

MINUTES

Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM Libby Trustees Meeting

In-Person Session at the Great Hall 2nd Floor, 9 Union St. Wolfeboro

6:30 PM-Regular Session

Chairman Dave Senecal calls meeting to order

In Mr. Pineo's absence – on vacation, Kathy Carpentier, finance director fills in.

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A: 3

Mr. Senecal asks if NPS is needed; Mrs. Linda Murray says no.

Consideration of **Minutes**

i. February 1, 2023 Regular Meeting

Mrs. Murray notes a change to minutes; page 8-e – MOTION – all voted YES; motion passed - should be bold-faced.

Luke Freudenberg makes motion to approve as amended.
Second Brian Deshaies- all in favor; motion passed.

ii. February 15, 2023 Regular Meeting

Brad Harriman makes motion to approve as presented; Second by Mrs. Murray.
all in favor; motion passed.

iii. March 1, 2023 Regular Meeting

Ms. Murray notes a change; first paragraph after the public hearing opened by Dave Senecal; says Linda Murray, co-chair; scratch 'co-chair.' *(Mrs. Murray new secretary will change some format issues as directed by Amy Capone-Muccio)*

Ms. Murray makes motion to approve as amended.
Second by Brian Deshaies- all in favor; motion passed.

2. Public Hearing(s)

Temporary Event Permit applications

i. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to consider a temporary event permit for the New England Lyman Group to host a Boat Show on June 10, 2023, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Town Docks. Permit #2023-27.

Mrs. Carpentier notes Betsy Bryant who was to address the permit is ill; email from Ms. Bryant to Amy Capone-Muccio asks that the BoS table the request until the next meeting.

Mrs. Bryant in the email read by Mrs. Carpentier details the event aimed at encouraging young people to get involved with wooden boats and boat building programs including at New Hampshire Boat Museum.

Mrs. Carpentier notes that Chief Rondeau says the permit will need police detail and traffic control.

Mrs. Murray says clarification is needed from Chief Rondeau on whether police detail/officers are needed.

Mrs. Murray makes motion to table. Second by Mr. Deshaies. All vote in favor to table the request.

ii. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to consider a temporary event permit for the Governor Wentworth Art Council to host music in Cate Park on June 23, June 30, and August 25, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Permit #2023-28.

Mrs. Carpentier indicates someone was supposed to be online to address the temporary permit request; no one online.

Chairman Senecal notes this is a repeat of past events. Mrs. Murray states concert dates do not conflict with any other events.

Mr. Senecal notes there is no one else to speak at the public hearing.

Mrs. Murray moves to issue a temporary event permit for the Governor Wentworth Art Council to host music in Cate Park on June 23, June 30, and August 25, 2023, from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Permit #2023-28.

Second by Mr. Deshaies. All vote in favor to approve.

Unanticipated Funds/grant funds

i. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at their meeting, which starts at 6:30 PM in the Great Hall Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire for the acceptance of unanticipated funds less than \$10,000 in accordance with RSA 31:95-b III (a), relative to unanticipated addition of grant funds in the amount of ***\$4,015 for the Wolfeboro Highway Safety Grant, 20-201. (The Board previously approved \$15,269.59 and have received notice of \$4,015.00 in additional funds)***

Captain Mark Livie addresses and explains the additional grant funding that will allow for additional speed patrols and additional bicycle and pedestrian crosswalk patrols during the summer.

Mr. Senecal opens the public hearing.

Mrs. Carpentier notes the additional grant amount is \$4000 not \$4015.

Mr. Senecal closes the public hearing.

Mrs. Murray notes accepting additional funds is welcomed.

Mr. Deshaies moves to accept unanticipated funds less than \$10,000 in accordance with RSA 31:95-b III (a), relative to unanticipated addition of grant funds in the amount of \$4,000 for the Wolfeboro Highway Safety Grant, 20-201. (The Board previously approved

\$15,269.59 and have received notice of \$4,000.00 in additional funds.) Mr. Freudenberg second; all vote in favor; motion approved.

Ordinance Change

i. The Town of Wolfeboro to hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Great Hall of the Wolfeboro Town regarding amendments to the Town Ordinance, Chapter 165-3 Restrictions to add the following:

F. No portion of a municipal parking lot shall be used for storage (in excess of "A" above) of personal vehicles, equipment, or trailers without written permission of the Board of Selectmen.

