

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

Members Present: Eric Furs, Kimberly Gravel, Michael Davidson, Richard Lee, Jennifer Holton-Clapp
Members Absent: None
Town Employees: Linda Martin, Bernard Earle
Public: Bruce Wheeler, Gordon Young, Greg Williams, Bill Cotton, Chad Roy, Brendan Malley, Deb Klein, Don Lowell, Nell-Marie Rowland, Charlie Rowland
Reporter: None

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda:

- **Email from a Concerned Citizen:** Eric read a letter from a concerned citizen regarding the smell of cigarette smoke at a recent rabies clinic that was held at the town garage. Discussion. Signs will be placed in and around the town garage and Eric will speak with Skip regarding the reinforcement of the smoke free workplace state law.
- **Email of Network Shut Down for Route 15 in Wolcott for Cell Coverage:** Eric read an email from Clay Pervis, Director of Telecommunications Connectivity for the State of Vermont Department of Public Service stating that Vanu CoverageCo, Inc. may need to shut down its cellular network coverage for Route 15 in Wolcott due to financial difficulties. No date was specified, but the email said that it could happen as early as the end of this week. Discussion.
- **Request to Provide Lunch:** Eric read an email from Jim Cota regarding a workshop that Wolcott will be hosting on May 10th. He asked if the town would be interested in providing lunch. Linda expects that 15 to 20 people will be in attendance. Discussion. Linda will investigate the cost and will let the Board know what she finds out.

Public Hearing –

Town of Wolcott 2018 Municipal Development Plan

Public Comments: Eric opened up the hearing for public comments on the town's 2018 Municipal Development Plan. A copy of the plan was available. The Board feels that this is a solid plan. They mentioned that it includes solar and a bike path for the bridge in North Wolcott. Bill Cotton spoke saying that he appreciated the summary because it is so informative. He advised that the Board put it on the town's web site as well as Front Porch Forum. It said that it contains the objectives that have been set for the town for the next eight years. Bill spoke of municipal waste and water systems for Wolcott and North Wolcott Villages and how this is an economic driver. He feels the town needs to hire a town administrator to write grants and work on issues so that the town will stop spinning its wheels, so the town to be all that it can be. Linda will email the former water and waste water feasibility information to the Board. Mike Davidson and Bruce Wheeler offered to review the information. A discussion was started about a town administrator. The Board would like to look at a job description for a town administrator from a town of similar size. Bruce said that it would be nice to have someone to work for the Board since board members have full time jobs. Eric commented that the Lamoille County Planning Commission was a great resource for small town that don't have the resources needed to develop things like this town plan. Eric closed the hearing after hearing no further comments.

Motion by Eric to adopt the Town of Wolcott 2018 Municipal Development Plan and request that the Regional Planning Commission adopts the town plan as well. Seconded by Kimberly. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Comments from the Community: None.

Deb Klein – Board Scribe Position: Discussion. Motion by Eric to hire Deb Klein as Board scribe. Seconded by Mike. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. Val will inform the Board of her last meeting date.

Linda Martin – Response to “Action Items”: Linda updated the Board on the items that they asked of her from the last meeting. Matt Sweet, the hauler for the transfer station roll off's is waiting to hear on whether or not he will be awarded the contract for another 3 years from LRSWMD which will happen in July. If he does, he will make a new roll off container that is covered but with large hole. Matt wanted to let the Board know that the new covered roll off cannot pack down and it will be a struggle to get furniture in them. Linda provided the Board with the certification for the landfill so that they can be aware of and follow what items can be accepted. It was agreed that better signage is needed at the landfill. Discussion on the open bin that is used for furniture only. Linda checked with the district and they do the same for their furniture. The Board decided to follow the status quo until July. The Board would possibly like to speak to Matt regarding their options in July. Linda wanted to bring to the Board's attention that the Transfer Station was unable to cover their bills due to it being a slower month. The Board would like a copy of the Transfer Station budget for the meeting after next. Linda emailed the Board to let them know that the Efficiency Vermont check was deposited into the general fund. Linda was asked to put Skip on the agenda for this meeting after he attended the bridge workshop. Skip was not able to attend so she didn't put him on the agenda. Linda mentioned that a tax payer asked about the town installing an electric charging station. Mike will start an email chain with more information regarding this. The town is down to about 1 more load of salt and the town's supplier is only selling to the state. Skip has a second supplier but the cost is an additional 10 cents more a ton. Motion by Eric authorizing Skip to sign a contract allowing the town to purchase salt from this second supplier. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against. Bruce questioned the salt usage and feels that the town puts down an excess of salt on East Hill. Linda let the Board know that the pinwheels have arrived.

