WOLCOTT LITTER & SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 27, 2022

5:30 p.m. Zoom

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Present:	Michelle Cortes-Harkins, Rick Harkins, Kurt Klein, Barbara Conn
Absent:	John Wheeler, Fay Lauber
Scribe:	Deb Klein

Michelle Cortes-Harkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda: Discussion regarding the Litter Committee budget for 2022-2023 was added to #5(a) Planning for Bulk Waste Day, by agreement.

Approve Minutes of November 26, 2021: Motion by Kurt to approve the Minutes of November 26, 2021. Seconded by Rick. Discussion: None. Voting: All in favor. The Committee did not meet in December.

Comments from the Community/Correspondence: The Committee noted receipt of emails from John Wheeler and Fay Lauber regarding illegal junk yards in town.

New Business
Planning for Bulk Waste Day: Kurt noted that the amount the Committee had requested in their 2022-2023 budget proposal to the Selectboard for a bulk waste day was moved to the Transfer Station budget for ease of accounting. Kurt also noted that the fee now being charged at the Transfer Station for recycling appears to be bringing the Transfer Station budget to about even. Kurt is not aware of any negative feedback regarding the fee.

The Committee discussed the best time for holding the bulk waste day. It was suggested that once the weather starts to warm up in the spring, people tend to bring their bulk items to the Transfer Station. Mid-April may be a good time. It was suggested there be a dedicated container at the Transfer Station on that day. The Committee will continue to prepare for the day with: guidelines for what will be accepted; scheduling volunteers, and designing promotional information.

Michelle brought up the idea of Wolcott having a textiles waste day as Craftsbury has done. Fall might be a good time to hold such an event.

Michelle is still interested in having a river clean-up day for the Wolcott portion of the Lamoille River. Michelle will discuss this with Andy Duff.

The Committee discussed littering, particularly cans and bottles, that are thrown on the sides of the roads in town. East Hill Road seems to be hit particularly hard.

Solid Waste Complaints
***Morey Hill Road update:** It was noted that the trash issue at this property is ongoing. The State Health Officer has met with the property owner on the issue of burning trash. The State will continue to monitor the property. The Committee will continue to work with the property owner in an effort to help resolve the problem.

***Morey Hill Road #2:** Kurt has talked with the owner of the broken-down mobile home. The owner continues to resist taking care of the problem. Kurt suggested that the Town may wish to look at amending the current

Ordinance to address abandoned, dilapidated dwellings. Kurt noted that Johnson has amended their ordinance in an effort to prevent such properties from becoming an attractive nuisance to children.

It was noted there is an abandoned mobile home on Marsh Road as well. Michelle stated the Committee could support such an amendment to the Ordinance.

Open issues recorded prior to ordinance petition and COVID
***North Wolcott Road Illegal Junkyard:** Kurt received a response from the State regarding this property. The issue appears to be working its way up the chain on the State level. This is positive news.

***Flat Iron Road – excessive junk cars:** This matter was also referred to the State. Kurt has been advised that once an issue has been referred to the State, the Town is not to pursue the matter on the local level. There has been no update from the State.

Michelle noted that this is a good time of the year to engage in planning before the calendar gets busy.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.