Planning Director Tavis Austin addresses the update ordinance. He addresses Mr. Deshaies questions about B & E and D & E conflicting. Mr. Austin states he's working with Mr. Pineo on revising all parking sections since many conflict. He adds it's fine to act on this one change.

For reference, Mr. Austin states these are being reviewed with town manager:

Section A-202-3-5

Section 16-4- 164-5-20.1

Mrs. Murray ask if vote on today's proposed ordinance change, it would take effect, we can address any trailer that's in there (Foss Field parking) and when we update the ordinances, we could also make changes if needed.

Mr. Austin replies, correct.

Mr. Senecal closes the public hearing.

Moved by Mr. Freudenberg moves to amend the ordinance to add to Chapter 165-3:F. No portion of a municipal parking lot shall be used for storage (in excess of "A" above) of personal vehicles, equipment, or trailers without written permission of the Board of Selectmen.

Second by Brad Harriman. All vote in favor; motion approved.

3. Bulk Vote

- A. Weekly Manifests
 - i. March 3, 2023, \$ 955,612.46
 - ii. March 10, 2023, \$ 254,778.56

B. Report of Cut Wood or Timber Warrants

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|------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| I. Pleasant Valley Rd | Tax Map 235 Lot 10 | \$1,005.70 |
| ii. 37 Knox Pasture Rd | Tax Map 114 Lot 2 | \$485.08 |
| iii. Cowper Rd | Tax Map 59 Lot 2 & 3 | \$553.82 |

Mrs. Murray moves to approve items A & B
Second by Mr. Deshaies. All vote in favor; motion approved.

4. Board/Committee Appointments: none

5. New Business

A. Approval: Hawkers & Peddlers Permit Location #4 application

Zee Hayford addresses her permit application. Introduces herself as a long-time resident; Governor Wentworth district teacher and artist and has a silversmith shop at 94 Center Street and wants to promote her business with the Hawkers & Peddlers Permit

Mrs. Murray asks about her need for a state of NH department of revenue license.

Ms. Hayford says she did talk to the state. She was told she did not need the state permit since she's not selling tobacco or alcohol. And if her sales hit a certain point, she would need the state permit. Says she will look into the state permit as Amy Capone-Muccio suggested to her.

Mrs. Murray makes a motion to issue a Hawkers and Peddlers license for the 2023 season to Zee Hayford for location #4; Mr. Deshaies adds: contingent upon receiving a copy of the State of NH Hawkers and peddlers' license; Mrs. Murray agrees.

Second Brad Harriman. All vote in favor; motion approved.

B. Approval: Fire Truck Lease Agreement

Fire Chief Tom Zotti states since **Article 15** passed by the voters March 14, the fire truck lease interest rate and price for apparatus in the quote is time-sensitive. Asks for adoption of resolution to allow fire department to move forward on financing for vehicle.

Financing with all five local banks with branches; did not receive a better interest rate than the one included in the quote BoS is considering.

The paperwork requires 14 signatures including BoS chair.

Mr. Senecal asks when would fire vehicle be delivered.

Chief Zotti says approximately 300 days. About January 9, 2024. We could see the vehicle before Christmas before the end of 2023.

Mrs. Carpentier states Mr. Pineo's memo indicates the agreement should be signed by BoS chair contingent upon a positive outcome of any vote recount. Paperwork would be held until Friday since Article 14 passed with just over 60% of the vote.

Chief Zotti clarifies this is Article 15 which passed with about 70% of vote.

Mr. Senecal asks for a motion to approve.

Motion to approve by Mr. Deshaies; Second by Mr. Harriman; All vote in favor; motion approved.

C. Discussion: Hunter's Payment in Lieu of Taxes

Mr. Deshaies reports town attorneys and town assessor are against a recommendation for a pilot program to reduce Hunter's property taxes. Hunter's taxes are already being reduced to just the value of the land – minus the building. Hunter's will be getting paid for the building as part of their insurance.

Mr. Freudenberg comments: What a nice gesture.

Mr. Pineo's memo indicates BoS does not need to act at this time.

D. Discussion: Pop Whalen Ice Rink rates

Victor Drouin, Friends of Pop Whalen: Submitted to town manager and parks/recreation director draft of rates.

