

**MINUTES**  
**Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 3:00 PM**  
In-Person Session at the Great Hall 2nd Floor, 9 Union St. Wolfeboro

**3:00 PM-Special Meeting**

**Chairman Brad Harriman calls special meeting to order 3:04 p.m.**

**BoS members present: Linda Murray, Brian Deshaies, David Senecal, Luke Freudenberg**

**Staff: Amy Capone-Muccio; Town Manager James Pineo attends 3:26 p.m.**

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A: 3 - NONE

1. Consideration of Minutes NONE

2. Public Hearing(s) N/A

3. Bulk Vote N/A

**Mr. Harriman proposes and asks for motion to move Cate Park renovation bid ahead of board/committee appointments.**

**Mr. Freudenberg MOTION; SECOND Mr. Deshaies; ALL APPROVE 5-0**

New Business

A. Approval: Cate Park renovation bid

Mr. Harriman: 2 p.m. bid opening for Cate Park handicap ramp. Three bids received.

- John Thurston – bid \$80,831
- Richard Federico – bid \$140,000
- W.P. Excavation – bid \$124,389.17

All three bids included insurance certificates; bids all valid; we all looked them over a bit. Since time is of the essence, it'd be good to make a decision here at the meeting. We can have some discussion. John Thurston is the low bidder on this; very familiar with the project; he did a lot of the design work on it. I'm leaning toward awarding it to John.

Mrs. Murray agrees.

Mr. Freudenberg: fully agree.

Mr. Harriman calls for a motion.

**Mr. Freudenberg MOTION to approve John Thurston's bid of \$80,831 for the Cate Park ADA ramp and railing. SECOND Mrs. Murray. Mr. Harriman any other discussion? All APPROVE. 5-0.**

Mr. Harriman: Get to work, John. *[laughing]*

#### 4. Board/Committee Appointments:

Mr. Harriman wants to do a group at a time instead of individually. Asks selectmen if they want to do one motion or sort them out individually. [Referring to agriculture commission appointments; members Mrs. Murray and Mr. Senecal off mike; Amy off mike]

Amy Capone-Muccio explains agriculture commission appointments and how nominations were received. Dave Rogers submitted his by email; his term through 2026 because he's a current, expired member. Explains all three of the members are currently on the board. Says Mr. Devylder wants to continue to be an alternate.

##### *Agricultural Commission*

- i. Sarah Silk member Term expires 2026
- ii. Kurt DeVlyder alternate Term expires 2026
- iii. David Rogers member Term expires 2026

**Mrs. Murray MOTION to APPOINT Sarah Silk and David Rogers as members of the Agricultural Commission along with Kurt DeVlyder as alternate of Agricultural Commission; terms expiring 2026.**

**SECOND Mr. Deshaies.**

Mr. Senecal voices opposition against approving Sarah Silk on any committee because of what happened at the April 3, 2023 ZBA meeting. *[rest of his statement off mic]*

Mr. Deshaies *[off mic]*

Mrs. Murray states Ms. Silk is also an alternate for the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Deshaies asks how long will it take for that to be settled.

Mr. Senecal *[off mic]*

Mrs. Murray: talked to Sarah and she plans to make an apology to members of the board and to the public. Doesn't think there's anybody on this board or any board in this town periodically hasn't made errors. Sarah made an error here. I'm sure she'll apologize. She's been a long term volunteer on many of our committees – on the Agricultural and Conservation commissions.

**Mr. Deshaies wants to make a motion.**

**Mrs. Murray states her motion is on the floor.**

**Mr. Deshaies wants to AMEND the motion to approve SARAH SILK post her apology to the committee.**

Mrs. Murray is not willing to change her motion; it's been seconded. If she's appointed, I think in good faith, she'll do what she said she'll do.

Mr. Harriman says a motion to amend could be made.

Mrs. Murray says she will not accept an amendment.

Mr. Harriman says Mr. Deshaies has a right to amend; if he gets a second – then we deal with that. Then we come back to the original motion and second that’s on the floor.

**Mr. Deshaies MOTION to AMEND and accept her on both of her committees after her apology at the next ZBA meeting.**

**Mr. Harriman asks for a second on the AMENDMENT. NO SECOND- the amendment fails., We’re back to the original motion; any more discussion?**

Mr. Freudenberg says he’s on the ZBA and was there that evening. Sarah Silk has an extensive history working here and donating her time as a volunteer and serving on these committees. In being there, I saw it as a complete slip. It was unfortunate. As Linda stated, whether there’s a mic on or off, sometimes you get caught in a situation where she probably felt uninformed about some things and she lost her cool; it was inappropriate. I too, am sure she’ll do the right thing and apologize. I’m good with that. I think there are bigger questions about the ZBA in total; but I think that outburst will be rectified by her. I’m OK with nominating her.

