

Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen  
Public Meeting Minutes-Approved  
June 14, 2018

**Members present:** Chairman Linda Murray, Brad Harriman, Dave Bowers, Paul O'Brien and Dave Senecal

**Staff present:** Town Manager Becky Merrow, Public Works Director Dave Ford, Fire Chief James Pineo and Recording Secretary Michele Chamberlain

Chairman Murray opened the meeting at 6:33 PM.

**Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3, II**

Ms. Merrow stated a non-public session is needed to discuss litigation and personnel.

**Consideration of Minutes**

Chairman Murray welcomed Ms. Merrow to the meeting as the new Town Manager.

Chairman Murray asked for approval from the Board of the May 16, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Brad Harriman to accept the minutes of May 16, 2018 with amendments to pages 9 and 10. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Chairman Murray asked for approval from the Board of the May 30, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes.

**It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to accept the minutes of May 30, 2018 as written. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Chairman Murray asked for approval from the Board of the June 1, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes.

**It was moved by Paul O'Brien and seconded by Brad Harriman to accept the minutes of June 1, 2018 as written. Dave Senecal abstained. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**Public Hearings**

**A. Temporary Outdoor Event Permit Applications**

- i. Wolfeboro Area Recreation Association to hold a Family Event on July 14, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Brewster Academy.**

A Representative of the Nick addressed the Board. She stated Nickfest is a family event made possible through Community sponsors. There will be a selection of inflatable games, pony rides, a petting zoo, face painting, music and food. Nickfest will be held on July 14, 2018.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Chairman Murray closed the public hearing.

**It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Paul O'Brien to approve the issuance of a Temporary Outdoor Event Permit to Wolfeboro Area Recreation Association to hold a Family Event on July 14, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Brewster Academy. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**ii. Back Bay Water Skiers, Inc. dba Abenaki Water Ski Club to hold 30<sup>th</sup> Annual NH Open on June 23, 2018 (rain date June 24, 2018); to hold 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakes Region Open on July 21 & 22, 2018; 27<sup>th</sup> Annual NH Championships on August 4, 2018 (rain date August 5, 2018); 17<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Slalom Championships on September 8, 2018 (rain date September 9, 2018) from 8:00 AM to Sunset behind the Railroad Station.**

Bill Swaffield, Member of the Abenaki Water Ski Club, addressed the Board. He stated these events have been held at Back Bay for a long time. It is a great spot for these events. We have approximately 30 to 40 skiers consisting of all different age groups. There will be slalom skiing, tricks and jumping.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Chairman Murray closed the public hearing.

**It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve the issuance of a Temporary Outdoor Event Permit to the Back Bay Water Skiers, Inc. dba Abenaki Water Ski Club to hold 30<sup>th</sup> Annual NH Open on June 23, 2018 (rain date June 24, 2018); to hold 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakes Region Open on July 21 & 22, 2018; 27<sup>th</sup> Annual NH Championships on August 4, 2018 (rain date August 5, 2018); 17<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Slalom Championships on September 8, 2018 (rain date September 9, 2018) from 8:00 AM to Sunset behind the Railroad Station. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**iii. Harriman-Hale Post 18 of the American Legion to hold the Independence Day Parade July 4, 2018 (rain date July 5, 2018) from 7:00 AM – 1:30 PM (Parade to start at 10:00 AM) starting at North Main Street to Brewster Academy.**

Harold Chamberlin, Member of the Harriman-Hale Post 18 of the American Legion, addressed the Board. He stated he has been hosting this event for many years and it has not changed. The theme this year for the parade will be "We the People".

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Chairman Murray closed the public hearing.

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Paul O'Brien to approve the issuance of a Temporary Outdoor Event Permit to Harriman-Hale Post 18 of the American Legion to hold the Independence Day Parade July 4, 2018 from 7:00 AM – 1:30 PM (Parade to start at 10:00 AM) starting at North Main Street to Brewster Academy. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**B. Application for Permit to Serve and Offer for Sale Beer and Wine for Consumption in Town Buildings**

**i. Wentworth Watershed Association for their membership summer meeting on July 7, 2018 at the Great Hall at Town Hall from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**

Anne Blodgett, President of the Wentworth Watershed Association, addressed the Board. She stated every year we have a membership meeting in the morning in July and this year we decided to combine two events. We would like to serve alcohol at this event. The event will consist of two parts, a membership meeting and a kick off to summer. The public is welcome to attend the event.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Chairman Murray closed the public hearing.

