WOLCOTT LITTER & SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES
November 26, 2021

5:30 p.m. - Zoom

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Present: Michelle Cortes-Harkins, Rick Harkins, John Wheeler, Kurt Klein, Linda Martin
Absent: Fay Lauber, Barbara Conn
Guest: Penelope Doherty
Scribe: Deb Klein

Michelle called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

Approve Minutes of October 28, 2021: Motion by Rick to approve the Minutes of October 28. Seconded by John. Discussion: None. Voting: All in favor.

Comments from the Community/Correspondence: Kurt noted he received seven additional phone calls from residents on Morey Hill Road regarding the two properties on the complaint list. Neighbors are concerned with the amount of trash on these properties, and the slow speed of removal.

Michelle received an email from Fay addressing her efforts to get trash cleaned up along VT Rt. 15 between Wolcott and Hardwick. Fay also addressed concern about the illegal junkyard along VT Rt. 15. Linda noted that the State is working with the landowners, and items are being removed. Michelle will share Fay's email with Committee members.

New Business
Guest Presenter - Penelope Doherty: Penelope shared with the Committee her experience and insight as a volunteer with Craftsbury's bulky waste collection this summer. The event brought in four dump trucks worth of bulk material and mattresses, hundreds of tires, as well as scrap metal. The event was fully funded by the Town. The goal was to have these items disposed of properly and not end up in woods and waterways. The actual cost is still being calculated, but may have been around $1,200. Penelope provided many tips for the Committee, should Wolcott wish to consider having a bulk waste collection day next year.

Penelope also shared with the Committee information regarding Craftsbury's textile recycling day. That event was conducted as a fundraiser for Sterling College, working with the HELPSY organization. The event was conducted on a Saturday from 9 to noon and collected 7,656 pounds of textiles, raising $617.00. This is expected to be an annual event for the College.

Solid Waste Complaints:
Morey Hill Road update: Kurt provided an update on the status of the Morey Hill residence. The landowner has had some setbacks in her attempts to clean up the trash, but she is trying. The Animal Control Officer, and the State Health Officer, have also responded to the property.

Morey Hill Road #2: As discussed earlier, neighbor complaints continue to be received regarding this property. This remains an open issue.

VT Rt. 15 Multifamily trash update: It appears this issue has been resolved.

Open issues recorded prior to ordinance petition and COVID:

North Wolcott Road Illegal Junkyard - Referred to State: A section of fence was erected on the property within the last couple of months. Kurt will follow up with the State regarding the status of this property.

Flat Iron Road - Excessive junk cars visible from road - Referred to State: No update.

Announcements:
Kurt reported that the "Don't Trash Wolcott" signs were picked up. Five signs went missing.

The Lamoille Cancer Society installed a new bottle/can station at the Transfer Station. The old station was removed.

Adjourn: Motion by Kurt to adjourn. Seconded by Rick. Voting: All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Klein