

Wallingford Selectboard
Annual Informational Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023

Selectboard Members Present: Carolyn Behrendt, Bruce Duchesne, Justin Jankus, Kathy Luzader and Mark Tessier.

Others present: Sandi Switzer, Ralph Nimtze and Greg McCormack from Peg-TV.

Selectboard Chair Bruce Duchesne called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Agenda Amendments. By consensus, the Board deleted the Road Commissioner report as Phil Baker was not in attendance.

Minutes. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by J. Jankus to approve the 02/21/23 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried (5-0).

Pay Orders. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by J. Jankus to approve the 03/07/23 pay order total of \$27,492.83. Motion carried (5-0).

Honorable Mentions. Ruth Anne Barker donated funds to the food shelf; Christopher Dunigan for donating 1,000 manilla envelopes to the Town Clerk and Treasurer's Office; and Dennis Phillips for clearing sidewalks after snowstorms for pedestrian safety.

Recreation Committee Appointment. M. Tessier made a motion that was seconded by J. Jankus to appoint Raven Crispino to the Recreation Committee as recommended by Recreation Committee members. Motion carried (5-0).

AARP Community Challenge Grant. Ralph Nimtze provided an overview of the AARP grant available for the purchase of three solar powered traffic feedback signs. He said an application was submitted to the ARPA Committee who then recommended applying for the AARP grant. He said the Town and not a citizen must apply. He said the signs would be installed at points north and south of the village and on Route 140W. The signs would total \$12,000 plus freight and the road crew would install, he said. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer said VTrans would require a speed study as part of the permit process and the Rutland County Sheriff Dept. would perform the study at no cost to the Town. Mr. Nimtze said living on Main Street made it apparent few motorists abide by the speed limit and the signs may help. After further discussion, K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by J. Jankus authorizing the town administrator to apply for the AARP grant and request the sheriff conduct a speed study. Motion carried (5-0).

F. A. S. Trucking and Landscaping Mowing Estimate. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by C. Behrendt to approve mowing estimates (\$115 per cemetery, \$115 recreation field, \$65 dragging field, \$25 for Town Hall, \$30 for public beach lawn, \$30

Veterans' Park) for Town properties submitted by F. A.S. Trucking and Landscaping. Motion carried (5-0).

Public Comments. None.

Selectboard Concerns. C. Behrendt said she fielded complaints about snow removal on Route 140W and asked if it was a road crew priority. The town administrator said she would discuss it with the road foreman.

Other Business. J. Jankus and B. Duchesne agreed to meet with Mill River Unified Union's Timothy Harte one afternoon in April in order to initiate discussions regarding a maintenance agreement for WES Stormwater System since Mr. Harte is unavailable to attend evening Selectboard meetings. Board members thanked M. Tessier for serving on the Selectboard to fill out a vacancy.

K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by C. Behrendt to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

Submitted By: Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator

APPROVED THIS 20h Day of March, 2023

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Carolyn Behrendt _____

Bruce Duchesne _____

Justin Jankus _____

Kathy Luzader _____

Mark Tessier _____