**It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve the issuance of a Temporary Outdoor Event Permit to the Wentworth Watershed Association for their membership summer meeting on July 7, 2018 at the Great Hall at Town Hall from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**Bulk Vote**

**A. Weekly Manifests**

June 1, 2018

June 8, 2018

**B. Property Tax Abatements/Refunds**

**Approval:**

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| i.   | Abatement/Refund #8 (2017)  | Tax Map 252, Lot 37   |
| ii.  | Abatement/Refund #28 (2017) | Tax Map 164, Lot 36   |
| iii. | Abatement/Refund #31 (2017) | Tax Map 241, Lot 9    |
| iv.  | Abatement/Refund #1 (2018)  | Tax Map 133, Lot 20-F |

**Denials:**

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| i. | Abatement/Refund #22 (2017) | Tax Map 277, Lot 4 |
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**C. Property Tax Credits/Exemptions Approvals:**

- i. 175 Beach Pond Road Tax Map 130, Lot 4
- ii. 134 Trask Mountain Road Tax Map 25, Lot 4

**Denials:**

- i. 78 Bay Street Tax Map 203, Lot 52

**D. Notices of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber**

- i. Cotton Mountain Road Tax Map 155, Lot 6
- ii. Cotton Mountain Road Tax Map 170, Lot 1
- iii. Cotton Valley Road Tax Map 169, Lot 5

**E. Release of Barn Preservation Easement - Tax Map 187, Lot 14**

**F. Yield Tax Levy Warrants**

- i. \$2,216.30
- ii. \$6,628.30
- iii. \$2,571.59

**G. Raffle Permits Wolfeboro**

- i. Kingswood Golf Ladies League
- ii. Hospice House Tour

Chairman Murray asked to remove item F1 from the Bulk Vote.

**It was moved by Chairman Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to remove item F1 from the Bulk Vote. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve the Bulk Vote items listed on the agenda in A through G except for item F1. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Chairman Murray stepped down.

Mr. Senecal asked for a motion to approve Bulk Vote item F1.

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve the Bulk Vote item F1. Chairman Murray abstained. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

## **New Business**

### **A. Renaming Nancy's Way**

Kenneth Shefcik, President of Wolfeboro Corinthian Yacht Club, addressed the Board. We have three options for the new name. The names in order of preference are: Corinthian Way, Yacht Club Way and Yacht Club Lane.

Ms. Merrow stated the 911 Coordinator agreed with the first listed suggestion of Corinthian Way.

Ms. Murray asked if the Planning Board approval was needed.

Ms. Merrow stated it was not needed.

**It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to rename Nancy's Way to Corinthian Way. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

### **B. Investment Policy**

John Burt, Treasurer, addressed the Board. He stated there has been very little change to the policy.

Mr. O'Brien questioned what had changed from the last document.

Mr. Burt stated before we transferred funds every 3 days and now we are transferring funds every 4 to 5 days.

Mr. O'Brien stated the rest of the document remains unchanged.

Mr. Burt stated that is correct.

**It was moved by Chairman Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to accept the Town of Wolfeboro's Investment Policy of 2018 as it was presented to us tonight by Town Treasurer, John Burt. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Mr. Burt passed out a copy of a special report to the Selectmen.

### **C. Discussion of Highway Expenditures and Over Expenditures Winter 2018**

Mr. Ford, Public Works Director, addressed the Board. He stated in the first quarter he had reported some over expenditures and he updated the snow report. The snow report really is pieces of the overall budget. He stated we are approximately over by \$24,000.00. He suggested cutting back by not putting up any guardrails, doing any crack sealing and cutting down less trees. This would help with some of the overage but there are some other issues that will be coming up as well. The cost

of diesel goes from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> and the price this year will be 43 cents more a gallon. The Highway Department will be over budget by \$9,000.00 because of the rise in cost of diesel and this will affect other departments as well. He stated the Garage will be over approximately \$5,000.00 in gasoline if the price remains the same. He stated he has an employment issue as well. We have six months left in the budget.

