

MINUTES
Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:30 PM
In-Person Session at the Great Hall 2nd Floor, 9 Union St. Wolfeboro

6:30 PM-Regular Session

BoS members Present: Mr. Harriman, David Senecal, Luke Freudenberg, Brian Deshaies; Absent: Linda Murray

Staff: James Pineo; Capt. Mark Livie, Wolfeboro Police Department

Chairman Brad Harriman calls meeting to order. Need for Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:

Mr. Pineo: No.

1. Consideration of Minutes

- i. January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting
- ii. January 17, 2024 Special Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Senecal to approve Jan. 17, 2024 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Second Mr. Deshaies. Approved 4-0.

Mr. Pineo: notes Jan. 17 special meeting minutes indicate "July."

Mr. Harriman: typo will be corrected.

MOTION by Mr. Freudenberg to approve Jan. 17, 2024 special meeting minutes as amended. Second Mr. Deshaies. Approved 4-0.

2. Public Hearing(s)

Town Ordinance

i. The Town of Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing in accordance with NH RSA 265:63 & RSA 41:11 on February 7, 2024, at 6:30 pm at Wolfeboro Town Hall- Great Hall, 9 Union St Street, Wolfeboro, NH to accept public input on:

- Proposed ordinance entitled "Speed Limit ordinance" reducing speed on River Street to 25 MPH.
- Proposed installation of "Crosswalks at the intersection of the Cotton Valley Rail Trail and the following streets: River Street, Mast Landing, Whitten Neck Road and Bryant Road". To be installed and maintained by Cotton Valley Rail Trail Committee, Inc.

Mr. Harriman: Speed limit issue – take that first.

John Malay, standing in for Jim Connors, Crescent Point Homeowners Association; speaking on behalf of the association. Suggests 20 mph speed – which is Whitten Neck Rd. speed limit as it crosses rail trail. That is a safe speed.

Mr.; Harriman: Opens the public hearing related to speed limit on River St. No comments from public. Closes public hearing.

Mr. Deshaies: How often will crosswalks be repainted?

Mr. Harriman: This is just the speed limit portion. Reads submitted letter from Barry Elliot, 22 River St.- reads the speed limit portion of Mr. Elliot's letter; Mr. Elliot is in support of reducing the speed limit; asks for signage related to blind driveway at 22 River Street.

MOTION by Mr. Freudenberg to approve the proposed ordinance entitled "Speed Limit Ordinance" reducing speed on River Street to 20 MPH. Second Mr. Senecal. Approved 4-0.

Mr. Harriman: Now discuss the crosswalks. **Cotton Valley Rail Trail and River Street, Mast Landing, Whitten Neck Road and Bryant Road**". To be installed and maintained by Cotton Valley Rail Trail Committee, Inc.

John Malay Crescent Point Association - 28 homes; River St. is entrance and side Rd- Blackberry Lane. Over time concerned about the dangers of crossing River St. With Cotton Valley Rail Trail Committee we've installed our own signs. Additional signage warns motorists "People at Play" signs. Association volunteers clear vegetation at crossing points so people driving both ways can see pedestrians and bicycle traffic. Appreciates BoS support.

Want to allow Cotton Valley Rail Trail Committee to install and maintain a pedestrian crosswalk when it's approved. The association will donate \$200 to the rail trail committee to support and provide sweat equity/labor toward cost of installation and maintenance.

Trail is a good asset for town and want it to be safe.

Mr. Deshaies: Will crosswalks conform and are they subject to local and state statues? Are there dimensions to be provided or adhered to. Are these crosswalks on private property?

Mr. Harriman: These are all town roads.

Noreen McDonald, President Cotton Valley Trail Inc. Installed and maintains the 12 mile trail. Rail Trail Club uses the rails on the trail. Fundraising and grants obtained. All-volunteer organization: members put in 1400 hours in the past year to maintain the trail. Requesting town approval for the 'piano key' painted crosswalks. Bicyclists are the biggest offenders ignoring the stop signs at crossings. Goal of crosswalk is to create sense of awareness. Effort to slow down the bicyclists. A similar crosswalk was done in Brookfield in spring 2023 and it's been effective.

Problems include stolen/removed stop signs; 10 mph signs removed; painted crosswalks cannot be removed. Goal is safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Committee will maintain permanent; will use paint required by DPW; met with Steve Randal; and they have the crosswalk stencil. This is a state right-of-way have NH OK for this; not as wide as the town crosswalks. Between the rails 56 ¼ inches wide.

