

**Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2022**

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

**Staff present:** Town Manager, James S. Pineo and Recording Secretary, Amelia Capone-Muccio.

Chairman Murray opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

**Non-Public Session RSA 91 A: 3 e**

Chairman Murray stated a non-public session is needed under a & e.

**1. Discussion: SB 249 Short Term Rental**

Chairman Murray stated the Board received a letter via email sending the amend SB249 and a letter asking if Wolfeboro if they would join in on the efforts in opposing SB 249, which removes the Town's ability to decide where short terms rentals can be in their town's zoning. She brought this to the Board to discuss and decide if they want to join in these efforts. She personally would like to send a letter and join the effort because she believes that as a Town they should have the right. She stated she also got a an email from John MacDonald about HB 1570, which is to cut the rate to Town's for mileage resulting in loss of revenue of \$50,000 to 60,000. She stated all of this is getting shifted to the Towns.

Mr. Harriman agreed with Chairman Murray and they have discussed this at the Planning Board level and agree it should be up to Wolfeboro how it wants to decided what areas to have rentals. He questioned the amendment?

Chairman Murray stated the amendment includes a change to parking and noise etc.

Mr. Freudenberg stated Wolfeboro has been ahead of this as they have had a Committee discussion this all last summer. He stated being a resort community, we need to keep control and are the best stewards of Wolfeboro. He agrees to join in.

Mr. Deshaies stated there is another amendment they do not have. He discussed with the local representatives and the second amendment gave the Towns a lot more power. He feels before we write a letter and decide we need to have Jeb Bradley here to explain the bill to us and why he thinks it's not a bad thing for Wolfeboro.

Chairman Murray replied if they invite our Senator, we should also invite our representatives.

Mr. Senecal agreed with Mr. Deshaies he'd like more information. He understands the Planning Board has been discussion this for some time.

Chairman Murray stated there has been a lot of discussion about it, but it is really about Airb & b's. She stated if we support this we don't have to do anything, it keeps us from having to regulate them. The main purpose of the bill was to restrict zoning.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Luke Freudenberg for the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to sign the letter along with other communities in opposition to SB 249.**

***DISCUSSION:***

Mr. Deshaies stated he thinks they should draft their own letter and discuss this further with our State Senator and Representatives to know some support and some don't to make an informed decision. He stated they have been discussing this for ten years, there is no rush. He stated we could have joined in the NH Municipal Association, he brought that to both the Town Manager and the Board for consideration and we didn't have time to get in with that.

Chairman Murray stated if this is enacted it will be July 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated she would like to see Wolfeboro make a statement, she doesn't care if sign on to this one, but she thought this was the latest information. She stated we tried to get the Senator and the Representatives to our last meeting, but they were not available. She stated this came in to the Town on Monday and felt it was important to get it to the Board to discuss.

**It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman for the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to amend the above motion to Selectmen will draft their own letter and will get the latest copy of SB 249 before doing it .Members voted, Dave Senecal-abstained, being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Chairman Murray stated she will work on a draft and the Board will discuss at the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and she requested Mr. Deshaies get her some further information. She stated we should discuss HB 1570 from Pat Waterman.

**2. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A**

Chairman Murray entertained a motion to enter into non-public session to discuss c & e.

**It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Dave Senecal to enter into non-public session at 6:48 to discuss personnel & reputation. Roll call vote Brad Harriman—yes, Linda Murray—yes, Luke Freudenberg—yes, Dave Senecal—yes, and Brian Deshaies—yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

**It was moved by Luke Freudenberg and seconded by Brian Deshaies to seal the minutes of February 23, 2022. Roll call vote Brad Harriman—yes, Linda Murray—yes, Luke Freudenberg—yes, Dave Senecal—yes, and Brian Deshaies—yes. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

*Being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Murray entertained a motion to adjourn.*

**Dave Senecal moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to adjourn at 6:51 PM. Luke Freudenberg seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
**Amelia Capone-Muccio**