As the facility converts from a hockey/ice skating rink for winter to a four-season operation, some of rates established four-six weeks ago did not include other activities.

Four large meeting rooms including, for example:

- Media room – 12-14 people
- Stretch room= 20-22 people

Different flooring for different event uses. Recommendation is that those rooms each for about \$40 an hour.

We don't know what those uses are; we have to start somewhere.

Media room is intended for events such as pizza parties, birthday parties– such as a birthday party:\$240; including ice and two hours room rental. This seems in line with other places.

Current users for a tournament paying several thousands for the facility would not pay additional for a room. This is for just enterprises wanting an event room.

Mr. Deshaies questions:

Does anybody who rents needs to carry own insurance?

Mr. Drouin says it's a town function; not sure how parks and rec handles that. One of recommendations can establish an indemnity clause.

Mr. Deshaies says he wants to be sure town is protected against damage costs. He asks, what about cleanup fees? Who is responsible?

Mr. Drouin says for example in locker rooms, teams are supposed to cleanup; then town cleaners finish up. If someone made a mess that was out of the ordinary, he believes a bill would be sent to whatever group left damage/mess.

Mr. Drouin says the rates provided are the first round of suggestions.

For youth, rates set at \$40 an hour; for pickleball, \$46 an hour.

In April, suggests selling monthly passes to pickleball players. \$46 is middle-range. He says the flooring is mid-grade.

As far as online booking, Mr. Drouin says Ms. Collins suggests rec-desk for online booking – though he hasn't seen the live, online booking application for the new facility.

If rec-desk cannot handle it, some other online booking would be used for reserving and checking in instead of a staff person on duty for check in. Online check in kiosk can work. Indemnity and payment should be included in online booking.

A check-in system, Mr. Drouin says was included as a line-item in the budget approved by voters March 14.

Mrs. Murray says online check-in meeting for Abenaki (buying passes) includes all kinds of indemnity. She adds that at April 5th BoS meeting, Says Mr. Pineo will have a complete rate sheet for Pop Whalen including different scenarios. She says a master list is needed for BoS to have.

Mr. Drouin says pickleball is supposed to begin around April 4 or 5th so how will this work.

Mrs. Murray responds, I can pass that, but we're trying to get a master rate sheet we are all in agreement about.

For pickleball, I think it should be a \$6 daily pass because they're paying \$5 at the high school. Would like the pickleball time to be 8-2:30 because of the potential for lacrosse teams at the facility (spring sports).

Mr. Drouin says the guide indicates different sports on the entire floor at the same time; getting full multi-purpose court use. Schedule is being blocked out with time and availability.

Mr. Deshaies asks if little league has contacted Mr. Drouin.

Mr. Drouin responded, no; we've with Kingswood High School; they say they're interested, but they're OK for right now.

Mrs. Murray asks if Mr. Drouin tonight wants approval/rates set for pickleball so it can be advertised.

Mr. Drouin says we're two months behind; rates should have been set two months ago. I asked in August about spring programming. Right now, it's crickets. We're taking the ice out March 26. If we meet May 5th and try to establish/publish rates; let's publish this. People will play pickleball outside. We've had eight months to do this and we have not.

From a Friends of Pop perspective, we sold this as a four season facility. We're not operating it as such. We have no direction or information out to public. I hope we can settle some rates starting April 4-5.

MOTION by Mr. Deshaies to set pickleball rate at \$6 daily pass and \$46 monthly pass. Except to make room for 1-2 week allowance for lacrosse. Mrs. Murray SECOND the motion.

Mr. Drouin says schedule is not set. This is an outline.

Mr. Freudenberg asks is cornhole set? Published yet? \$85/team for cornhole— all these other rates in place?

Mr. Drouin states in the past, parks and rec has done cornhole. For a 6-week league, works out to \$3 per hour per person; super cheap.

Mr. Deshaies asks if the cornhole league is ready to go; schedule set?

Mr. Drouin says Molly Hatch (parks and rec program director) told him last time there were cornhole teams there were 10-12 teams; Tuesday/Thursday primarily in April/May.

Mrs. Murray states, let's set the cornhole rate.

Mr. Deshaies states the rate sheet draft shows \$85 per team for a six-week league in the evening.

Mr. Drouin states 6-8 p.m., something like that. If it's 10 teams, is five cornhole boxes, you could have pickleball at the same time.