Mr. Harriman: Opens the public hearing for River St. Crosswalks.

Bob Sterndale, Forest Rd: Supports the crosswalks. This recreational trail gets more and more use. It's an obvious improvement. Notes 20 mph not allowed by state.

Mr. Pineo: Correct – the town cannot enforce anything below 25; can have an 'advisory' 20 mph limit.

Mr. Harriman: Reads remaining portion of Mr. Elliot's letter in support of crosswalk at the proposed locations. Closes the public hearing. DPW/Steve Randall has advised the group on the paint and stenciling.

Motion by Mr. Deshaies to approve installation of "Crosswalks at the intersection of the Cotton Valley Rail Trail and the following streets: River Street, Mast Landing, Whitten Neck Road and Bryant Road. To be installed and maintained by Cotton Valley Rail Trail Committee, Inc.

Second Mr. Senecal. APPROVED 4-0.

Donation

i. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Great Hall Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire for the acceptance of unanticipated funds for an amount donated that is valued less than \$10,000 in accordance with RSA 31:95-b III (a), relative to a donation of two plaques to be placed at the Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Arena.

Jeff McGuinness with Kurt DeVlyder, Friends of Pop Whalen: Planning a "Wall of Fame" to be installed in Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Center lobby to recognize coaches, volunteers, players. Board has printed copies showing concept of the Wall of Fame. Final design underway for the Wall of Fame. Donations secured to purchase and install the first plaque. *[presents design concept image to BoS]*

Mr. Harriman: Where in the lobby will this be?

Mr. McGuinness: Describes location for the Wall of Fame – east end; near where the old building doors were. Will grow over time along that wall.

Mr. Pineo: This wall of fame was included in the initial conception of the building.

Mr. Deshaies: When will you present this to the public?

Mr. McGuinness: Possibly installed by end of March. Would help with some fundraising events later in the year/July.

Mr. Harriman: Opens the public hearing. No comments from public; no questions/comments from the board.

MOTION by Mr. Deshaies to accept unanticipated funds for an amount donated that is valued less than \$10,000 in accordance with RSA 31:95-b III (a), relative to a donation of two plaques to be placed on a Wall of Fame at the Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Arena. Second Mr. Freudenberg. Approved 4-0.

Temporary Event Permit(s)

- i. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at approximately 6:30 PM at the Great Hall Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire to consider a temporary event permit for the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand to hold a summer concert series on the following dates; June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, Aug 3, Aug 10, Aug 17, Aug 24, Aug 31, 2024 from 7 PM to 9 PM.

Permit #2024-12.

Mr. Harriman: This is the ongoing summer concert series done every summer. Opens the public hearing. No comments/questions from public. Closes the public hearing.

MOTION by Mr. Deshaies to issue a temporary event permit for the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand to hold a summer concert series on the following dates; June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, Aug 3, Aug 10, Aug 17, Aug 24, Aug 31, 2024 from 7 PM to 9 PM. Permit #2024-12. Second Mr. Freudenberg. Approved 4-0.

- i. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at approximately 6:30 PM at the Great Hall Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire to consider a temporary event permit for the Wolfeboro Historical Society to host an Antique Fair at the Clark Museum on July 6, 2024 from 11 AM to 3 PM. Permit #2024-13.

Pat Hodder, vice present of the historical society. Outdoor antique fair event at the Clark Museum; three events this summer; local vendors on grounds of Clark Museum. Vendor parking is off sight. No public parking issue.

Mr. Harriman: Opens the public hearing; no comments from the public. Closes the public hearing.

MOTION by Mr. Senecal to issue a temporary event permit for the Wolfeboro Historical Society to host an Antique Fair at the Clark Museum on July 6, 2024, from 11 AM to 3 PM. Permit #2024-13. Second Mr. Freudenberg. Approved 4-0.

- ii. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at approximately 6:30 PM at the Great Hall Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire to consider a temporary event permit for the Wolfeboro Historical Society to host an Antique Fair at the Clark Museum on August 10, 2024 from 11 AM to 3 PM. Permit #2024-14

Pat Hodder, vice present of the society: There is no rain date for these three events.

Mr. Harriman: Opens the public hearing. No public comments/questions. Closes the public hearing.

