

Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen Public Meeting Minutes September 22, 2021

Members present: Chairman Linda Murray, Vice Chairman Dave Senecal, Brad Harriman, Brian Deshaies, and Luke Freudenberg.

Staff present: Town Manager James S. Pineo, Finance Director Kathryn Carpentier, Parks and Recreation Director Christine Collins, Director of Public Works Dave Ford and Recording Secretary Amy Capone Muccio.

Chairman Murray opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A: 3

Mr. Pineo stated that there is a need for non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 a and c to discuss personnel.

Consideration of Minutes

N/A

Public Hearing(s)

Temporary Event Permit(s)

i. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to consider a Temporary Event Permit for Brewster Academy to host a Cross Country Running Race on September 29, 2021 from NOON to 6:00 PM at 390 Pine Hill Road (Abenaki). Permit # 2021-49

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Being no one to speak for or against the permit.

Chairman Murray closed the public hearing. She stated a few meetings ago they had to deny the same request from Kingswood as there is two construction projects going on in this area, it will not be feasible to hold a race.

It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Brian Deshaies to deny the Temporary Event Permit for Brewster Academy to host a Cross Country Running Race on September 29, 2021 from NOON to 6:00 PM at 390 Pine Hill Road (Abenaki). Permit # 2021-49 based on the reason stated above. Members voted and begin all in favor the motion passed.

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person not to exceed 15 minutes)

None

Bulk Vote

N/A

Board/Committee Appointments

N/A

New Business

A. Approval: Emergency Repair-Effluent Pond-Public Works Director

Dave Ford addressed the Board to explain that at a previous meeting the Board authorized an emergency expenditure of Capital Reserves funds to relocate the discharge pipe temporarily when the catwalk collapsed. He stated now they need to address the catwalk. It was reviewed by a professional diver and determined that it is a salvage operation with replacement. He anticipates that Primex will approve and cover the claim, but they cannot wait for the process to unfold and is request to use ARP funds already received by the town for use at the Water Treatment Facility to make this repairs. He stated that at this point they need to make the repair, which will be a temporary fix to last approximately one year.

Chairman Murray questioned the status of the RIB and noted the pond is full at this point. She clarified that he is asking to use the ARP funds already received to make this repair.

Mr. Ford replied that next week they will be at substantial completion and will continue to spray the rest of this month to reduce the pond. The discharge mat can stay until they have a permanent solution for that. He stated that yes, they received ARP funds for Waste Water Treatment and in the end they may get the insurance funds sooner than later, but at this point he needs to start the repair before winter.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to authorize the expenditure of \$128,103.00 of ARP Funds received for Waster Water Treatment to be used to cover the cost of the emergency repair of the catwalk at the Waste Water Effluent Pond. Members voted and begin all in favor the motion passed.

Mr. Deshaies questioned the timeline on paving Railroad Ave?

Mr. Ford replied they are waiting on supplies and the plan is mid to late October.

B. Discussion: Pop Whalen COVID Policy

Christine Collins addressed the Board and stated at the last meeting the Board reviewed the Pop Whalen COVID policy and after discussion at that meeting and more discussions with Chairman Murray and other programs, she has provided a revised version that is less aggressive on the 12 and older participants and more regulated for masks with the 12 and under population. She stated the 12 and under will need to wear masks in the common areas (lobby) and locker rooms. Face shields will be required. She stated that they can start with this and adjust if need be.

Mr. Deshaies stated they do need to keep close communications with the school as they are already seeing an increase in cases.

Chairman Murray agreed as we are starting to see a substantial spread and should follow the school guidelines the best we can. She said she has had numerous discussions with the Recreation Director and other places such as Bedford and Dover are starting to have cases. She stated she knows both sides have very strong feelings one way or another, the goal here is to keep the players safe. What is being recommended is 12 and over is highly encouraged and 12 and under is mandated. She stated that in Dover they are quarantining for 10 days, but feels that will be up to Back Bay Hockey to decide.

Ms. Collins stated that since we are not a year round rink we are behind on the guidelines as other rinks have been open.

Mr. Harriman stated he is good with this recommendation and agrees they should keep in line with what the school is doing.

Mr. Senecal clarified the clear shields will be required?

Ms. Collins replied yes and Chairman Murray added that that was a USA Hockey recommendation.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve the Pop Whalen COVID 19 Policy for the re-opening of Pop Whalen Ice Arena season fall 2021 to spring 2022 as presented at this meeting. Members voted and begin all in favor the motion passed.

C. Discussion: Budget Hearing 2022 Social Service Requests (Agencies)

1. Granite VNA \$22,000

Brian Winslow addressed the Board and stated that Central NH VNA and Concord VNA merged this spring and became Granite VNA and will continue to offer the same great service they always have in Wolfeboro. He stated the primary reason for the merger was due to staffing, which is a State wide problem for healthcare. He stated some new things from the merger is they now have access to a hospice house and community development programs. Last year Granite VNA made 6,021 visits to 424 residents of Wolfeboro with \$46,000 of charity free care costs. He also noted the partnership with Carroll County Coalition of Public Health to offer a PILOT program of offering home bound patients' access to the vaccine and that program worked out very nicely. Granite VNA respectfully requests level funding.

Chairman Murray thanked them for providing services especially during COVID.

2. Tri County Community Action \$14,450

Jeanne Robillard, CEO addressed the Board remotely and introduced Amy Goyette, the Strategic Initiative and Projects Coordinator, who was also attending remotely. She stated this will be their second year making municipal requests in the new format under one ask vs. by program. She explained that Tri County has many programs that service Wolfeboro and by changing to the formula of by municipality vs. program. She stated the purpose of the change was to make the requested based on population to level the playing field amongst the communities. Last year Tri County CAP served 375 Wolfeboro costing \$306, 044; programs include the Energy Fuel Assistance program, Weatherization program, dental program, homeless intervention, housing rental assistance, transit, and USDA food program. All the programs remained in service during COVID.