Mr. Deshaies states it's a learning curve; a whole new facility.

Mr. Drouin says if we set the rate, cornhole could start April 10.

Mr. Deshaies asks is there anyone else who is ready/waiting now to use the facility?

Mr. Drouin says there were a few birthday party requests now because ice is available; I don't know the details.

Mr. Deshaies AMENDS his MOTION to include \$85 per team for a six-week cornhole league on top of the two weeks for lacrosse; on top of pickleball rate at \$6 daily pass and \$46 monthly pass for April/May this year.

Mr. Drouin says lacrosse rates were already set along with some street hockey. We'll figure it when it works.

Mrs. Murray SECONDS the MOTION amendment.

She adds to be determined is the master chart rate sheet for everything to get the right numbers out.

Mr. Drouin says that's good.

Mr. Harriman asks he'd be in favor of approving Mr. Pineo's memo to BoS for all of these with the understanding for changes.

Mr. Drouin says if you set the rates, you can advertise; talk to say a yoga instructor, dance; different things the rooms can be used for. Once you set rates, 40-50\$ per hour is the range.

Mr. Deshaies says rates can be changed.

Mrs. Murray says she was trying to get, we have a request for say a birthday party, ice time and two hours of rental. I was trying to get that also for when ice was out, you could go in there for a birthday party. As I understand it, we've had no input from parks and rec. I'm comfortable if we want to go \$40 an hour; we've got to have a sheet where it all is and we're all in agreement. If it's a youth birthday party less than an adult? I'm OK with having them all set now; but having this piece of paper/that piece of paper makes no sense.

Mr. Deshaies asks should this be added to the MOTION?

Mrs. Murray says we can add it's \$40 an hour for room rentals is my understanding.

Mr. Deshaies says the MOTION should include that the master rate sheet would be presented at the April 5th meeting. (reminded by Mrs. Carpentier).

Mr. Drouin says we've set the rates for:
ICE – prime and non-prime

Court – per hour youth + adults.

This pins down about 80% of rest of it; there may be things we haven't thought of yet. But this is a guide to publish pickleball, cornhole and start signing up teams. If we pin down the rooms, we can start advertising/posting that. We can start taking people through that may want to have classes there. That will need a more sophisticated MOU (memorandum of understanding).

Mrs. Murray reiterates we want a piece of paper that states the rates all in one place for everyone.

Mr. Deshaies says people have asked about having events at Pop Whalen. Would we be dealing with the construction company or engineer if we decide to talk to them about certain activities on the ice surface: boat, car, motorcycle shows; wants to know about weight for surface; conditions for ice-area flooring; who do we talk to?

Mr. Drouin states there's been a lot of construction equipment on the floor – oil spills for example need to be cleaned up quickly. Summers are good for these kinds of event. No drilling or attaching to the floor. For regular shows – moving things in and out such as boat/car shows as they do at the Everett – no worries about this.

Mr. Senecal says there's a motion on the floor. All vote to APPROVE motion as amended.

Discussion: IPADs for Board meetings

Mr. Freudenberg says as liaison to police commission, iPads are used for meetings and packets. He understands some like the paper packets. A company he consults for did COVID tacking a few years ago; they have a surplus of iPads. I know the owner closely; asked the owner could I get some iPads top use for different boards in town to at least try them in addition to all the paper we use in town. Amy Capone-Muccio says she could upload the BoS materials to iPads and see how that would work out. Maybe Tavis Austin could try iPads for ZBA or Planning Board. They could be tried out by those who want to try them for town materials. An iPad can be scrubbed of data after use. I want to see if the board is interested.

Mrs. Murray asks what the size of the iPad is.

Mr. Freudenberg says it's about the size of a piece of paper. This company had about 63 iPads. He thinks he could get some iPads donated. The aim is to save using so much paper.

Mr. Deshaies asks would data be saved in the 'cloud.'

Mr. Freudenberg responds it's a great question. Would we take notes on them?

Mr. Deshaies shares that through his cost analyst position he lost data from his computer; but it was backed up in the cloud and restored the data to his computer,. He wants a backup for town material.

Mr. Freudenberg says each board or person can decide whether to have an iPad; paper can also be used. People could take notes. He'd like the iPad – he does not take a lot of notes; others do. I've been thinking about this for a while.