Don Lowell & Chad Roy – School House Committee: Chad & Don informed the Board that the committee has a new member but an existing member has broken her leg. Chad & Don asked that the town fund a new roof for the school house. Don received an estimate from a local contractor who is available to do the work. They explained that having a new roof would allow the committee to perform work inside. The estimate is for \$31,500. The Board reviewed the estimate. They asked why they haven't heard from the committee in over a year and why they were not represented at town meeting. The Board said that they would like to see the committee apply fundraising efforts to show their commitment and motivation. The Board stated that they are not in the position to authorize this cost and feel that the town needs to be involved in this decision. The Board asked that they communicate better with the Board and show a clear direction. Grants were also recommended by the Board.

Brendan Malley – Norwich Technologies: Brendan asked the Board to sign the certificate stating that the Courchaine gravel pit solar project that they are planning is a preferred site. It has already been signed by the regional planning commission and the town's planning committee. Mike spoke with Encore who stated that Norwich Technologies project will not affect the town's solar project that is planned at the landfill. Motion by Eric to sign the paper stating that their project has a preferred site status. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Approve Minutes of March 7th: Reviewed. Motion by Kimberly to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

New Business:

- **Adopt Rules of Procedure:** Reviewed. Motion by Eric to adopt the Board's rules of procedure. Seconded by Kimberly. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Hyde Park/Wolcott Revolving Loan Fund - \$3992.18:** Discussion. Motion by Eric to place the \$3992.18 funds for the Hyde Park/Wolcott revolving loan fund in the emergency road repair account. Seconded by Kimberly. Voting: 5 in favor 0 against.
- **Appointment of Town Officers:** Discussion. Motion by Eric to reappoint James Robert to the Planning Commission for a five year term along with Chad Roy to the DRB for a 5 year term. All other town positions were reappointed. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Old Business:

- **Bernard Earle – Inventory of Tables & Chairs at Town Hall, Price to replace them:** Bernard explained to the Board that 3 tables need to be discarded and replaced and there are 121 chairs. Discussion. Motion by Eric to have Bernard discard the 3 broken tables. No new chairs and tables need to be ordered. Seconded by Kimberly, Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.
- **Update on Wolcott's Solar Project with Encore Responses:** Discussion. Mike will email Encore.

Review Correspondence/Sign:

- **Review/Sign Order & Payroll Orders:** Reviewed and signed.
- **Request from Slice of Earth Farm Stand:** Eric read an email from the Slice of Earth Farm stand informing the Board of their troubles with dust and asked that the town chloride on the road in front of their stand and the parking area next to it. Discussion. Tabled.
- **LCSD February Monthly Report:** Reviewed.
- **Black Dirt Farm – Changes to Compost Pick Up:** Eric read an email from Black Dirt Farm explaining that due to low volumes of compost, they will change their pick up from every other week to once per month. They will pick up on April 6th and May 4th. They also mentioned that they are unable to accept ash.

Nell – Marie Rowland – Depot Building Lease Discussion: Nell and Charlie Rowland of the Magic Garden Waldorf School appeared before the Board regarding their lease. They requested that until they determine the cost of utilities, that they sign a one year lease paying \$450 to \$500 a month. The Board agreed to charge the Rowland's \$500 a month.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Eric to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Seconded by Richard. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against.

Respectfully submitted by Val Mason.

The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2018