Chairman Murray thanked them for their services to Wolfeboro.

3. Meals on Wheels \$7,500

Cheryl Dempsey addressed the Board remotely to speak to the level funded request for Meals on Wheels program. She stated that deliveries are up this year and they remained up and running during COVID. She stated 70% of their clients are from Wolfeboro and they also service Brookfield and Tuftonboro.

Chairman Murray thanked them for their services to Wolfeboro and is happy to see they received a generous donation from an estate.

4. Wolfeboro Area Children's Center \$10,000

Terri Ann Cox, Executive Director, addressed the Board and thanked them for their ongoing support. She stated they are requesting level funding again this year to help provide the children of Wolfeboro with affordable child care. She stated that they currently have a significant wait list, especially with the after school program. She stated that 37 families in Wolfeboro benefited from the program last year.

Chairman Murray thanked them for their support of the community.

5. LIFE Ministries Food Pantry \$15,000

Mike Turner, President, addressed the Board and stated that last year the pantry provided 200,800 meals and to date in 2021 they have provided 100,000 meals. He stated 31% of the clients are from Wolfeboro, 176 of them, with 56 of those being children. He stated they respectfully request level funding.

Chairman Murray thanked them for all their service to the community.

6. Kingswood Youth Center \$5,000

Zachary Porter, Executive Director, addressed the Board to thank the Town for their ongoing support of the center. He stated that during the pandemic they found they were providing a different and a deeper kind of support to the local youth as well as an increase in hours of service. He stated they provide 5 major programs for the youth that includes summer programs. He stated they respectfully request level funding.

Chairman Murray thanked them for providing these youth programs to the community.

7. Northern Human Services \$7,449

No one present.

8. Wolfeboro Senior Center & Meals, Inc. \$25,000

Amy Capone Muccio addressed the Board. She first stated as Welfare Director she thanks all the social services agencies, many of them she works with on a regular basis. She noted that during COVID Tri County CAP administered all the emergency funding for housing during COVID, which resulted in very minimal applications to municipal welfare. She thanked them for the great communication and

turnaround. The Wolfeboro Senior Center, which holds its lunch time meals at All Saint's Episcopal Church, has been closed since COVID began and has not re-opened. It will not re-open this year in All Saint's Church due to COVID 19. Currently the Board has obtained new membership and entertaining a lunch at Abenaki Lodge using all disposable materials.

9. Dinner Bell \$6,000

Pastor Bill Petersen addressed the Board to state they are request level funding for the program this year. To adjust to COVID they offered a "to go" option in the parking lot of the All Saint's Church, which is how it is still happening at this time.

Chairman Murray thanked All Saint's for being the fiscal agent of this program.

10. Caregivers of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity Inc. \$4,500

Barbara Hunt addressed the Board virtually to thank the Board for the support of the programs and to request level funding. She stated it is an all-volunteer program and they do reimburse their drivers for rides over 50 miles. She stated the rides they offer are for medical purposes. She noted they do have a surplus as they had to suspend services during COVID, but they have had a decline in income.

Chairman Murray thanked them for their service to the community.

11. CASA \$1,000

No one present.

12. End 68 Hours of Hunger \$5,000

Eileen Leavitt and Carol Simpson addressed the Board as co-coordinators and thanked the town for their support. She stated they had some major fundraisers planned but were cancelled due to weather. They are currently housed at All Saint's Episcopal Church and received help from Gov. Wentworth School district with transportation of the food this past year. They pack 200 bags a food (33 from Wolfeboro), which cost \$13 per bag and with the increase in numbers and the increase in food cost, they unfortunately need to request an additional \$1,000 in assistance.

Chairman Murray thanked them for all they do for the community.

13. White Horse Recovery \$2,730

Mike Yeaton, Founder and CEO, addressed the Board to make a request for social service assistance for residents of Wolfeboro that receives assistance. He explained that regardless of ability to pay, they provide services and are on the referral from Huggins Hospital.

Chairman Murray thanked him and stated they would get back to them about their requests.

14. Children Unlimited

Barbara Campbell, Board President addressed the Board virtually and stated they are seeing level funding for the programs they offer to Wolfeboro residents and noted they did keep the programs going during COVID.

Chairman Murray thanked them for their support of the community.

Other Business

None

Committee Reports

None

Town Manager's Report

None

Questions from the Press

None

Public Input

(Limited to 3 minutes per resident and not to exceed 15 minutes in total)

None

Being no other business, Chairman Murray entertained a motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 a and c to discuss personnel.

It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Dave Senecal to move to non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 a and c to discuss personnel at 7:01 PM. Roll call vote; Linda Murray-yes, Brian Deshaies-yes, Brad Harriman-yes, Dave Senecal-yes, and Luke Freudenberg-yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

The Board re-entered public session at 8:17 PM.

It was moved by Brian Deshaies and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to seal the minutes of the September 22, 2021 non-public session PM. Roll call vote; Linda Murray-yes, Brian Deshaies-yes, Brad Harriman-yes, Dave Senecal-yes, and Luke Freudenberg-yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Being no other business before the Board, Chairman Murray entertained a motion to adjourn.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to adjourn at 8:19 PM. Roll call vote; Linda Murray-yes, Brian Deshaies-yes, Brad Harriman-yes, Dave Senecal-yes, and Luke Freudenberg-yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Capone Muccio