Mr. Deshaies says he'd use the iPad to look at packet but would not take notes in the iPad.

Mrs. Carpentier asks whether there is any license needed for these?

Mr. Freudenberg says he could find out; Mrs. Carpentier says she can find out, too.

Mrs. Carpentier questions about backing up agenda; Amy will back everything up on town servers.

Mrs. Murray says Amy would scan packet and she'd download it to her computer. It's always backed up in town.

Mr. Senecal says Mr. Freudenberg can look into it further.

Mrs. Murray agrees. Mr. Harriman says he'll also be willing to look at this.
Mr. Freudenberg will look into it further.

Libby Trustees Meeting

Warrant Article status

**MOTION by Mrs. Murray to go into session as Trustees of the Libby Museum.
Second by Mr. Harriman. All approve motion.**

Mr. Harriman says the March 14th vote on the Libby Warrant fell short;
yes votes: 848
no votes: 647
56.7%; 49-votes short of 60% needed to approve the warrant

In talking with Mr. Pineo there are four things to talk about:

1. Authorize museum to open this year.
2. Put together a letter to the Friends of Libby asking their thoughts and future plans moving forward
3. Repairs for the museum
4. Consider any future warrant articles to add to the capital reserve funds for projects moving forward.

MOTION Does the board want to approve opening the Libby Museum for the 2023 season?

Mrs. Murray replies – so MOVED; SECOND Mr. DeShaies. ALL APPROVE MOTION

Mr. Deshaies wants to see how much of donations to Libby will stick though the town warrant article fell short. How much of the donations will we be able to use along with current funds towards renovation and if they're able to do that?

Mr. Harriman responds his understanding is that all of donations and pledges were contingent upon it passing this year.

Mrs. Murray states usually when you write a pledge as with the library, the donation or pledge is contingent. It does not mean you can't go back to that donor for another year.

Mr. Harriman says the trustee letter is important to see what the 'flavor' is of the Friends of the Museum to see if they want to pursue this or not.

Mrs. Murray agrees.

Mr. Harriman says sending the letter is first; the Friends will meet around the end of the month so they can talk about it at their meeting and get back to us.

Mr. Deshaies says if we have \$375,000 dollars if they could match it dollar for dollar totaling \$750,000; we could get a lot of needed work done on the museum. It would get us a start.

Mr. Harriman says it depends on how the Friends responds.

Mrs. Murray says we need to go over that facility and see what repairs we need to do to open it. How much do we put aside in a certain year?

Mr. Senecal states John Bergeron has the best insight into what Libby repairs are needed. I think we ought to send the letter and contact Mr. Bergeron again. He continues that stabilizing the walls is a big item to prevent further movement; I think we've stabilized it underneath to hold weight. We need to patch the foundation that's crumbling; we've got a fairly new roof; cables holding it together. Need an ADA-compliant bathroom – could add up to \$500,000. That's the kind of stuff we have to do on that building.

Mr. Deshaies suggests adding four mini-splits could take the humidity out of the building during the summer.

Mr. Senecal notes we just invested quite a bit of money in the ramp across the street and the dock and wall system. That is pretty stable as far as that side of the road. Septic system is relatively new. We do need a new electrical system in there; stabilization of the walls. Repeats that letter to the Friends of the Libby to find out their ideas and philosophy is going to be.

Mr. Deshaies asks whether fragile items have been moved out in the winter.

Mr. Harriman and Mr. Senecal reply NO. Everything's in there still.

Mr. Deshaies says we could move fragile things out in winter months to preserve them. In spring, summer fall when it's more humid, if we had mini-splits in the building we could maintain humidity to protect artifacts from deteriorating.

Mr. Senecal notes that's all well and good, but the electrical system is 200 amps and could not handle that. We need at least 400 amps or more in that building. Those are things we need to look at. He agrees with Mr. Harriman that the letter to the Friends and find out where they're at; timetable even; whether they want to get involved again or not. They may say no, this is the only chance you had and it didn't go through. So then we say we own it; it's our building; we need to spend some money on it. As soon as we get money available.

Mrs. Murray notes we held up \$300,000 to beef up repairs and maintenance and to help the whole project; we held onto it. Knowing where they are, we can decide whether to start spending that.