MOTION by Mr. Deshaies to issue a temporary event permit for the Wolfeboro Historical Society to host an Antique Fair at the Clark Museum on August 10, 2024, from 11 AM to 3 PM. Permit #2024-14. Second Mr. Senecal. Approved. 4-0.

iii. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at approximately 6:30 PM at the Great Hall Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire to consider a temporary event permit for the Wolfeboro Historical Society to host an Antique Fair at the Clark Museum on October 12, 2024, from 11 AM to 3 PM. Permit #2024-15

Pat Hodder, vice present of the society: Same event, different day.

Mr. Harriman: Opens the public hearing. No comments/questions from the public. Closes the public hearing.

MOTION by Mr. Deshaies to issue a temporary event permit for the Wolfeboro Historical Society to host an Antique Fair at the Clark Museum on October 12, 2024 from 11 AM to 3 PM. Permit #2024-15. Second Mr. Freudenberg. Approved. 4-0.

iv. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at approximately 6:30 PM at the Great Hall Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire to consider a temporary event permit for Brewster Academy to host the On the Green I Arts & Crafts Festival at DeWolfe Field (80 Academy Drive) on **July 12-14, 2024**, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Permit #2024-16

Christine Brown, from Brewster: Event is July 12-14- Friday-Sunday; arts/crafts and snacks sold; proceeds benefit Brewster day student scholarships.

Mr. Harriman: Opens the public hearing; no comments/questions from public. Closes the public hearing.

MOTION by Mr. Deshaies to issue a temporary event permit for Brewster Academy to host the On the Green I Arts & Crafts Festival at DeWolfe Field (80 Academy Drive) on July 13-14, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Permit #2024-16. Second Mr. Freudenberg. Approved. 4-0.

v. The Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at approximately 6:30 PM at the Great Hall Town Hall, 84 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire to consider a temporary event permit for Brewster Academy to host the On the Green II Arts & Crafts Festival at DeWolfe Field (80 Academy Drive) on August 9-11, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Permit #2024-17.

Christine Brown, Brewster: Same event; different days.

Mr. Harriman: Opens the public hearing; no comments/questions from public. Closes the public hearing.

MOTION by Mr. Deshaies to issue a temporary event permit for Brewster Academy to host the On the Green II Arts & Crafts Festival at DeWolfe Field (80 Academy Drive) on August 9-11, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Permit #2024-17. Second Mr. Freudenberg. Approved. 4-0

3. Bulk Vote

A. Weekly Manifests

- i. January 19, 2024 \$ 180,333.49
- ii. January 26, 2024 \$ 619,437.53
- iii. January 31, 2024 \$ 200,000 (Fire Truck purchase)
- iv. February 2, 2024 \$ 2,154,673.75 (school payment)

- B. Property Tax Credit/Exemption
 - i. 125 Haines Hill Rd; Tax Map 71 Lot 12
- C. Intent to Cut Wood or Timber
 - i. Pork Hill Rd. Tax Map 8 Lot 1, 1-3, 1-4

MOTION by Mr. Senecal to approve the Bulk Items A-C. Second Mr. Deshaies. Approved 4-0.

4. Board/Committee Appointments: N/A

5. New Business

- A. Approval: **Hawkers & Peddlers License for spots #3 & #4**
 - Mr. Harriman:** Neither person applying is in attendance.
 - Mr. Deshaies:** Good business; No problem approving Allie Caps/Allie Cooper.
 - Mr. Freudenberg:** Both are renewals and have paid.
 - Mr. Harriman:** These are pending receiving state permits.

MOTION by Mr. Freudenberg to issue H & P spot #3 to Allie Caps #4 to Zee Hayford pending state license approval. Second Mr. Senecal. Approved 4-0.

- B. Approval: **Winnepesaukee Jet Ski License Agreement for 2024**
 - Liz Harttford,** Wolfeboro Jet Ski Rentals: request renewal of the Back Bay Docks for the 14th season.
 - Mr. Harriman:** Same as in previous years; License agreement with Mr. Pineo OK?
 - Mr. Pineo:** Current dates are included.
 - Mr. Deshaies:** Include certificate of insurance?
 - Mr. Pineo:** This is usually provided at signature.
 - Mr. Deshaies:** Will an invoice for payment be issued?
 - Mr. Pineo:** A check is typically provided at signature; my license agreement has the correct dates.

MOTION by Mr. Senecal to issue a License Agreement to Winnepesaukee Jet Ski for 2024 upon receipt of payment in the amount of \$1,000. Second Mr. Deshaies. APPROVED 4-0.

