

**Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2022**

Draft Minutes

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

Staff present: Town Manager, James S. Pineo, Public Works Director David Ford, Parks & Recreation Director Christine Collins, Fire Chief Thomas Zotti

Chairman Murray opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Non-Public Session RSA 91 A: 3 e

Chairman Murray asked Mr. Pineo if there is a need for Non- public session.

Mr. Pineo replied yes, for under a, d, e and i.

1. Consideration of Minutes

➤ *March 13, 2022*

Chairman Murray amended Page 1 under Meals and Room Tax, should read \$465,631.00. She also amended page 4, 3rd paragraph should read Dow, not Down.

B. Harriman moved to amend minutes B. Deshaies seconded the motion, all in favor D. Senecal, abstention, motion passed

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Nomination of Chairman

B. Harriman moved to nominate Dave Senecal as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the term of April 2022 to March of 2023. B. Deshaies seconded the motion, all in favor motion passed.

Nomination of Vice Chairman

Chairman Murray moved to nominate Brad Harriman as Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the term of April 2022 to March of 2023. Brian Deshaies seconded the motion, Brad Harriman abstention, motion passed.

Board of Selectmen Rules of Procedure for review:

Chairman Murray would like the Board to review the Committee Assignments and believes section # 8 should be removed. Will revisit this at next meeting

2. Public Hearing(s)

Temporary Event Permits

- i. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to consider a Temporary Event Permit for End 68 Hours of hunger to host a musical fundraiser in Cate Park and Community Bandstand on 7/3/2022 from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

Eileen Leavitt, gave a summary of event and stated she had the paperwork to submit for the event.

Chairman Murray asked if anyone had public comment on the event. Asked Board if they had comments. None.

D. Senecal moved to approve the Event, L. Freudenberg seconded the motion all in favor motion passed

3. Public Comment

Chairman Murray asked if anyone for Public Comment.

None

4. Bulk Vote

5.

A. Weekly Manifests

i. March 25, 2022	\$ 113,595.97
ii. April 01, 2022	\$ 1,351,843.87

B. Property Tax Credit/ Exemptions

i.32 King Street	Tax Map 203 Lot 42
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C. Intent to Cut Wood and Timber- Yield Tax Levy

i . Bickford Rd Tax Map 72 Lot 7

Warrants

i. Gov. Wentworth Hwy	Tax Map 181-5	\$5,562.15
ii. 68 North Line Rd	Tax Map 118-8	\$23,933.07
iii. 76B Pine Hill Rd	Tax Map 176-4	\$227.94
iv. 478 Center Street	Tax Map 148-11	\$1,605.67
v. Haines Hill Rd	Tax Map 33-35	\$84.43
vi. 56 Suncrest Dr	Tax Map 41-5	\$117.25
vii. 420 Browns Ridge Rd	Tax Map 37-1	\$341.01
viii. 49 Trask Mountain Rd	Tax Map 35-1 & 3	\$1,056.09

D. Property Tax Refund/ Abatement

i. 61 Haines Hill Rd Tax Map 86 Lot 1-6 \$85.59

B. Deshaies moved to approve the bulk vote items A-D. L. Freudenberg seconded motion passed

5. Board/Committee Appointments:

Agricultural Commission

i. Macy Gotthardt	Alt. Member	Term Expires March 2025
ii. Marge Strunk	Member	Term Expires March 2025
iii. David Strauch	Member	Term Expires March 2025

L. Freudenberg moved to appoint members as listed, motion seconded, motion passed

Cable Franchise Committee

i. Marshall Goldberg	Member	Term Expires March 2024
ii Peter Schneider	Member	Term Expires March 2024
iii. David Wells	Member	Term Expires March 2024
iv. Timothy Goodwin	Member	Term Expires March 2024

v. Denise Velasco Member Term Expires March 2024

B. Deshaies moved to appoint members as listed, motion seconded, motion passed

Conservation Commission

i. Warren Muir Member Term Expires March 2025
ii. James Nupp Member Term Expires March 2025
iii. Brenda Jorett Member Term Expires March 2024
iv. Peter Foley Alt. Member Term Expires March 2025

L. Freudenberg moved to appoint members as listed, motion seconded, motion passed

Economic Development Committee

i. Barry Elliott Member Term Expires March 2025
ii. Lucy Van Cleve Member Term Expires March 2025
iii. Jennifer French Member Term Expires March 2024
iv. Phyllis Tessier At. Member Term Expires March 2024

B. Harriman moved to appoint members as listed, motion seconded, motion passed

Energy Committee

i. Dick Bryd Member Term Expires March 2025
ii. Nancy Hirshberg Member Term Expires March 2025

D. Senecal Moved to appoint members as listed, motion seconded, motion passed

Heritage Commission

i. Maggie Stier Member Term Expires March 2025
ii. Vaune Dugan Member Term Expires March 2025
iii. Andrea Dudley Alt. Member Term Expires March 2025

B. Harriman moved to appoint members as listed, motion seconded, motion passed

Milfoil Committee

- i. Thomas Ouhרבka Member Term Expires March 2025
- ii. Rebecca Bartlett Member Term Expires March 2025
- iii. John Russell Member Term Expires March 2025