Ms. Murray questioned if the cutbacks would be enough.

Mr. Ford stated the cutbacks would help but he was concerned with the rising fuel costs. He stated usually Public Works can help other departments with their budgets but this year we may have to look to other departments for help. He suggested looking at the whole budget.

Ms. Murray asked if this should be revisited in September.

Mr. Ford felt this should not wait that long and he needed to talk about the employment issue soon. Mr. Ford felt he and Ms. Merrow should have a discussion and then report back to the Board next month.

Brad Harriman asked Mr. Ford if he was aware that Carroll County was given a Declaration of Emergency for the storm in April.

Mr. Ford stated it was a wind storm. He stated it would be a lot of paperwork and he felt most of the work would not qualify for reimbursement. Mr. Ford stated Barry Muccio would be requesting reimbursement for the Electric Department.

Mr. Ford stated tomorrow there is a meeting of the Master Plan and we will be discussing the Freight House Building. Mr. Simms is realizing the project is costing more than he had anticipated and he is still waiting to hear back from the two grants that he applied for. If the grants fall through this project might not move forward.

Chairman Murray stated we have a warrant article from the voters supporting the Freight House Building. If we hear that the warrant article is not going to move forward then we will have an issue to address before the Master Planning gets too far ahead.

## **Old Business**

### **A. Discussion: Route 28 Corridor Project Preliminary Report: July 25, 2018 (Tentative)**

Mr. Ford stated the Steering Committee met and had a good discussion on the three options (traffic light, round-a-bout, or the enhanced safety option) discussed for the Pickering Corner. We discussed the impact of the project on the charm and character of the community and safety issues. All members of the Steering Committee agreed that the enhancement option should be used. We do not have a cost estimate for the project or a traffic model.

Chairman Murray stated Brewster Academy agreed not to move their entrance way.

Mr. Ford stated Brewster Academy was willing to work with us. Their biggest concern is with the safety of pedestrians.

Mr. Ford stated we are looking at adding another crosswalk, better lighting and slowing the traffic down to 20 MPH. He will be sending the report to NH DOT and then they will send their recommendations back to the Town. This project is not scheduled until 2024 so we have time.

Chairman Murray stated the Board of Selectmen will be adding a cover letter to the report.

Mr. O'Brien asked Mr. Ford if he knew when NH DOT would be doing the traffic modeling.

Mr. Ford thought it would be done later this year.

Mr. O'Brien questioned how long it would take.

Mr. Ford stated it would depend on the contractor.

Mr. Harriman questioned if NH DOT would just work on the one top option or if they would look at all three options when discussing costs, effectiveness and ratings.

Mr. Ford stated his opinion would be that NH DOT would be looking at their top choice because the cost would be cheaper.

#### **Other Business**

Mr. Harriman stated the Feasibility Study was starting up at the Libby Museum and it was suggested to start a Building Committee for this project. He suggested that members should consist of one Board of Selectmen, Alana Albee (Director of Libby Museum), Becky Merrow (Town Manager), a member from the Foundation and Dave Ford (Public Works Director) or Matt Sullivan (Planning Director).

Chairman Murray thought it was a great idea.

**It was moved by Chairman Murray and seconded by Paul O'Brien to support adding an Ad Hoc Committee for the Feasibility Study for the Libby Museum. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

#### **Other Business**

Chairman Murray stated when Mr. Owen was here we discussed the 2019 CIP goals and the Board thought we should wait for Becky Merrow before approving them. Chairman Murray stated Ms. Merrow has looked them over and has approved them.

**It was moved by Paul O'Brien and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve the 2019 Budget CIP Goals. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Chairman Murray suggested that the Board of Selectmen and Becky Merrow march in the Fourth of July Parade together to introduce the new Town Manager to the Community.

Ms. Merrow stated she agreed to be Rosie the Riveter in the parade this year. Ms. Merrow encouraged people to join her.

Ms. Merrow stated she was presented with a contract to sign for the new Fire Equipment so she wanted the Board's permission to sign the contract.

Chairman Murray stated the Board is in support of the contract so it was fine to sign the contract.