- C. Approval: **2024 Boat Agent agreement with Goodhue Boat Co.**
 - Mr. Harriman:** Annual renewal for permission to register boats in evenings/weekends.
 - Mr. Pineo:** It's worked out very well.

MOTION by Mr. Senecal to issue a 2024 Boat Agent agreement with Goodhue Boat Co. Second Mr. Deshaies. Approved 4-0

- D. Approval: **Authorization to use Highway Block Grant Funds for Trask Mountain.**
 - Steve Randal, Director, DPW:** Awarded unanticipated funds of \$50,000+ to finish projects including Trask Mountain and other engineering and projects as they come up in the next few months. Projects had to be stopped last year during budget freeze.
 - Mr. Harriman:** \$81,000 was frozen in the DPW end of 2023. Any questions from the board [none]

MOTION by Mr. Deshaies to authorize use of Highway Block Grant Funds for Trask Mountain and other projects \$50,746.52. Second Mr. Freudenberg. Approved 4-0.

E. Approval: **Authorization to extend 2022 Port Wedlen drainage project funding**

Mr. Pineo: Authorization by BoS needed so Mr. Pineo can sign ARPA funds for the project.

Steve Randal, Director, DPW- confirms this.

MOTION BY Mr. Deshaies Authorization to extension of the ARPA 2022 Port Wedlen drainage project funding. Second Mr. Senecal. Approved 4-0.

F. Discussion: Heritage Commission- Report of Town wide Historical Resources *[draft report attached]*

Maggie Stier: chair, **Wolfeboro Heritage Commission:** report was sent to BoS. Consultant presentation of report draft. Omission completing photos, etc. Final report due end of March.

Mr. Harriman: Acknowledges board received report and looked through it.

Ms. Stier: Draft report submitted by consultant in Jan. commission to make photo substitutions and edits at Feb. meeting. Consultant contract and extension to end of February. Final document due end of March.

Recommendations in report: assessing historic resources to 1950; consultant included a few post-1950 structures. Report includes historic Wolfeboro maps and representative photos consultant chose to include. Architectural history reflected in the town shown in report. Consultant stated there are amazing number of early capes – about 80 and praised number of barns that can fall under barn preservation easement if owners so choose.

Future recommendations: barn survey; agricultural areas; seven original farms/property on North Main. Would like to document early camps and cottages on Winnipiesauke, Sewell Road, islands and Lake Wentworth. Use inventory work to create an interactive online map of historic resources in the town. Hopes someone will pick that up – not the heritage commission.

Coming up this year + recommendations: One new barn easement to be applied for; state and national Register of Historic Places nominations.

Consultant suggests:

- a Neighborhood Heritage District – a new planning tool – not as strict and limited as a historic district – more flexible.
- Demolition review ordinance – to have a process to work with owner and explore alternatives to demolition.
- Cemetery Commission suggested for public and private cemeteries.
- Protecting archeological sites.
- Preservation easements on barns and significant buildings
- Public education awareness should continue.

Asks for BoS input to finalize draft report and next steps. Consultant presents report in May; May 22 tentative date for second annual heritage awards.

Asks for BoS approval; draft content needs to be finalized; BoS names on contract and recommendations and implementation.

Mr. Harriman: Will that be discussed at next meeting?

Ms. Stier: BoS agenda item was for Feb. 7; Heritage Commission meeting to review draft report Feb. 15, 5 p.m. Feedback welcomed – and wants BoS indication this has been reviewed and give commission OK to proceed to next steps.

Mr. Harriman: OK with commission finalizing document and next steps. No ideas on content and implementation. Assume this will go to planning board.

Ms. Stier: commission is advisory; will come back to BoS on any recommendations. Some are already part of master plan and we already have authorization.

Mr. Harriman: That's why I mentioned planning board as we look at a lot of these items.

Mr. Deshaies: Will attend Feb. 14 meeting at Planning Department conference room. Will have thoughts to present.

Ms. Stier: The meeting is on town calendar.

Mr. Pineo: Thanks Ms. Steir for getting the report done despite early struggles. Good document with the right people on the committee to make the recommendations and move forward; they are passionate about these things. Good document for the town.

Mr. Deshaies: Would like Mrs. Murray's input, too.