L. Freudenberg moved to appoint members as listed, motion seconded, motion passed

Wolfeboro Waters

- i. Bree Rossiter Member Term Expires March 2025

B. Deshaies moved to appoint members as listed, motion seconded, motion passed

6. New Business

A. Approval: Hawkers & Peddlers Permit location #4- Wolfeboro Boat Co.

Liz Hartford spoke to the request of putting a cart, to sell items representing Wolfeboro

L. Murray asked about obtaining the license for this.

L. Harford said yes.

B. Approval: Emergency Management Deputy Position-

Fire Chief Zotti spoke to the need of appointing a Civilian member to become an Emergency Management Deputy. Senior Staff Members are needed in the field. B. Deshaies asked if this would be an unpaid position, Chief Zotti said yes and eventually budget for a small stipend.

L. Freudenberg moved to approve appointing an EMD as outlined by Chief Zotti. B. Deshaies seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

C. Approval: Arbor Day proclamation- May 6th, 2022- Parks & Recreation

Chairman Murray read the Proclamation Declaring May 6, 2022 Arbor Day

B. Harriman moved to declare Arbor Day May 6, 2022, motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed

D. Appointment: Dan Ross-Pleasant Valley Road condition

Mr. Ross, addressed the Board with concerns regarding the current condition of Pleasant Valley Rd. Mr. Ross feels the condition of the road is deplorable and would like the Board to consider appropriating funds to repair the road.

Mr. Nobel endorses Mr. Ross's comments, wanted to add the runoff of water that hasn't been seen before and feels this run off is adding the negative issues of the road.

Mr. DeVlyder also spoke to the negative condition of the road. He would not like to wait 2 years for repair.

Inaudible residents (2), spoke to the how the money is being spent in the Town, but ignoring the needs of the road. Feels like its time for PVR to get attention.

B. Budman Inquired about the safety of the road. Board voted to make precautionary repairs. Would like to consider moving forward to repair please consider implementing recreation and running on it.

Lauren Sealy spoke to the dangers of bicycling on the road.

Mike Matos asked the board to consider speaking to the residents before moving forward with repairs as they know the road well.

Sandy Wing spoke to pedestrians, bikes, cars, are all effected in the use of the road, the road has bad drainage. Every year the road gets worse.

Chairman Murray also spoke to the condition of Pleasant Valley Road, and possible solutions. She noted that back in 2019 a list of roads needing attention and Pleasant Valley was on the list for 2020-2021.

B. Harriman moved to have Item G moved up on the Agenda moved. Senecal seconded the motion, motion approved.

E. Approval: Emergency Road work approvals-Public Works

Town Manager Pineo said the town invests 1.3 million a year to put into our roads, and the costs only rising. We have a chance to use ARPA funds for emergency repairs on Pleasant Valley Road and that would be all we could do this year. We could come in with a Warrant Article in 2023 for Pleasant Valley Road work.

Chairman Murray invited Dave Ford to speak regarding the issue.

D. Ford spoke to the residents' comments regarding the condition of Pleasant Valley Road, he apologized for the condition of the road and stated he is embarrassed, he praised his crew for the work they do in helping keep 66 miles of roads up to date within the Budget we work with. He said it will be costly to replace the road that the residents envision.

L. Murray stated that some parts of the road are worse than other sections, and possibly could be done in sections.

J. Pineo mentioned a stand-alone Bond Project as a possible solution.

L. Murray doesn't believe that would work.

D. Ford gave a further description of his proposal. He summarized his the original road plan this year, but how he could revise that to incorporate some repairs to

Pleasant Valley. He noted that an emergency fix will be what they would address first then a plan to address the rest of the issues which is a total of \$420,000 in repairs. He suggested that this emergency work could be funded with ARPA funds.

B. Harriman commented on suggested solutions and agrees with what he proposes to do that the suggestions are economical for the future larger project.

B. Deshaies asked the audience for a show of hands on how they voted on two Warrant Articles.

L. Murray asked D. Ford about the process involved on his proposal.

D. Ford addressed the process in depth and the scope of the project and the most cost effective approach. It is a scenic road, with a lot of ash trees are dying. He's like to know if the Board would like to go with this proposed plan.

L. Freudenberg agreed with Mr. Harriman, there are miles of roads that Wolfeboro takes care. He thinks they should address the emergency but the full project will need to come forward which will be expensive.

D. Senecal explained to the audience that the BOS is not the only Board to look at these issues, the CIP and Budget Committee are also involved.

D. Ford proposed a work session with Pleasant Valley residents to discuss it further.

A few Pleasant Valley residents spoke to D. Ford and wanted him to know this was not an attack of him and his crew, they have done a great job on the roads in Wolfeboro. The purpose of the comments, they just wanted to make clear the road was in dire need of repair and is becoming a safety issue. The residents like the idea of a workshop and the ability to work together.

L. Murray clarified they are talking about proposal that includes Rt. 28 to New Garden Rd (no bridge), Upper Trask and Pleasant Valley Culvert, and in house work on Pleasant Valley for a total of \$420,000.