Mr. Harriman: any further discussion? None –

**All those in FAVOR of voting these three folks. APPROVE by 3-1-1 – Mr. SENEAL votes NO; Mr. Deshaies ABSTAINS.**

Mr. Harriman:

*Heritage Commission*

- i. Suzanne Ryan member Term expires 2026
- ii. Andrea Dudley member term expires 2026 (moving from alternate to full board member)

Ms. Capone-Muccio explains Cindy Melanson did not renew her membership; Andrea Dudley would take over Ms. Melanson’s term.

Mrs. Murray says that would leave two positions open for three years; in case anybody’s listening.

**Mr. Freudenberg MOTION to appoint to the Heritage Commission**

**Suzanne Ryan member Term expires 2026;**

**Andrea Dudley member term expires 2026 (moving from alternate to full board member) .**

**SECOND Mr. Senecal; Mr. Harriman asks for discussion-none: APPROVED 5-0.**

Mr. Harriman:

*Milfoil Committee*

- i. Susan Goodwin member Term expires 2026
- ii. Kathy Barnard member Term expires 2026
- iii. Marc Martin member Term expires 2026
- iv. Jim McDevitt member Term expires 2026

**Mr. Senecal MOTION to appoint to the Milfoil Committee:**

**Susan Goodwin member Term expires 2026;**

**Kathy Barnard member Term expires 2026;**

**Marc Martin member Term expires 2026;**

**Jim McDevitt member Term expires 2026.**

**SECOND Mr. Deshaies. Mr. Harriman asks for discussion-none: APPROVED 5-0.**

Mr. Harriman:

*Economic Development Committee*

i. Mary DeVries alternate Term expires 2026

ii. Carrie Duran member term expires 2026

iii. Cindy Fournier alternate (NEW position) Term expires 2026

Ms. Capone-Muccio *[off mic]* says request by Carrie Duran – a new member -was received yesterday.

Mrs. Murray says there is one opening for a member for three years; one alternate for three years. We now have two alternates; Doesn't have a problem with two EDC alternates; that's not what was listed.

Ms. Capone-Muccio says Cindy answered the ad. She would be a new member. You see her information; you can certainly decline her. The only reason she's suggested as an alternate is because sometimes we get interested people and sometimes we don't.

Mr. Deshaies *[off mic comments]*

Mrs. Murray says when the committee was made, there were a certain number of members; we agree to an extra alternate – so there is a record of what we did. That's my point. That's not what is on our sheet and what the openings are.

Mr. Harriman: Do we still have openings for a full term member?

Mrs. Murray: not from what's on the sheet. I think it's good to have alternate members. That's how they learn and eventually get on the committee. I think we have to be conscious that's what we're doing.

**Mr. Freudenberg: should we have a motion to have a new alternate?**

**MOTION that a new alternate member to the Economic Development Committee.**

**SECOND Mrs. Murray. Mr. Harriman says there's a motion-discussion-none. APPROVE 5-0.**

**Mr. Freudenberg MOTION to appoint/reappoint to the Economic Development Committee**

**Mary DeVries alternate Term expires 2026;**

**Cindy Fournier alternate (NEW position) Term expires 2026;**

**Carrie Duran member term expires 2026;**

**SECOND Mrs. Murray; Mr. Harriman-Motion made; discussion-none: ALL APPROVE 5-0.**

Mr. Harriman:

*Conservation Commission*

i. Dan Coons member Term expires 2026

ii. Brian Gifford member Term expires 2026

iii. Sarah Silk alternate Term expires 2026

iv. Warren Muir alternate term expires 2025 switch spots with Peter

v. Peter Foley member term expires 2025 switch spots with Warren

Ms. Capone-Muccio says she was contacted by LeeAnn contacted her and stated the two gentleman want to switch spots.

Mr. Deshaies: states if the conservation commission does anything on their property with regards to expanding any type of activities – walking, hiking – whatever kind of trails they do there, (thinks it should happen on town property, too) – we need to have some wetland delineation; we need wetland mapping; we need something done. Dan Coons being on the CC and also being on organization that builds trails on conservation commission land and on town property, they've had a write-off where because he's on that group we haven't done any environmental studies on any of our properties.