Mr. Harriman says we've covered it all. Contacting John Bergeron will be the way to go. They did the original assessment a few years ago. They could come in and update it. That's the way to go and get a condition report. They could prioritize and give cost estimates on what some of the repairs could cost over future years and what kind of money we might be needing.

Mrs. Carpentier asks would the letter to the Friends be from Board of Selectman or town manager?

Mrs. Murray says I think we want to get the letter out.

Mr. Senecal says this is a Libby Trustees meeting now, so the letter should come the trustees.

Mrs. Murray says Amy can write the letter and have us all sign it.

Mr. Harriman says he can work with Amy on the letter and language – perhaps Friday.

Resident Bobbie Boudman asks about ballots going out late and she knows quite a few people that still want to vote. Isn't there a way to call a special hearing because quite a few voters were disenfranchised; this was a close vote; Is there a way to get enough signatures to call a hearing on some of our closer warrant articles that people were disenfranchised?

Mrs. Murray responds a special election needs to be called and approved by the court. (Mr. Senecal agrees)

Ms. Boudman asks it's not by a number of signatures to call a special hearing?

No replies Mrs. Murray and Mr. Senecal who continues, you have to petition the court.

Ms. Boudman says she knows quite a few people did not get their absentee ballots; through no fault of the town. There's no RSA saying they have to get out in a certain time. There are a lot of people who feel very disenfranchised by this vote.

Mr. Senecal says about 2000 people showed up to vote. I think this town did very well as far as the weather conditions to get the vote out.

Mr. Deshaies notes this election may have had a larger turnout than last March.

Mr. Senecal says with relation to other warrant articles we would have had to petition the court to bring them back up.

Resident Suzanne Ryan (off microphone) asks a question. Then comes to podium.

Suzanne Ryan, taxpayer. States we just lost \$2.2 million with this vote. It won in popularity, but did not meet the bond requirement of 60%. It was not voted down; special attention should be given. She refers to using the \$375,000 may not set well with the attorney general's office who previously issued a letter to the town stating you have to move forward with this. I don't know if that will comply and whether it meets your fiduciary duty either. That's probably a legal question. What do you say to the people who stepped up and said we'll give you \$2.2 million?

Back to the special town meeting – I heard you say you can't do it unless you go to the court and ask permission to have one. I think you've got a good case to why you could.

There are several criteria that may fit. The emergency would be the building needs to be fixed to the standard of the secretary of state for historic buildings. The issue is people are willing to give \$2.2 million; that would bode well in a court of law; the court might say go back to the people and do a better job of selling it. Mr. Harriman and Mr. Senecal have been staunch supporters of this since the beginning. Get with town counsel and not ask IF we can do this but how the heck can we do get to do it. Because lawyers have ways of doing things that we don't always think of.

Three statutes under which you may be able to have a town meeting:

39-1- Board of Selectmen can call a town meeting for an occasion. Don't know what the technical term computes to.

31-5 – Emergency one where you go to court and ask a judge. Plenty of material that you could use to qualify for that.

39-3 which is 50 voters sign a petition to call for a special town meeting. And presented to the BoS.

You have your own counsel to help you do this – if you want to do this. Maybe in June when the weather's good. It would be good to vote when the weather's good.

You would show the effort of trying to comply with the attorney general; your fiduciary duty to satisfy the 800 or so people that voted YES. And then not scare away the \$2.2 million. Maybe they'd be willing to wait to see if this could be done or they'd have every right to pull their money. (Mrs. Ryan finished)

Mr. Freudenberg asks how many times did it take the town hall renovation warrant to pass?

Mrs. Murray responds it took us four.

Mr. Freudenberg comments he supported the Libby warrant and voted yes. I'd have a hard time having a special meeting to do that. I would hope those who wanted to invest their money/effort would try to continue to do what they set out to do. Sometimes it takes more than once. The public safety building was also on the warrant; Libby went up against that. This was two big asks of Wolfeboro taxpayers. Even if we did have a special meeting and the Libby article was for renovation and expansion; the expansion portion was difficult. The voters have spoken on that this year. They can come back in the future. The Libby is our responsibility; I would have a hard time having a special meeting.

Mr. Senecal responds, we should at least address it with our attorney so we know what we need to do. It could be a long process or something simple. We've had our attorneys tell us it's quite unusual for the court to grant a special town meeting. I don't know if we've ever had a special town meeting.