Mr. Ford replied correct.

B. Harriman moved to appropriate \$420,000 from ARPA funds as outlined in memo dated from Dave Ford to be used for repairs to Pleasant Valley Road and Upper Trask Mountain Road as proposed. Senecal seconded; all in favor, motion passed.

F. Approval: ARPA Grant Funding use updates-Public Works

Dave Ford addressed the ARPA Funding from his memo dated 3/28/22. The Town has received half of the \$640,000 in ARPA monies expected. He noted a bulk of the funds will be used as discussed for Pleasant Valley Road, the remaining funds he proposes to use follows:

- Underground pipe replacement in center of town (around Town Hall).

- Sewer Pump Station in need of new control handles.
- New Truck for DPW, had to move quickly, the costs where escalating.
- Sewer Ext. suggested for Varney Rd.
- Sewell Rd to Forest Rd (Carey Beach) sewer project.

L. Murray questioned is the concern the phosphorus getting into the lake, and she needs to see what you are looking at and plan sooner than later so she can understand what is happening.

D. Ford said he could get her a memo to clarify that, but we need to get going on this project due to the timing.

B. Harriman, said he is comfortable with this work, he has spoken to Dave about this issue. He would like to see people come off their sewer and on septic.

D. Ford said these plans will need to be looked at by the state.

D. Senecal would like to see the Plan, and asked D. Ford to forward them to him as soon as possible. He has a meeting with NH DES next week.

B. Deshaies asked if the Bath Houses at Carey Beach will be in use this summer.

D. Ford said yes.

L. Murray entertained a motion and noted that it will be contingent upon getting that sewer line plan as practical

D. Senecal made a motion to approve the requested amount of \$640,000 from the ARPA funding as recommended. Motion seconded by B. Harriman, all in favor motion passed.

G. Approval SRF Port Wedeln Drainage Project-Consultant Selection

Mr. Ford stated this project includes Port Wedeln and a small portion of the private association. It was put out to bid reviewed by staff, interviewed three companies. The company chosen was Stantec due to their history with us and ability to work on this large project. He provided a list of the consultants used by the Town so we can prove the consultants were chosen based on qualifications.

L. Murray stated it is a nice list to have and that is what the state does.

H. Approval: Seasonal Water Line Connection fees for upgrades

D. Ford addressed topic previously discussed at other meetings; the need to update the Water and Sewer Rate Schedule to include the summer lines. It will not fully recoup the cost but helps to offset the cost and is a compromise to get this very important project done D. Ford recommended the following:

- **Private Year round No Fee**
- **Municipal Seasonal \$3,000/3bedroom or less**
- **No service \$6,000/3 bedroom or less**
- **Note: Additional \$1000/bdrm. For seasonal; \$2,000/bdrm for new customers**

B. Harriman made the motion to approve the New Water Fee Schedule effective April 6, 2022 as presented. B. Deshaies seconded, all in favor, motion passed

I. Discussion: Feasibility Study-Municipal Electric Building, Lehner Street

D. Ford spoke to the Feasibility Study performed by Bergeron Technical Services.

D. Ford Feels there is good vision for the building.

L. Murray suggested getting CCI involved to get another perspective for uses.

J. Discussion: Progress of Master Plan recommendations

L. Murray spoke to the Master Plan recommendations and said the Board all has copies and she would like them to review and should plan to go over recommendations within the next year.

K. Approval: Removal of dead tree in Cate Park

D. Ford addressed the Tree that was taken down 4/6/2022 in Cate Park. The tree had been infected with the Emerald Ash Bora and was a safety issue to the public.

7. Other Business

None

8. Committee Reports

B. Deshaies spoke to the Energy Committee, and they are looking at Solar Projects in Town.

L. Freudenberg, there were several committee meetings this week.

L. Murray met with sub-committee of the WWC, they're looking into several projects

B. Harriman attended the WCTV meeting and the Planning Board meeting

9. Town Manger's Report

J. Pineo spoke to the meetings regarding ARPA funding. Pop Whelan Demo Permit was issued this week, and the project is off and running. The plan is to have weekly updates on the ongoing project. He also mentioned that we had a swearing in of the New Deputy Firefighter, and 2 new Firefighters.

10. Questions from the Press

None

11. Public Input

None

12. Non-Public Sessions RSA 91-A

D. Senecal made a motion to move into Non-Public Session to discuss personnel, motion seconded roll call vote: Dave Senecal-yes, Brad Harriman-yes, Linda Murray-yes, Luke Freudenberq-yes and Brian Deshaies, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Baraldi

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** Please note these minutes are subject to amendments and approval later**

The Board re-entered public session at 8:32.

D. Senecal moved to seal the minutes of April 6, 2022, L. Freudenberq seconded. Roll call vote; Linda Murray-yes, Dave Senecal-yes, Brad Harriman-yes, Brian Deshaies-yes and Luke Freudenberq-yes.

L. Freudenberq moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM. D. Senecal seconded. Members voted all in favor, the motion passed.