

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
February 21, 2018**

Members Present: Belinda Clegg, Eric Furs, Michael Davidson, Richard Lee,
Kimberly Gravel
Town Employees: Linda Martin, Bernard Earle, Skip Patten
Public: Brian Cohen, Franklin Nutt
Reporter: None

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Review Schedule for Transfer Station:** Belinda asked each Board member to work one or more weekends to cover the weekends that Paige is unable to work. They will look over their schedules and get back to her.

Skip Patten – Town Bridge Maintenance: The Board members and Skip reviewed how to safely clean the town’s bridges and follow the guidelines for the Clean Water Act. Skip will attend a class on March 14 regarding this. He will be put on the agenda after this class to discuss what he learned.

Brian Cohen – Reclassification of Lurvey Road: Brian Cohen appeared before the Board to discuss the problems that his family has been having with motorized vehicles on the Lurvey road which is a dead end road and property that has been stolen. After much discussion the Board decided to place a dead end sign at the beginning of the road and another sign stating that motorized vehicles are not allowed as an alternative to reclassification. Motion by Belinda for the road crew to place a dead end sign and a no motorized vehicles allowed at the beginning of the Lurvey road. Seconded by Richard.. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Approve the Minutes of February 13th: Motion by Belinda to approve the minutes of February 13th with the following changes: under Nell Rowland – Railroad Station building add will suggest a 2 year lease, under Solar Project add that a special meeting is needed between Encore and the Board and Mike will start an email chain with Encore for the Board to express specific grievances and concerns, under Delegate Board members to speak on Selectboard budget at town meeting add that the Board will take a team approach to fielding questions from the tax payers and under Mike Sullivan, general manager of the Hardwick Electric Department add that the Board was not pleased with Mike Sullivan’s approach to the solar project. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor,, 0 against.

Comments from the Community: Franklin Nutt asked if the Board was still planning a site visit to his property this spring and commented that he is still being plowed in by his

neighbor, Jeff Harris. The Board is planning the site visit for the first week in April with Skip on a Saturday or Sunday. Eric asked for Jeff's contact information to speak to him about the gentleman's agreement that Jeff and Franklin agreed on. A letter from Tom Martin was read, thanking the Board for allowing him to take a medical leave and that he would like their support as he is running again for a Lister position at town meeting.

Liquor Control Board

Review/Approve the Wolcott Store's Liquor License: Discussion. Motion by Eric to approve the Wolcott Store's liquor license. Seconded by Belinda. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Pre Town Meeting Discussion: Belinda informed the Board that she ordered a second microphone for town meeting, so that tax payers can be heard from the back of the gym. Another microphone will be at the front as usual. The dry erase board will be brought from the town office for candidates to write their names on. The Board will ask the moderator to invite candidates to speak as well as write their name on the board. Eric asked that the warning be posted on Front Porch Forum several times leading up to town meeting day.

New Business:

- **Certificate – No Appeal or Suit Pending – Sign:** Reviewed and signed certificate stating that the town is not involved in any law suits or appeals.
- **Approve – Letter of Support for Easement for Tom Stearns:** Motion by Eric to approve and sign the letter supporting an easement for Tom Stearns. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Immediate Repairs to the Bus Barn:** Bernard informed the Board that the condition of the bus barn has worsened. Discussion. Motion by Eric to hire Mr. Baker to add additional support to keep the bus barn from collapsing. Seconded by Mike. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Old Business:

- **Solar Discussion – if needed:** See above under Approve the Minutes of February 13th.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **Awarding of FY 19 Better Back Roads Grants (3):** Three grants were awarded: \$60,000 for replacement of a culvert on East Hill Road, \$20,000 for East Elmore Road culvert replacement and \$12,000 for Morey Hill Road ditching from the State of Vermont. Grant awards being July 1, 2018. Discussion.
- **Email – Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation:** Eric read the email from the Vermont Department of Environment Conservation. Eric asked that Mike add this to the email chain with Encore as it is in regards to the landfill and solar.
- **Emails – Re: Potential Flooding of the Wild Branch:** Discussion. The Board is appreciative of the town's Emergency Management work. Gravel Construction, Inc has removed the ice buildup from the river under direction from the town.

- **45 Day Notice for Norwich Technologies:** Discussion. Reviewed revised 45 day notice but did not sign. Eric asked that an email be formed to Norwich Technologies for clarification on their project.
- **Review/Sign Order and Payroll Orders:** Reviewed and signed.

The Board collectively thanked Belinda for her 6 years of service as a chair and co-chair of the Selectboard.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Belinda to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Eric. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason.

*The next Selectboard meeting – March 7, 2018
Public Hearing Draft Wolcott Municipal Development Plan – March 21, 2018*