

**Wolcott Selectboard Meeting
Minutes
May 4, 2022**

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

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Present: Linda Martin, Kurt Klein, Allen Carpenter, Kurt Billings, Richard Lee
Employees: Belinda Harris Clegg, Deb Klein, Bernard Earle
Public: Jim Robert, Bruce Wheeler, Chad Roy, Maxfield English, Monica Cross, Ruthanna Demag,
Dolan Patrick

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

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

Approve Minutes of April 20, 2022: Motion by Carpenter to approve the Minutes of April 20. Seconded by Billings. Discussion: None. Voting: 4 in favor, Lee abstained since he was absent from the meeting.
Motion carried.

Comments from the Community/Correspondence: Ruthanna Demag, Chair of the Library Board of Trustees, reported that a member has resigned prior to the end of their term. Demag was advised to post the vacancy within ten days of the resignation. Names of applicants can be brought to the Selectboard. The replacement will serve until the 2023 Town Meeting.

Development Review Board – Street Naming: On behalf of the Development Review Board (DRB), Jim Robert asked the Selectboard to consider amending the Town’s Ordinance that addresses street naming so it would be more consistent with the Zoning Bylaws and the DRB’s approach to requiring a road to be established for newly-created subdivisions. Discussion ensued. An amendment to the ordinance would require a public hearing, Warning, posting in the newspaper, and a 45-day waiting period for any public response, before the change would take effect. Motion by Martin to amend the Town Ordinance regarding street naming as requested by the DRB. Seconded by Klein. Voting: All in favor. The public hearing on the amendment to the Ordinance will be held Wednesday, May 18 as part of the next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting.

Project Manager Report: Klein stressed the importance of moving forward with training and necessary equipment to facilitate more efficient Zoom meetings hosted by Town groups. Martin and Klein met with the Lamoille County Sheriff to begin discussions regarding next year’s contract for law enforcement services. It is anticipated the new heating system will be installed in the Town Garage in May. The Town Garage computer has been replaced. The Emergency Management computer has been upgraded and installed. A presentation will be given at the June 1 Selectboard meeting regarding the Town providing records online. Work continues on the development of a long-range road equipment plan.

Selectboard review/action

FEMA – update: A Vermont Emergency Management representative informed Martin that with the passage of the fiscal year 2022 spending bill, the Town will now receive a 90% federal share instead of a 75% share on FEMA road projects. This may result in up to \$150,000 to the Town.

Grant – update: Martin reported that the Town received a grant in the amount of \$238,324 for cleanup and other changes to the North Wolcott recreational field. The Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) will oversee the funds and completion of the work.

NEK Broadband – board appointment: The board has not yet confirmed who would like to represent the Town on the NEK Broadband board. Bruce Wheeler has agreed to continue serving on the board of the Lamoille FiberNet CUD. Motion by Lee to reappoint Bruce Wheeler to represent the Town on the Lamoille FiberNet board. Seconded by Carpenter. Voting: All in favor.

Cannabis Control Commission – Resolution: The Vermont Cannabis Control Board has been notified that Wolcott voted to opt-in to cannabis retail sales. For now, the Selectboard is serving as the Town’s Cannabis Control Commission. Others will be invited to participate in the future. The board reviewed and discussed a draft Resolution. Motion by Martin to adopt the Resolution for a Local Cannabis Control Commission as presented. Seconded by Lee. Voting: All in favor.

Town Property – East Hill Road: It has been reported that the former resident on property now owned by the Town has returned to reside there despite having been evicted. The board discussed potential liability to the Town, and next steps to eliminate the problem.

Adjourn: Motion by Lee to adjourn. Seconded by Billings. Voting: All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Klein

Next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting – May 18, 2022