Mr. Harriman: That's something that should be taken up with the Conservation Commission itself; we're here strictly today to appoint members to a commission; not to go into how they're operating and doing things. We should just focus on appointing these people to these terms.

Mr. Deshaies: I have no problem with him being on the commission. I would hope he recuses himself from activities where things can be built on town property regards to his private interests in the trails committee or the single-track alliance.

Mr. Harriman: any other discussion?

**Mr. Freudenberg MOTION to appoint to the Conservation Commission:**

**Dan Coons member Term expires 2026**

**Brian Gifford member Term expires 2026**

**Sarah Silk alternate Term expires 2026**

**Warren Muir moving from member term to alternate term expires 2025;**

**Peter Foley moving from an alternate term to a member term expires 2025.**

**SECOND Mrs. Murray. Mr. Harriman- discussion? none. APPROVE 4-1; Mr. Senecal votes NO.**

Mr. Harriman:

*Wolfeboro Waters Committee*

- i. Kathy Barnard member Term expires 2026
- ii. Warren Muir member Term expires 2025
- iii. Art Slocum member Term expires 2025
- iv. Richard Masse member Term expires 2024
- v. Mary DeVries-alternate Term expires 2026

Mrs. Murray says all these members have a term of three years. We looked at our roster. We wanted to have turnover; we met and people agreed to these term lengths so everybody doesn't go off and come on at the same time.

**Mrs. Murray MOTION to appoint to Wolfeboro Waters Committee**

**Kathy Barnard member Term expires 2026**

**Warren Muir member Term expires 2025**

**Art Slocum member Term expires 2025**

**Richard Masse member Term expires 2024**

**Mary DeVries- alternate Term expires 2026**

**SECOND Mr. Freudenberg; Mr. Harriman – motion made; discussion – none. All APPROVE 5-0**

Mr. Harriman:

*Energy Committee*

- i. Michael Kolodner member Term expires 2026
- ii. Jessica Shor, alternate (NEW) term expires 2025

Ms. Capone-Muccio says Jessica Shor answered the ad; her email/Gmail address landed in Amy's junk mail via town email filter. The committee is pretty full; forwarded the inquiry to Nancy; She seemed OK with entertaining this. They've had a lot of switching around. They'd be interested in adding another alternate to the group.

Mrs. Murray: so there isn't another alternate spot.

Ms. Capone-Muccio: Thinks that they do; they haven't been full for a little while. I think we've just let it be at that. They had quite a few people who just left at once. It might be another committee where we'll look at the staggering of terms. That's another project we'll work on. Such as Wolfeboro Waters; Energy Committee; Milfoil. I've created a spread sheet; I'm trying to keep track of who's got what; who's on first.

Mrs. Murray: we think there's a member and alternate open.

Ms. Capone-Muccio: If there isn't, I will let you know. I'm going to try to get these groups to send me their rules. I have some. That's where I can find out how many people they have. I'm not sure they know how many they have. They're from different chairman who are no longer on it.

Mrs. Murray: We should be able to go back to minutes when we created it. Or at a meeting we can just decide – maybe that's easiest.

Ms. Capone-Muccio- and record it going forward.

Mr. Harriman: Yes.

**Mr. Freudenberg MOTION to appoint to the Energy Committee:**

**Michael Kolodner member Term expires 2026**

**Jessica Shor, alternate (NEW) term expires 2025**

**SECOND Mrs. Murray. Mr. Harriman- discussion? none. APPROVE 5-0.**

Mr. Harriman:

Trustees of the Trust Funds

- i. Rick Hawes alternate term expires 2024 (filling Karen Haskell's term out)

Ms. Capone-Muccio: Trustees are usually put on the ballot; the alternate isn't. Karen has wanted to leave the group for some time. Rick Hawes would take her place; fill her term and start fresh next year.

*[Mr. Pineo arrives]*

**Mr. Freudenberg MOTION to appoint to Trustees of the Trust Funds:**

**Rick Hawes alternate term expires 2024**

**SECOND Mrs. Murray. Mr. Harriman – discussion – non. ALL APPROVE 5-0.**

Mr. Harriman: Cate Park new business already taken care of earlier.

6. Other Business - NONE

**Mr. Deshaies MOTION to ADJOURN at 3:28**

**SECOND – Mrs. Murray. All APPROVE- 5-0**

Next Meeting date: April 19, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Submitted by:

The image shows two handwritten signatures. The first signature on the left is written in cursive and appears to be 'B. Jorett'. The second signature on the right is also in cursive and is more stylized, possibly reading 'R. Deshaies'.

Brenda Jorett