – 12,000
- To install a temporary bridge next to existing (preferred so that you can maintain traffic flow while working on existing structure): \$30,000 – 42,000

Bruce Dobbins said as the Town's representative to the Regional Transportation Council, he had been recommending the group prioritize Creek Road Bridge. He said a temporary bridge should be installed while a new structure was built.

Other Business. By consensus, the Board agreed to have Green's Auto and Lock replace locks on the front and side doors of Town Hall for approximately \$300 to include a site visit, two new locks and 15 keys.

K. Luzader noted the Carving Studio bench dedication ceremony was well-attended.

By consensus, the Board agreed No Thru Traffic signs may be installed on Church Street.

C. Behrendt agreed with Bill Lohsen's memo to the Recreation Committee regarding Concession stand upgrades to focus on replacing plumbing fixtures, interior painting, replacing the drop ceiling, repairing the garage door frame, removing changing stalls to create more storage, and opening the bathroom in the garage area. K. Luzader indicated the Recreation Committee would need Selectboard approval for the project before proceeding.

B. Duchesne made a motion that was seconded by J. Jankus to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried (4-0).

APPROVED THIS 3rd Day of October, 2022 Wallingford Selectboard

Carolyn Behrendt _____

Bruce Duchesne _____

Justin Jankus _____

Kathy Luzader _____

Nelson Tift _____

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