Mrs. Murray responds – it was not when you Mr. Senecal) was on the board on the RIB site. I was looking on my phone 39:3 – I don't think it applies. We have to have the town attorney.

Mr. Senecal says since Bobbie (Boudman) and Suzanne (Ryan) have brought it up, we should at least look at it.

Mrs. Murray adds that when we were meeting with the attorney general's office, the woman said you understand you have to get the money from the voters. They understand that. I think if we go on and do repairs, we are meeting that; we are doing what the voters – the legislative body says. I am not concerned about the attorney general's office.

Mr. Deshaies states that we have \$2.6 million available. If we can't fix up that museum with some compromise from the Friends of Libby and the town, then that's ridiculous. We can make that museum without a big addition; instead of making it the Taj Mahal – instead of making it a Cadillac, making it a Chevy. We could make a beautiful building for \$2.6 million that should satisfy everything that the museum needs to go forward for the next 50 years.

Mr. Senecal states he does not want to get into a back and forth.

Suzanne Ryan returns to podium and states that the donors for \$2.2 million did so with the understanding that an architectural plan includes an addition.

Mr. Senecal states a letter will be written to the Friends and find out what their ideas are. They may already have ideas.

Mrs. Carpentier says she'll reach out to get town counsel legal opinion based on what was discussed.

MOTION to come out of LIBBY TRUSTEE MEETING by Mrs. Murray. SECOND Mr. Harriman.

All vote in favor. APPROVED.

5. Other Business

Mr. Deshaies reads letter pertaining to Petition Warrant Article 39 about libraries and protecting books and information from being removed because people find them offensive or not ethical. The warrant article passed with 72% of the vote. We're writing a letter concerning a bill in Concord that is looking to allow certain books and literature to be removed from our libraries. The letter will go to our representatives and education committee members and state senator. And it reads:

"Be it known to all on the 14th of March 2023, at town meeting Wolfeboro, NH the legislative body by a vote of 1,054 yes to 404 no, approved warrant article 39. Warrant article 39 states:

By Petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Wolfeboro to see if the town will vote to prohibit expending town funds for the purpose of taking action towards the banning of books or any other content from our Wolfeboro Public Library thereby guaranteeing our citizens their First Amendment Rights and their rights under the New Hampshire Constitution [Art.] 22. [Free Speech; Liberty of the Press.]

Additionally, to see if the town will direct the Selectmen of the Town of Wolfeboro to urge the New Hampshire General Court to stop all actions including House and Senate Bills infringing upon First Amendment Rights as explained in the 1939 Library Bill of Rights, the 1953 Freedom to Read Statement, and 1999 Libraries: An American Value.

The record of this vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to our New Hampshire State Legislature, and our Carroll County Attorney, informing them of the vote of the March 14, 2023, Town Election, within 30 days."

Estimated tax rate impact 2023: \$0.00 per \$1000 Assessed Valuation

As duly elected Select Board members, we affirm this vote, support all its provisions, and note our objections to House Bill 514.

Respectfully,
The Select Board

Mrs. Murray makes a MOTION that to sign these letters.
SECOND Mr. Freudenberg. All vote the APPROVE.

Mr. Senecal thanks Mr. Deshaies.

Mr. Senecal says Mrs. Murray will go over town election March 24, 2023.

Board of Selectmen: Dave Senecal and Mrs. Murray win re-election.

Budget Committee: Paul O'Brien, Brian Black, John McDonald

Planning Board: Peter Goodwin, Roger Murray

ZBA: Suzanne Ryan, Audrey Cline

Planning Board Articles 2-10 all failed

Article 11- Public Safety Building warrant passed – 60.5%

Article 12- Libby Museum warrant: 56.7% yes – so that failed

Article 13- Sewer line extension/Forest/Varney Roads: passed 68.6%

Article 14- Water main, South Main Street: 86.4% passed

Article 15- Fire truck lease: 71.4% passed

Article 16- Operating budget passed 68.2%

Article 17- money for our sewer pump station passed by 85.2%

Article 18- town road upgrades passed by 88.1%

Articles 19-34 all passed and include:

Green Street upgrades, mini excavator, municipal electric utility boat, (2) bargaining units, school resource police officer, the police cruiser, veterans credit passed, capital reserves all passed; the warmth and more passed.