### **Town Manager's Report**

Ms. Merrow stated the following:

She would be Rosie the Riveter in the Fourth of July Parade this year.

She thanked the Board of Selectmen for all their support in the last few weeks.

### **Committee Reports**

Paul O'Brien attended an Energy Sub-Committee Meeting on the Master Plan today. Mr. O'Brien met with Barry Muccio and the Electric Department and stated we have a lot of outstanding people working for us. Mr. O'Brien brought Ms. Merrow to the Wright Museum. Next week Mr. O'Brien will attend the Police Commission Meeting.

Brad Harriman attended a Planning Board Meeting.

Dave Senecal attended a Land Resources Committee Meeting and the Community Facility Committee Meeting.

Dave Bowers attended a Library Committee Meeting and they are over budget on the Library Project so he suggested getting more donations. Mr. Bowers continues taking photographs of the Town and will turn his work over to the Historical Society when he finishes.

Linda Murray attended the Route 28 Steering Committee Meeting. She attended a Master Plan Facilities Meeting and the Joint Milfoil Board Committee Meeting. The Town Milfoil Committee was not pleased with the company that did the hand pulling last year so we are looking to hire a different company. She attended the Community Facility Committee Meeting with Mr. Senecal. She attended a Chamber Quarterly Meeting and a Friends of the Town Hall Meeting.

### **Questions from the Press**

None

### **Public Input**

**Limited to 3 Minutes per resident, not to exceed 15 minutes in total**



Will Corcoran, Resident of Waumbeck Road, addressed the Board. He asked if the Board would consider adding a warrant article to adopt RSA 72:28-b All Veterans' Tax Credit. It is a tax breaks for any veteran not just the individuals that served during the wars.

Chairman Murray stated they would put his request into the warrant articles when they go over them in November.

Mr. Corcoran stated it is required that the individual has been honorably discharged.

Anthony Quinn, Resident of Winnepesaukee Drive, addressed the Board. He stated he has talked to the Board previously of the condition of Winnepesaukee Drive and in January he sent a petition to the Board. The petition is still waiting to be heard. It was scheduled originally to be heard in March and it was cancelled because B & H Developers was in bankruptcy. Mr. Quinn would like a public hearing on his petition.

Paul Avehart, Resident of North Wakefield Road, addressed the Board. He stated a Class 5 Road that is only accessible by a Class 6 Road is a situation in North Wakefield Road. When we moved here there were not a lot of residents on the road but now there is a lot more traffic on this road. He is asking for some sort of litigation so that a Class 5 Road that is only accessible by a Class 6 Road be under similar governments under Class 6 Roads.

Mr. Bowers suggested that Mr. Avehart speak to Mr. Ford.

Lenore Benoit, Resident of Winnepesaukee Drive, addressed the Board. She asked that the Board take Mr. Quinn's petition seriously. We are all residents of Wolfeboro and we pay our taxes. It is not our fault that B & H Developers have gone bankrupt. Ms. Benoit urged the Selectmen to listen to Mr. Quinn.

Angela Sammartano, Resident of Winnepesaukee Drive, addressed the Board. She stated she strongly urged the Selectmen to take their petition seriously. She asked that each one of the Selectmen drive down Winnepesaukee Drive. She asked what they would do if they had to live there. Ms. Sammartano stated they will continue to come to the meetings until their petition is heard. She stated the road is absolutely disgraceful.

**It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to enter into non-public session under RSA 91:3 II (e) to discuss litigation and personnel. Roll call vote, Chairman Murray – yes, Brad Harriman – yes, Dave Senecal – yes, Dave Bowers - yes and Paul O'Brien – yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

The Board re-entered public session at 9:12 PM.

**Brad Harriman moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to seal the minutes of the June 14, 2018 non-public meeting. Dave Bowers seconded. Roll call vote, Chairman Murray – yes, Dave Bowers – yes, Dave Senecal – yes, Paul O'Brien – yes and Brad Harriman – yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

The Board discussed the Library Project and some energy issues. They talked about the Libby Museum and the possibility of creating a foundation to raise funds for the Libby Museum.

**It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to adjourn at 9:23 PM.  
Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Chamberlain