Ms. Stier: Others would like to look at the report. Goal is to get data for Planning Board and manage growth of town effectively and preserve character of the town; build public awareness. Avoid too much damage to the Town of Wolfeboro.

Mr. Deshaies: Could be used for architecture outline in the town.

Ms. Stier: Was part of team to develop architectural standards. Perhaps that suggestion can be incorporated into those standards; add representative photos to those standards to make the document less general/broad. Visual guidelines will be helpful.

G. Discussion: **Wolfeboro Trolley annual progress report** *[attach report and supporting letters provided by Wolfeboro Trolley]*

Kathy Eaton: Owner Wolfeboro Trolley – In BoS packet review of trolley service in 2023. *Copies of supporting letters from NH Cruise CEO/General Manager Jared Maraio, Wolfeboro Police Chief Stu Chase handed out to board.*

Good progress in 2023 with Jolly the Trolley shuttle second season. Opted to run the shuttle free around July 4 and rest of summer from high school. Added a stop at Town lot next to Linda's Flowers. Response overall quite positive. Daily ridership consistently increased: Week of July 4th averaged 15 people/day; by August 21- averaged 45-50 people a day. That's a 400% increase over 2022. In 2022 only about 200 riders. Sometimes rider count by drivers was not consistent but picked up as many people at Wolfeboro Falls – same number picked up at Kingswood to get riders coming into town from different spots.

Some downtown employees used it; mainly visitors and residents. People enjoyed free rides. There were a few incidents – young men – who abused the privilege. We put policies in place to handle that this year.

Partnership with NH Cruise/Mt. Washington was successful and helped relieve parking issues at Town Docks lot. Last year police parking enforcement at lots encouraged people to take the trolley to board the Mount.

Comments from Jared Mario, NHCruise [letter]: modest increase in Mount riders in 2023; Wolfeboro ridership up 20% in the summer. Trolley attracts visitors – relieves parking issues.

Trolley plays an important roll in Wolfeboro to relieve parking problems.

Decrease in traffic congestion and increase in parking spaces can be attributed to police enforcement of two-hour limit as stated by Chief Chase in his letter supporting the trolley service. Police issued 258 parking violations 2023 summer – 96 in 2022.

Ms. Eaton states she wants to expand in summer 2024; talked to Tom Wachsmuth who runs U.S. Mailboat from Wolfeboro Town Docks to urge those riders to take trolley; and spoke with Martha Cummings, NH Boat Museum to capture Millie B riders to take the shuttle.

Route from Wolfeboro Falls takes Bay Street; Taylor Community would like to have a stop at their location.

Morrissey's benefitted with people taking shuttle to the restaurant from the docks...and from Wolfetrap. Rides are every half hour. There's potential and will keep it going.

From the town – asks for N. Main Street parking lot to capture riders and from Inn on Main.

And requests sign at North Main Street stop when that happens.

Getting renewals from businesses that have signs on the trolley – which pays for the service.

Mr. Deshaies: What would changes be for this year?

Mrs. Eaton: Stop on North Main street if that can happen. Service could start at 9 a.m. instead of earlier. And run to about 4:45 p.m. Six days a week – no Sunday service. Looking for and training drivers. Training drivers internally with NHDOT guidance/regulations to get license.

Mr. Deshaies: Thanks Ms. Eaton for the trolley service and what the trolley does for the visitors and residents.

Mrs. Eaton: Thanks town – and asks about signage/North Main Street.

Mr. Pineo: Barry Muccio will get back to him on finishing North Main Street portion.

Mrs. Eaton: Route publication deadline is end of March so we have some time. Can come back later to get North Main sign approval when it's time.

H. Approval: **Commercial Vessel permit for Barges at Libby Dock**

Mr. Harriman: New permit form has been produced showing new amounts. Amy completed the new form and it's mailed to all the companies on the list.

Mr. Freudenberg: Amy adjusted everything on the form so it's relevant.

Motion by Mr. Freudenberg to approve the new barge permit form for permit at Libby Dock. Second Mr. Deshaies. Approved 4-0.

Mr. Pineo: Notes a footer will be added to show form was approved Feb. 2024.

I. Discussion: **Follow up Deliberative Session**

Mr. Harriman: It was a long night; dragged on a bit. We got through it all. Look forward to the March 12 vote.

Mr. Pineo: For those who did attend or did not – Warrant Article #24 – ambulance contract motion to follow the budget on the ballot; we have reached out to counsel and DRA to find out if we can do that. Three possibilities:

Can we move the article and re-number the article.

