Wolcott Litter & Solid Waste Ordinance Committee Meeting
March 9, 2023

5:30 p.m., Zoom

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

Michelle Cortes-Harkins called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. Kurt introduced as his guest, Bradley Horstman. Bradley, who recently moved to Simmons Road, has volunteered to serve as the Alternate to our Town Representative on Lamoille Fiber Net CUD.

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

Approve Minutes of December 29, 2022: Tabled.

Comments from the Community/Correspondence:
Klein stated he has received complaints about excessive junk cars at a couple of residences in the North Wolcott Village. The complainants asked that their concerns be referred to the Litter Committee. The Committee discussed sending a letter or postcard to landowners in violation of the Ordinance. Information could be provided on how to dispose of excess vehicles. Members are to work on verbiage and discuss at the next meeting. Consideration needs to be given to the cost of postage.

New Business
Helpsy Update/Bins Status
The pickup schedule for the Helpsy bins seems to be appropriate for the time being. Michelle has been assured that if an additional bin is needed for Wolcott, one will be provided. Michelle noted that the Town received a payment of $33.95 from Helpsy for the month of January.

Green Up Day
Michelle will request that Wolcott receive 400, rather than the usual 200 green bags for the event. The Committee agreed that new Don't Trash Wolcott yard signs are needed. Some signs from the original order have been lost, while others have suffered a lot of wear and tear. To increase visibility, a color other than green will be considered. The Committee will take a look at the language on the signs as well. Community reaction to the current signs has been very favorable.

Solid Waste Complaints
The Morey Hill Road #2 situation was turned over to the State of Vermont. Once the State initiates their investigation, local input is no longer welcome. That matter can be removed from the Committee's consideration. The East Hill Road matter appears to have been resolved. No further complaints have been received from neighbors. That too, can be removed from the Committee's consideration. The junkyard can also be removed from the Committee's list.

Other
Michelle will check with Craftsbury to find out when they will be holding their Bulk Waste Day this year. Wolcott may wish to coordinate with surrounding Towns and have our event on the same day. The last couple of years Craftsbury has had their Bulk Waste Day in late June.

Kurt pointed out that the Committee's new budget will be effective July 1. It will include funds for Bulk Waste Day, two Green Up Days, and the purchase of new yard signs.

Michelle is still interested in inviting our local legislators to a meeting to discuss the introduction of legislation in Vermont to participate in the Bye Bye Mattress recycling program, as is done in the States of California, New York, and Rhode Island.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.