

# Wolcott Selectboard Meeting Minutes August 2, 2023

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

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Present: Linda Martin, Kurt Klein, Allen Carpenter, Kurt Billings  
Absent: Richard Lee  
Present: Dana McIntyre, Dolan Patrick, Deb Klein

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

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** The School house revitalization project discussion is tabled until the engineer is available.

**Approve Minutes of July 19, 2023:** Motion by Klein to approve the Minutes of July 19. Seconded by Carpenter. Discussion: None. Voting: All 4 in favor.

## Comments from the Community

Martin called to order the Local Control Commission to consider application S-000003944 which has been approved by the State. Following discussion, Motion by Klein to approve application S-000003944. Seconded by Carpenter. No further discussion. Voting: All 4 in favor.

## Project Manager Report

- The Private Burial Policy was tabled to allow more time for review.
- A resident on Gulf Road has asked to meet with the Selectboard regarding the speed limit between the bridge and Whitetail Drive.
- The Portolet installed by the rail trail will be cancelled.
- Klein reported the Town was awarded the small scaler safety grant that will reimburse up to \$10,000 for road safety signs.
- Progress has been made on the Town's upgraded website. Although some changes remain, the staging site is available for the board to review.
- On Sunday, July 30, Sarah Lillibridge, the outreach coordinator for the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District, was present at the Wolcott Transfer Station to answer any questions about recycling best practices.
- The Litter Committee sponsored this year's Bulk Waste Day at the Wolcott Transfer Station on Saturday, July 22. A lot of bulk items were collected, along with tires at half price. A lot of flood damage waste was collected as well. The Committee will continue to look at tire recycling options.
- Work proceeds on the Town's insurance claim. Some residents are seeking a buyout of their properties.
- Pursuant to a VTrans Curve Project, a set of small curve safety signs will be installed this fall.
- VTrans inspected bridges following the flood. It was recommended that the debris be removed from under the bridges on Gulf Road, Corley Road, and Elmore Pond Road. The Town does not have the necessary long-arm excavator required. Klein will check with VTrans.
- The road crew have been ditching along West Hill Road. A culvert is now needed on the McCammon property to prevent water from pouring into a pasture. In order to do the work, a driveway permit is

required. Klein asked that the \$25 fee be waived since the road foreman has already inspected the area. The board had no objection.

-The Transfer Station attendant requested time off on July 29 and 30, and wished to be paid for those days. The request failed. The concern was that a precedent would be set. Other part-time employees do not receive paid time off.

-The board discussed various animal control issues.

### **Selectboard review/action**

**Flood update:** Martin and Klein attended a Recovery Workshop. Assistance has been applied for municipal buildings and roads. They have also met with the road foreman. Martin suggested hiring someone to oversee repair work to Flat Iron Road. Their salary would be reimbursed by FEMA. Engineering bids will be required for the project. The board discussed damages in North Wolcott. The board also discussed paving on North Wolcott Road.

**Lurvey Road/trail:** The board discussed the request to block access to the Lurvey Road/trail where it intersects with West Hill Road. The matter was tabled to allow for more research.

**Wastewater Committee:** The Selectboard would like to formally create a Town Wastewater Committee. Motion by Klein to create a Town Wastewater Committee. Seconded by Martin. No further discussion.

Voting: All 4 in favor. A notice will be posted on Front Porch Forum with more information about the Committee, and how to become a member. Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) will be present at the September 8 BBQ and Information Event to answer questions.

**Other:** Billings asked that the Town make a formal request to VTrans for No Engine Breaking Signs to be posted on VT Rte 15 on either side of Town.

Motion by Klein to Adjourn. Seconded by Billings. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Klein

*Next regularly scheduled Selectboard Meeting – August 16, 2023*