Suggestion to moving the article to follow the operating budget – article #5 – but keeping the article numbers the same – Article #24. Article 1-5 and then 24, 6, 7, 8.

With DRA – everything with the state is set; waiting to hear back from DRA. When we know – we will let everyone in the community know. The takeaway to community – do not print signs yet.

Mr. Deshaies: A few notes: First, that the community, of course, concerned about taxes going up – insurance, contracts, things out of our control; surprise that at the end of the night, the potential budget proposed was \$200,000 more – which was unusual. Ended with potentially a higher tax rate than when we started the night. Board and budget committee and town manager – things were shaved down so the budget would be as prudent as possible.

Another takeaway: made sense that capital reserve funds are drawn down every year, maybe they need to be a capital revolving fund. Fire department capital reserve fund was built up for 10 years; then we spent it down to buy the ladder truck.

Maybe funds should be renamed so they are more transparent to the public. "Revolving" fund is more transparent.

6. Other Business - none

7. Committee Reports

Mr. Deshaies: Energy meeting in a few weeks. Last night's deliberative session is all I had.

Mr. Freudenberg: Chamber meeting Thursday, 2/8; Deliberative session.

Mr. Harriman: NH Primary; deliberative session; meetings with legal on the warrants.

Mr. Senecal: Friends of Abenaki meeting

7. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Pineo: New police chief sworn in; welcome him— Chief Warn – settling in; excited to be here.

Thanks citizens, for the good turnout of a few hundred people at deliberative session. There were some disagreements – it was democracy in action. Get out and vote March 12.

8. Questions from the Press [none]

9. Public Input (Limited to 3 minutes per person and not to exceed 15 minutes in total)

Lou Sabahonski: President of Birches Hill: Jan. 30 meeting with Jason Dorrance and Tavis Austin re: 10 Granite Lane. We were told selectmen needed to address the issue of Humane Society reimbursement Recovering cost of cats removed from the home. Writ of Possession issued by the Third Circuit Court; Auction March 8, 4 p.m. If the community will have to reimburse the Humane Society, that could interfere with property auction.

Mr. Pineo: Not prepared now to speak on this now. Please share contact information so I can check on this. My recollection is different from yours.

Mr. Sabahonski: We have been dealing with this property for 17 months when the town declared the building uninhabitable. Resident was given 60 days to do something; had health issues. We went through an eviction process; We are through that now. We want to know about community liability for costs to be recovered.

Mr. Harriman: Spoke with you a while ago; was waiting for health officer on the property owner stance. Recovery and reimbursement for the cats – I don't know.

Mr. Pineo: The town paid for the cats. My understanding is a grant application was submitted with state to try to recover funds that the town spent on dealing with the cats. Awaiting answer from that agency. T

Captain Mark Livie: Town would not be going after anyone for costs. It would be the NH Department of Agricultural approving the grant application and funds would be paid back to the town for the cat costs. Awaiting news on that grant.

Mr. Pineo: Will confirm that and get back to you.

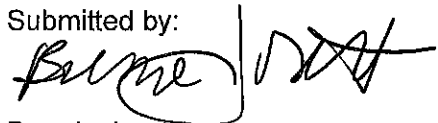
Mr. Sabahonski: Thanks.

MOTION by Mr. Senecal to ADJOURN at 7:53 p.m.

SECOND – Mr. Deshaies. Approved 4-0.

Next Meeting dates: February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting

Submitted by:



Brenda Jorett

Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen

Ref: Public hearings town ordinances 2-7-24

Items: Speed limit River Street, Crosswalks at the intersections of the Cotton Valley Rail Trail.

Speed limit River Street.

I would be in support of lowering the speed limit on River Street.

The area heading East on River Street after the rail trail before the hill is narrow and unsafe at higher speeds.

I would also like to address that traffic heading down the same hill towards Rte 109 may be unaware of a blind driveway at my residence at 22 River Street. I would ask to consider signage indicating a blind driveway since the entrance is my primary drive.

Crosswalks at intersections of Cotton Valley Rail Trail.

I would be in support of the proposed crosswalks at the proposed locations.

