

Wallingford Selectboard

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 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, Kathy Ross, Ralph Corbo, Ann Erickson, Gary Erickson, and Sumio Seo.

Agenda Amendments. Addition of NCER Amendment 6 to e-waste collection agreement.

Minutes. G. Mayer made a motion that was seconded by C. Behrendt to approve the 06/01/26 Meeting Minutes. Motion approved (5-0).

Pay Orders. R. Barker made a motion that was seconded by G. Mayer to approve 06/16/26 pay orders totaling \$270,868.09. Motion approved (5-0).

Road Commissioner's Report. Road Commissioner Phil Baker updated the Board about mechanical issues with multiple Highway Department vehicles. He said the recent rainstorm created a few washouts that would be repaired. He said road grading would continue.

~**Sand Shed.** Mr. Baker said Whitetail Construction would be sending certified engineer drawings by the end of the week as needed for the Fire Safety Permit.

~**Bank Loan Documents/Resolution.** The Board reviewed Community Bank sand shed loan and resolution documents. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by G. Mayer to approve and sign the Validation Resolution. Motion carried (5-0). K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by C. Behrendt to accept Community Bank loan terms and sign the necessary documents for a \$110,000 loan with 5.15 percent interest rate with 10 payments of \$11,000 each plus accrued interest. Motion carried, (5-0).

Paving Bids. The Board reviewed paving bids from three contractors for summer paving projects as follows:

~ Pike Industries \$119.50/ton; Wilk \$122/ton; Fuller \$118/ton. After discussing total tonnage for the various streets, Baker said overall Pike was the least expensive. R. Barker made a motion that was seconded by K. Luzader to award summer paving projects to Pike Industries. Motion carried (5-0).

Honorable Mentions. Bruce and Maureen Duchesne for installing security system at Elfin Lake concessions; John Squier for weed trimming right-of-ways in several neighborhoods; Jason and Emily Keicher for cleaning the Elfin Lake public beach concessions; Bill Lohsen and Lohsen Plumbing and Heating for turning on the water at the Concession stand and repairing the hot water tank; Charlie Woods for installing the Elfin Lake public beach sign and raft; Ben Luzader for installing the ropes and buoys at the public beach.

Public Participation Rules. K. Luzader read aloud the following:

If you wish to address the Board, you may speak only after raising your hand, being acknowledged by the chair, and stating your name and where you live.

All comments shall be directed to the chair and not to others present.

Personal comments are not permitted.

Comments should be on topic.

We discuss issues not people.

Public Comments. Sabra Shulman asked about creating a sidewalk access for those with disabilities near Gilbert Hart Library as part of the Fire District's Depot Street water line repair project. After some discussion, the Board approved the request and Mr. Baker said he would make arrangements with the road crew to create an access.

Kathy Ross said a Shrewsbury wildlife tracking program had identified an encounter with a Canada lynx.

Low Flying Cargo Planes. Ralph Corbo addressed the Board regarding his concerns over low flying National Guard cargo planes from neighboring states and he characterized the activities as "danger hanging over the skies." He said the large aircraft flying just above treetops threatened the physical safety of residents, their properties, and the peaceful existence of East Wallingford. Mr. Corbo said these training activities violated seven Vermont laws and he provided literature to support his claims.

Mr. Corbo requested the Selectboard send letters to the governors of the various states overseeing the National Guard training activities in order to notify them of the violations and request an immediate cease in training operations.

K. Luzader thanked Mr. Corbo for the information and said board members would review the materials submitted.

South Wallingford Water Company. Sumio Seo provided an update on the South Wallingford Water Company's plans to repair system leaks utilizing Asset Funds (formerly ARPA). He said the system fed 26 homes and the Town awarded \$34,500 for the project. He said necessary permits required certified engineer plans. He indicated he was working with Engineers Construction, Inc. and Otter Creek Engineering.

Mr. Seo said the ARPA agreement set a deadline for project completion. After some discussion, the Board by consensus agreed to eliminate the deadline and reimburse the South Wallingford Water Company for system upgrades upon proof of payment for completed work. K. Luzader assured Mr. Seo the funds would be available when needed.

Agenda Building. G. Mayer requested ATV Ordinance be added to the July 6 agenda to discuss next steps. Ms. Ross asked if there would be a vote on the ordinance. G. Mayer said it would be a discussion not a vote.

Other Business. None.

Selectboard Comments/Concerns. R. Barker said he did not agree with adding Fire District 1 discussion related to infrastructure systems on future agendas. After a brief discussion, K. Luzader said FD 1 was not on the 6/15 agenda for discussion. C. Behrendt said it was a topic for a future agenda.

A.Awad said she would like a September Selectboard meeting to held in East Wallingford.

Executive Session – Annual Employee Evaluations/Review. K. Luzader made a motion that was seconded by G. Mayer to enter Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. with Road Commissioner Phil baker 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).

G. Mayer made a motion that was seconded by A. Awad to exit executive session at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried (5-0). By consensus, the Board approved 3 percent raises for all employees (not including seasonal) with the exception of one employee whose evaluation had not been completed. The Board further agreed by consensus G. Mayer and K. Luzader would act as Selectboard liaisons to the Highway Department; road crew hours were Mondays thru Fridays 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.; security cameras would be installed at the town garage; and all road crew personnel should endeavor to answer telephones when possible.

C. Behrendt made a motion that was seconded by R. Barker to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Motion approved (5-0).

Submitted By: Sandi Switzer/Town Administrator

APPROVED THIS 6th Day of July in the year 2026:

Wallingford Selectboard

Carolyn Behrendt _____

Rob Barker _____

Anne Awad _____

Kathy Luzader _____

Glenn Mayer _____