

Wolcott Litter & Solid Waste Ordinance Committee Meeting April 20, 2023

5:30 p.m., Zoom

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

Michelle Cortes-Harkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Amendments to the Agenda: None.

Approve Minutes of March 9, 2023: Motion by Kurt to approve the Minutes of March 9. Seconded by Michelle. Discussion: None. Voting: All in favor.

Comments from the Community/Correspondence: None.

New Business

Green Up Day: Green Up Day is Saturday, May 6. Rick delivered a poster to the Elementary School. Other posters will appear at Town Office, the Library, the Post Office, and the Wolcott Store. The school will be asked how many bags they would like to receive. Bags will be available for pickup at Town Office and the Library prior to the 6th. A table displaying a Town map will be set up in the lobby where folks can sign their name, indicate how many bags they are taking, and note the area they will be covering. Gloves will be available as well.

On the 6th, bags and gloves will be available for pickup at the gazebo between 10:00 and 1:00. Deb Klein will ask the WOW group to participate by providing chili, snacks, or baked goods for volunteers for free, as has been done in the past.

The Committee discussed whether tires will be included in the pickup. It was noted that the Transfer Station account is running in the red right now, and that tire disposal costs have risen considerably. Tires that appear to be pulled from the ditch will be picked up. If the Girl Scouts pick up trash on a day other than the 6th or 7th, they will take the green bags to the Transfer Station themselves. The attendant will be informed of this, if necessary.

Kurt stated that Bradley Horstman wants to join the Committee. He is unable to attend this meeting, but will participate in Green Up Day.

Bulk Waste Day: Michelle has been communicating with the person in charge of Craftsbury's bulk waste day. Craftsbury is looking at the third Saturday in June for this year's event. She would like very much to have Wolcott and Craftsbury hold their events on the same day. Michelle will follow up.

Upcoming Meetings: Michelle stated that Sarah Lillibridge, Outreach Coordinator for Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District, will attend the Committee's May meeting. It is anticipated the May meeting will be held May 25. Our local legislators, Rep. Dan Noyes, and Sen. Rich Westman, will be invited to the Committee's June meeting to discuss potential legislation regarding mattress disposal.

Car Donation: Michelle has been communicating with Habitat for Humanity regarding their car donation program. Michelle will follow up with them. Kurt has talked with All Metals about accepting old or junk cars. All Metals may pay between \$100 and \$200 per car depending upon condition.

Michelle asked the Committee to consider how such a program could be advertised. Front Porch Forum was suggested. Kurt suggested sending letters directly to individuals. Ideas will be discussed at the May meeting.

Solid Waste Complaints: Kurt reported he received a complaint from a Wolcott resident about the junk, toys, and garbage behind the Wolcott store and Village Builders, that is primarily visible from the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. An additional concern of the complainant is that items will blow into the river. The complainant told Kurt the State had also been contacted. Kurt suggested a letter could be sent to the property owner addressing a health violation. Michelle indicated there may be another issue for the Committee near the lumberyard.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Klein