

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
June 3, 2020**

Wolcott Town Office/Phone-in - 6:00 p.m.

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Present: Kim Gravel, Mike Davidson, Kurt Klein, Richard Lee, Linda Martin
Employees: Belinda Harris Clegg, Lucien Gravel, Dillan Cafferky, Bernard Earle,
Deborah Klein
Guest: Meghan Rodier, LCPC
Public: Bill Cotten, Monica Cross, Jim Paradee, Bruce Wheeler

Kim called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda

Correspondence was received from Emily Dressingaker and Monica Cross. Also received from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) was a Vermont Local Government Resolution that select boards can adopt in support of their request to Congress for COVID-19 funding. Matters will be addressed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING: Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Meghan Rodier, Regional Planner with Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC), reviewed comments received. Jim Ryan, VTrans, mentioned several river-roads conflict areas in Town. He suggested the focus should be on upsizing culverts and doing some road repairs to mitigate flood damage. He also suggested the use of the VTrans Resilience Planning Tool. Meghan suggested Wolcott could be a pilot town in a study to help identify other undersized culverts. A citizen suggested Tamarack Brook at Town Hill Road should be identified as a dangerous spot given past flooding.

Meghan also received input from a resident on Morey Hill Road who expressed concern about an abandoned trailer near the top of Morey Hill Road. The Junk Ordinance Committee is involved in that matter.

Meghan stated the comments will be incorporated into the plan for review by LCPC and FEMA. The Plan will then come back to the board within a couple of months for adoption of a final version.

Meghan and LCPC were thanked for their work.

Policy Planning Committee: Junk Ordinance

On behalf of the Junk Ordinance Committee, Kurt proposed the board adopt the final version of the new Ordinance Regulating the Disposal of Solid Waste and the Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles. Motion by Richard to accept the Junk Ordinance and to waive the public hearing. Seconded by Mike. Roll call vote: All in favor. The new Ordinance will be posted on the Town website for review. Upon final approval, this ordinance will replace the Junk Ordinance and the Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles Ordinance currently in place.

Approve Minutes of May 20, and May 27, 2020

In the Minutes of May 20, in the second sentence under Kee Gillan: Green Up Vermont, the “p” should be removed from the end of Kee’s name. On page 2, in the second paragraph under Highway Department Report, work will begin on Brook Road on June 8, not 6. In the May 27 Minutes, in the first sentence under Inventory and repair log, it should be noted the Selectboard has the spreadsheet as well as the Highway Department. Motion by Linda to accept the Minutes of May 20 and May 27 as amended. Seconded by Mike. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Highway Department Report

Work continues on preparing reports for FEMA reimbursement for flood damaged roads. Road work will begin soon on the North Wolcott Road and East Hill Road. A bridge is needed for Brook Road. Road work on Morey Hill and East Elmore Road should be completed in five or six weeks. Washouts due to heavy rain are being fixed. The 2013 tandem truck will be scheduled for repairs. The board will consider whether to seek bids for trucking of winter sand.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Report

Belinda reviewed with the board the current status of the budget. Citizens are continuing to pay taxes. There has been no response yet to the Front Porch Forum request for a temporary Transfer Station helper. So far, one application has been received for the janitor position. The board will review that at their next meeting.

Comments from the Community

Bernard, as Fire Warden, asked that Jim Holton be appointed as Deputy Fire Warden. Motion by Linda to appoint Jim Holton Deputy Fire Warden. Seconded by Richard. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Lucien stated the fire department has started washing bridges to remove sand and salt.

Unfinished Business:

Eviction proceeding - Town Property on East Hill Road: The matter is proceeding in court.

Maintenance of Town Garage - update: Repairs have been made to the overhead doors. A quote will be obtained to repair any rot to the outside of the building before any painting is done.

Broadband update - Communications Union District invitation: Mike reported that the NEK Communications Broadband Board of Directors has invited Wolcott to join their Communications Union District (CUD). The goal of the CUD is to bring fiber optics to every house within three to five years. Property owners would pay only for service. There is no financial liability to the Town. Motion by Richard for the Town to join the NEK Communications Broadband. Seconded by Mike. Roll call vote: All in favor. Those with questions may email Bruce Wheeler.

Mowing bids: The current mowing contract for the Town expires the end of June. Motion by Linda to seek mowing bids for Town property for a three-year term, in the *News & Citizen*. Seconded by Kurt. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Belinda addressed with the board proposed adjustments to the Clerk’s budget for 2020-2021. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Executive Session: Motion by Michael to enter into executive session for personnel matters. Seconded by Richard. Roll call vote: All in favor. The board entered executive session at 7:26 p.m.

The board left executive session. Motion by Linda to hire Dean Mercier as Animal Control Officer. Seconded by Richard. Roll call vote: All in favor. No action was taken regarding the Highway Department.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Klein

Next regular Selectboard meeting - June 17, 2020