I have seen many incidents on River Street where bikes using the trail ignore signs to stop at the roadways and walk bikes across. I have witnessed a few near misses when the bikers do not even look for traffic while crossing the road. The addition of the crosswalks would alert drivers to the danger of pedestrians and bikes and giving them the right of way. Most of the residents on River Street already yield to those crossing the road without the crosswalks but the new crosswalks would be beneficial to those traveling unfamiliar with the trail crossing.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Barry A Elliott

22 River Street

2-7-24
BJS attach

TO: Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen
FROM: Maggie Stier, Heritage Commission chairman
RE: Townwide Historic Resources Survey (area Form)
DATE: January 19, 2024

The first draft of the Wolfeboro Town-wide area form that preservation consultant Lisa Mausolf prepared, authorized by town voters in March, 2022, was submitted to us on time in mid-December. This work was also identified as a priority in our most recent master plan.

At the Heritage Commission's Dec 15 meeting, the consultant presented her work. At our January 10th meeting, we reviewed the content more thoroughly and listed changes and corrections to increase accuracy.

The intent of the town-wide area form is to better understand the range, location, and types of historic resources that illustrate the periods and themes of Wolfeboro's development in order to make recommendations for future planning decisions and to more effectively manage changes to Wolfeboro's distinctive (and attractive) character.

Generally, we were very pleased with Ms. Mausolf's work. She synthesized many sources and reviewed hundreds of buildings. By mutual agreement, we had set the general cut-off for a historic resources at 1950 instead of the typical 50 years old or older, but she did enumerate some of the important 1960s buildings too.

The report is divided into three major sections—overview of town history, architectural styles and representative examples within those historic periods, and photographs, also organized by the major historical periods, and further divided into residential and non-residential resources. The eras are settlement and agriculture, steamboats and railroad era, 20th century development to 1950, and post 1950. Properties, both representative and unique examples, are highlighted with an emphasis on the period prior to 1950.

The numbers that appear in parentheses in section 2 are photo numbers, keyed to the photo sheets at the end of the report. It's easiest to work with if you separate the photo section and refer to the pictures as you are reading the text which references them.

Her report also contains an extensive bibliography, images of all the historical maps of the town, a list of 32 historic themes for understanding Wolfeboro history and its surviving aspects of the built environment, the designated scenic roads, and buildings and districts listed and or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register.

At the Heritage Commission meeting last week, we discussed additions, revisions, and corrections to the document. Our members weighed in with supplemental or corrected information, thoughts about the photographs (especially where waterfront properties are shown from the land side when the water side is the main facade of the building), and significant buildings that she might have overlooked.

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attach

Lisa had noted earlier that she was surprised by a few things as she delved into our community.

- We have a lot of extant barns associated with larger farms but also in-town barns that retain their connection to a residence.
- How many early buildings have survived. She counted about 80 capes, for instance, from before 1850.
- The high number of shorefront properties built before 1950 and largely intact.
- More log-style camps and residences than she expected.

Recommendations for future inventory work:

“As can be inferred from this area form, Wolfeboro has many historic properties that may be worthy of further study. The following might be considered priorities for future inventory work, in no particular order:

- Barns and associated outbuildings
- Rural former agricultural areas including
 - North Wolfeboro including Pork Hill
 - Cottonboro
 - East Wolfeboro
- The seven original farms and other properties on North Main Street
- South Wolfeboro
- Cottages and camps around Lake Wentworth and on its islands
- Cottages on Lake Winnepesaukee including Sewall Road, islands, etc.
- Resources that are specifically cited in the Architectural Description section
- Use this inventory work to create an interactive online map of historical resources in the town.”

Recommendations for other preservation activities:

- Barn Easement Program
Wolfeboro should continue to encourage the use of the state’s tax incentive program (RSA 79-D) to encourage historic barn preservation. This program has already resulted in the preservation of several local barns.
- State and National Register of Historic Places
Continue to encourage State and National Register listings when appropriate. It should be noted that listing on the State and/or National Register does not prevent demolition of historic resources.
- Neighborhood Heritage District
Consider the use of neighborhood heritage districts, a relatively new planning tool that is similar to a locally designated historic district in that both are zoning districts, but the heritage district operates under more flexible, less stringent guidelines. A heritage district is comprised of a group of buildings and their settings that are architecturally

and/or historically distinctive and worthy of protecting their character. In 2022 Stratham created the first Neighborhood Heritage Commission in the state. Future inventory work would assist in identifying eligible areas in Wolfeboro which could be candidates for the creation of a NHD. For more information:

https://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/publications/documents/nh_neighborhood_heritage_handbook.pdf