Then the petition warrant articles:

Article 35 – playground passed

Article 36 – handicap ramp to Cate Park passed

Article 37 – landscaping in front of Hunters-IGA failed

Article 38 – parks and recreation commission failed

Article 39 - (we just talked about) passed

Article 40- mountain bike trails passed

Mrs. Murray states that town clerk, Pat Waterman said there were 1,518 voters.

7. Committee Reports

Mr. Harriman attended the Planning Board meeting last week. And was among selectmen during the long March 14th voting day at Town Hall.

Mr. Senecal attended election day/voting.

Mrs. Murray attended Wolfeboro Waters Assessment subcommittee looking at the testing we want to do this coming summer and how we can support the Wolfeboro Bay Watershed Management Plan. Three library search committee meetings; Wolfeboro Chamber of Commerce input session looking at events they have and possibility of new events; Friends of Pop Whalen committee meeting; Wolfeboro Library Trustees meeting; attended chamber's social and enjoyed a day at the election polls.

Mr. Freudenberg: other than election day attendance, no other meetings.

Mr. Deshaies: attended election day at Town Hall; has a CIP meeting Thursday.

8. Town Manager's Report

Mrs. Carpentier on behalf of Mr. Pineo reads an email Mr. Pineo sent before leaving on vacation. Mr. Justin Caldon of Four Corners Construction came in asking to use some of dockside parking. Town Manager would like BoS to authorization to use or give temporary approval with issuance of a demolition permit. Mr. Caldon is looking to put fencing and a dumpster and lose one handicap spot on fencing. This would be removed by May 5, 2023.

Mrs. Murray makes a MOTION to approve the dumpster and fence behind the Downtown Grille until May 5, 2023, contingent upon a landscaping plan be received by the town and a set date for the plan to be finished. (That's a landscaping plan for the propane tanks.)
SECOND Mr. Freudenberg

Mr. Freudenberg suggests a demolition permit should be added to the motion.

Mrs. Murray responds we don't have any say over a demolition permit.

Mr. Deshaies says he's on board; says the area needs to be renovated and beautified. Concerned about construction delays.

Mrs. Murray states he can only have the dumpster there until May 5th. After that, we can't have it down there.

Mr. Deshaies asks what if there are delays?

Building Inspector, Jason Durrance addresses BoS- Understanding is the dumpster is for demo, then it will be gone. It's not there for the whole project.

Mr. Deshaies says OK.

Mr. Harriman asks Mrs. Murray on the motion, do we need a landscape plan for a temporary fence and dumpster?

Mrs. Murray says this is the landscape plan we asked for when we allowed them to put the propane gas tanks in Cate Park. We have not seen that plan. I want a date when it will be complete.

Mr. Harriman asks if this is the same owner who owns this building?

Mr. Deshaies said his suggestion was a nice, screened fence with a gate for tank access. Everybody wants bushes; takes time, landscaping plan, etc.

Mr. Freudenberg says we're just asking for a plan.

Planning Director Tavis Austin asks who does the landscaping plan go to?

Mrs. Murray says the town manager.

Mr. Austin asks is the motion is contingent upon receipt of that plan? So no dumpster until the plan is received?

Mrs. Murray states, she did not mean it that way. She wants to put pressure on him to submit the landscaping plan. We can say within 10 days?

Ms. Boudman asks about handicapped spot being lost at town docks lot. Will another space be made available.

Mr. Senecal says there is another space next to Cate Park.

BoS members state there are several handicap spots still available.

Mrs. Murray says if there's a handicap spot shortage an additional spot with a sign could be made available. And states that's why we're getting this done by May 5th before the busy season.

MOTION APPROVED 5-0

9. Questions from the Press - none

10. Public Input None

11. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A - None

MOTION to ADJOURN Mr. Freudenberg; Second Mr. Harriman. APPROVED 5-0

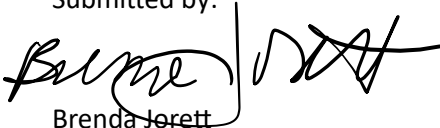
Meeting adjourned 7:57 p.m.

Next Meeting dates:

March 29, 2023, workshop Meeting with Police Commission

April 5, 2023, regular BoS meeting

Submitted by:


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