

Wallingford Selectboard

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2026

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

Selectboard Members Present: Anne Awad, Rob Barker, Glenn Mayer, Kathy Luzader and Carolyn Behrendt.

Others present at the Meeting: Sandi Switzer, Jill Stone-Teer, Phil Baker, Todd Galiano, Naomi Bombardier-Wilson, Tom Fort, and Greg McCormack from Peg TV.

Agenda Amendments. Roadside mowing rates tabled by consensus.

Minutes. G. Mayer made a motion that was seconded by R. Barker to approve the 04/20/26 Meeting Minutes with one minor correction. Motion approved (3-0). C. Behrendt and K. Luzader did not vote as they were not in attendance at that meeting.

Pay Orders. A. Awad made a motion that was seconded by G. Mayer to approve pay orders totaling \$1,826,421.31. Motion approved (5-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Mr. Baker said the road crew was hauling gravel, conducting road repairs and grading. Mr. Baker said a replacement hood for the 2016 Kenworth was difficult to obtain with one found in Washington state. He recommended the Town hire an individual from West Rutland to repair and paint the hood and install other miscellaneous parts as needed at a cost of between \$4,000 to \$6,000. Town Administrator Sandi Switzer asked for a written estimate and Mr. Baker agreed to obtain one.

G. Mayer said he attended the Development Review Board meeting related to replacement of the sand shed. He said the town administrator responded to DRB document requests. He said a question was raised about the timeline for demolition, foundation and construction work. The town administrator offered to provide those details.

Honorable Mentions. Rob Barker for driving to Burlington to pick up trees for municipal plantings and Bruce Duchesne for filling in at the transfer station.

Public Comments. None.

Energy Efficiency Options for Town Hall Windows. Energy Committee Chair Tom Fort provided the Board with estimated costs for Town Hall storm windows with prices varying from \$24,000 to \$38,420. K. Luzader said the Town would have to go out to bid per the Purchasing Policy. A. Awad asked about replacement with historically accurate windows. A. Awad indicated she would share information about a possible grant for window replacement. The town administrator said she would also research grant options. There was a discussion about installing an alarm on the back door to alert employees if the door was ajar. By consensus, the Board approved that measure.

Bank Loan Options – Sand Shed Replacement. Board members reviewed bank loan options from three financial institutions for replacement of the sand shed provided by Town Clerk and

Treasurer Jill Stone-Teer and G. Mayer. The Board agreed Community Bank offered the best terms. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by R. Barker to accept Community Bank's offer for a 10-year loan in the amount of \$110,000 with a 5.15 rate. Motion carried (5-0).

Vertex Vermont Towers – East Wallingford Cell Tower. Board members reviewed the Vertex Certificate of Public Good application for a cell tower project on the Seward property in East Wallingford. By consensus, the Board agreed not to request a hearing.

Elfin Lake Concessions Paint Project. The Board reviewed two estimates for an exterior scrape/paint project at the Elfin Lake public beach concession stand: Northern Roots \$4,850 and Beardmore Paint \$7,567. R. Barker made a motion that was seconded by G. Mayer to accept low bidder Northern Roots. Motion carried (5-0).

Wallingford Day – Bounce Houses. The Board reviewed the waiver to be used at the annual Wallingford Day event for bounce house participants. After a brief discussion, Board members requested the town administrator send VLCT the waiver for review. G. Mayer made a motion that was seconded by R. Barker to authorize K. Luzader and G. Mayer to act on any VLCT recommendations. Motion carried (4-1). A. Awad voted in the minority.

Todd Galiano asked about fence repairs at the ballfield. The town administrator said she would ask the road crew if they had any fence materials.

Town Hall Use Agreement Form. A. Awad and G. Mayer agreed to update the Town Hall Use Agreement Form for one-time use as well as multi-day uses and then present the draft document to the Board for consideration.

Liquor License. A. Awad made a motion that was seconded by R. Barker to approve a second class license for Wallingford Village Market. Motion carried (5-0).

Agenda Building. By consensus, the Board agreed to add Tier 1B Opt-In Resolution to the May 18th agenda.

Selectboard Comments/Concerns. K. Luzader said she was continuing research on an ATV Ordinance for use of Town roads. G. Mayer said he had contacted another community that had adopted an ordinance to gather more information.

G. Mayer requested the town administrator share with residents via Front Porch Forum a state transportation official's letter regarding a speed study on Route 103 along with 103 and 140 intersection safety issues.

Other Business. The town administrator said Advantage Tennis had requested a signed document prior to scheduling the tennis court resurfacing project at a cost of \$8,328 (included in FY'27 budget). Without objection, K. Luzader signed the document.

R. Barker made a motion that was seconded by C. Behrendt to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion approved (5-0).

Submitted By: Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator

APPROVED THIS 18th Day of May in the year 2026:

Wallingford Selectboard

Carolyn Behrendt _____

Rob Barker _____

Anne Awad _____

Kathy Luzader _____

Glenn Mayer _____