- **Demolition Review Ordinance**
A number of New Hampshire communities have adopted amendments to their building code that impose a delay when a qualifying structure is proposed for demolition.
- **Cemeteries**
Promote the maintenance and preservation of all the town's cemeteries including the public cemeteries and smaller family burial grounds.
- **Archeological Resources**
Continue to investigate and record archeological sites worthy of protection – town pounds, cellar holes, etc.
- **Preservation Easements**
Encourage interested owners to permanently protect significant buildings through the establishment of easements that restrict inappropriate alterations, etc.
- **Education and Public Awareness Programs**
Continue to encourage appreciation of Wolfeboro's historic resources through markers, interpretive signage, walking tours, awards, social media, etc.”

All of this is valuable, but it's what we do with it that matters.

We would like your input too as we work to finalize this overview and determine the next steps.

This item is on the agenda for your February 17 meeting. At that time, I'd like your guidance on who else should weigh in on this draft before it is finalized (besides the Heritage Commission which includes a liaison to the Wolfeboro Historical Society); do we have your OK to lead efforts to finalize this document, and what other ideas do you have on content and implementation of the report's recommendations.

Thank you,

Maggie Stier, chairman; Suzanne Ryan, vice chair; Anne Blodget; David Bolduc; Vaune Dugan (Planning Board rep); Andrea Dudley; and Mark Lush (Historical Soc. rep)

Free Trolley Shuttle Gains Traction in 2023

Jolly the Trolley's Park 'n Ride Shuttle showed strong forward progress in its second season after we opted to run the shuttle FREE and added a Wolfeboro Falls stop.

Daily ridership consistently increased over the summer from 15 people on July 7 to 45 people on August 21, with an overall increase of more than 400% over 2022.

Who rode the shuttle? While some people who work downtown used the trolley shuttle, the majority of our passengers were visitors and residents.

Mount Washington Cruises promoted Jolly's Park n 'Ride Shuttle to those taking the 11:15 cruise from the Wolfeboro Town Docks with very positive results, as indicated in the Mount's General Manager Jared Maraio's letter of December 1:

"While our company only experienced a modest increase in riders for the for the 2023 season, the port of Wolfeboro saw almost a 20% increase during July and August, while other ports declined. We believe that this increase is largely due to the parking solution. In fact, once Kingswood was no longer a parking option and we stopped promoting the program in September, ridership fell to levels consistent with previous years.

In my opinion, while Wolfeboro does not have a public transit program, the Trolley is playing an important role toward attracting visitors to the area by alleviating concerns about parking."

Jared Maraio, General Manager
Mount Washington Cruises

The decrease in traffic congestion and increase in available parking spaces downtown last summer can also be attributed to the Wolfeboro Police Department's enforcement of the two-hour parking ordinance as Chief Stu Chase indicated in his December 8 email:

"I believe that after the "public education" phase was concluded, the Department's aggressive stance on the "2-hour limit" was a big factor in gaining compliance with the intent and purpose of the ordinance. Your trolleys were a great service for visitors, residents, merchants in the Downtown area, and the Town. And partnering with the school district and the Mount Washington were innovative ideas.

Please be assured of our continued support as we all seek to ease the parking issues and traffic flow in our community!"

Stu Chase, Chief
Wolfeboro Police Department

Chase reported that 258 parking violations were issued in 2023 compared to 96 in 2022.

As a result, Jolly will be back for the Summer 2024 with some tweaks to his schedule, possibly including a third pick-up location on North Main Street.

2-7-24
BOS attach

Amy Capone-Muccio

From: Kathy Eaton <trolley@wolfeborotrolley.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:52 AM
To: Amy Capone-Muccio
Subject: Re: BOS appointment request

Good Morning,

2/7, Thank you,

Kathy

> On Jan 24, 2024, at 10:37 AM, Amy Capone-Muccio <tmsecretary@wolfeboronh.us> wrote:

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> 2/7 or 2/21?

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> Amy Capone Muccio

> Executive Assistant/ Welfare Admin

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Kathy Eaton <trolley@wolfeborotrolley.com>

> Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 7:09 PM

> To: Amy Capone-Muccio <tmsecretary@wolfeboronh.us>

> Subject: BOS appointment request

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> Hi Amy,

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> It's time for me to report to the BOS on Jolly's progress last year.

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> When is the next available Selectmen's meeting?

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> Thank you,

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> Kathy