

**Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes-Approved
January 7, 2015**

Members present: Chairman Linda Murray, Vice-Chairman Sarah Silk, Dave Bowers, Dave Senecal, and Brad Harriman.

Staff present: Town Manager David W. Owen, Finance Director Pete Chamberlin, and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone-Muccio.

Chairman Murray opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Owen stated a non-public session is needed to discuss nonpublic minutes.

Consideration of Minutes

➤ **12/17/14 Meeting**

Chairman Murray amended page one, the last paragraph to add the following to the sentence; "and it is run by the High School students".

Member Sarah Silk moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the December 17, 2014 as amended. Dave Senecal seconded. Members voted and being all others in favor, the motion passed.

Public Input

Josephine Amatucci addressed the Board and questioned if the Town has any answer to her question last week, the last time she was there.

Chairman Murray replied she will repeat the answer she gave, the Board of Selectmen and Town staff are represented by Town Counsel on all matters pertaining to her issues and therefore we have no response to you.

Ms. Amatucci questioned how Town Counsel can be involved in Personnel Policies of the Town, how can they be involved, answer me that. So you are saying everybody who comes to complain or everybody who complains about an employee, you take in a lawyer? I have never heard of that.

Chairman Murray replied that on the issues that have been brought up, we have an Attorney on.

Ms. Amatucci, you have an Attorney now? Which means you're not going to deal with it, is that what you are saying?

Chairman Murray replied the Town is represented by Counsel.

Ms. Amatucci stated that no Counsel has contacted her or informed her, why has she been informed by a Counsel? Shouldn't I be informed? Now ...here is what I say...the public is not being told of the corruption that is going on in our Town, because this Editor of the Granite News is not telling the people the truth. They are not being protected and believe me corruption is the core of this Town. We need a reform in this Town the Selectmen will have to take over the internal affairs of the Police Department. We are not going to go to the Police anymore to complain, because you know what they did to me because I complained, they retaliate and they abuse you. So when a citizen has a complaint about Police misconduct they are going to come here to the Selectmen and the Selectmen are going to take over the whole process. They will tell the Police what to do, the Police will do their investigation then you will review it and if it is a serious problem you will get an outside agency to investigate it but we are going to come to you, you are going to take over and when you what they have done, which you already know and we're going to deal with this. When you have done a serious complaint and their guilty there going to be FIRED and they're going to be decertified. That means they're not going anywhere else to be a Police Officer. That is what is going to happen here. Now I represent the people because the people are not being told, they don't know what is going on here. It's all; it's all corruption to the core. But don't feel bad, honey, it's all over NH. NH is a Police State, NH is totally corrupt and I can write a book about the Judges, don't let me even get into it. So I want you to think this over and I want a letter from your lawyer and I want him to tell me what you people have in mind on doing with the Police corruption. I WANT CHIEF CHASE FIRED; YOU KNOW WHAT HE DID TO ME. HE HAS NO RIGHT TO BE IN THIS TOWN, GET RID OF HIM. I want Rondeau, I want him investigated, you already know what he did anyway, he is not going to get away with it, and all those big titles are going. And James O'Brien, James O'Brien get rid of him right away because he did it again to me, he was the one in the Town Hall that called the Sheriff for no reason at all. So let your lawyer write to me I want know who he is.

Public Hearings

Temporary Event Permits

A. All Saints' Episcopal Church to hold a Summer Fair on July 18, 2015 (set up July 17, 2015) from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at 258 South Main Street.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Phil Wasmuth addressed the Board representing All Saints Episcopal Church and stated they plan to run the event as in years past. They have applied for the tent permit.

Being no one to speak for or against the request, Chairman Murray closed the public hearing.

Chairman Murray noted there are no comments from staff on the permit.

Ms. Silk noted the insurance expires in April.

Mr. Wasmuth replied he is aware of such and will forward the new certificate when it is renewed.

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve the issuance of a temporary event permit to All Saints Episcopal Church to hold a Summer Fair on July 18, 2015 (set up on July 17, 2015) from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at 258 South Main Street contingent upon an updated insurance certificate. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

- B. Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand, Inc. to hold concerts on July 11, 18, 25, 29 and August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2015 from 5:00 PM- 10:00 PM at the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand.**

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Mike Chantigny, Treasurer, and Christine Johnson, Secretary, addressed the Board to request the annual Saturday night performances in Cate Park for the summer.

Being no others to speak for or against the permit, Chairman Murray closed the public hearing. She noted the comments from staff on the permit and a new insurance certificate will need to be submitted in July.

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve the issuance of a temporary event permit to the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand, Inc. to hold concerts on July 11, 18, 25, 29 and August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2015 from 5:00 PM- 10:00 PM at the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand contingent upon updated insurance certificate. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

- C. Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to hold a fundraising and awareness walk for cystic fibrosis on May 17, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Foss Field.**

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Sarah Foynes addressed the Board and stated this is the fourth annual event, but she moved the day to Sunday to eliminate the conflict each year with the Smith River Canoe and Kayak race.

Being no others to speak for or against the permit, Chairman Murray closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve the issuance of a Temporary Event Permit to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to hold a fundraising and awareness walk for cystic fibrosis on May 17, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Foss Field. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

- D. NH Boat Museum to hold the 8th Biennial Vintage Race Boat Regatta on September 18-19, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (set up on September 17th beginning at Noon) at the Town Docks, Dockside Parking Lot and Cate Park.**

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Bill Marcussen addressed the Board to speak about the request for the 8th biennial event as operated in the past. This is a family event that is always well attended.

Being no others to speak for or against the permit, Chairman Murray closed the public hearing. She questioned the information from the Fire Department.

Mr. Owen replied he has not received such to date.

Chairman Murray suggested he contact them to sign off on the permit.

Ms. Silk noted the insurance expires June 21st.

Chairman Murray noted the permit includes the request to post the parking spaces in the area of the hydro-pit the evening before to allow set up.

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve the issuance of a Temporary Event Permit to the NH Boat Museum to hold the 8th Biennial Vintage Race Boat Regatta on September 18-19, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (set up on September 17th beginning at Noon) at the Town Docks, Dockside Parking Lot and Cate Park contingent upon an updated insurance certificate and review by Fire Department. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

- E. Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation and Cate Park Band to hold Band Concerts on June 24, July 1, 4, 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12, 19, and 25, 2015 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Cate Park Bandstand.**

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

No one was present to represent the request, but the Board reviewed it based on being an annual event.

Being no others to speak for or against the permit, Chairman Murray closed the public hearing. She suggested Mr. Owen inform them of the comments from the Fire Department on the permit.

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve the issuance of a Temporary Event Permit to the Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation and Cate Park Band to hold Band Concerts on June 24, July 1, 4, 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12, 19, and 25, 2015 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Cate Park Bandstand. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Bulk Vote

A. Weekly Manifests:

1. Manifest dated December 24, 2014
2. Manifest dated January 2, 2015
3. Manifest dated January 9, 2015

B. Property Tax Refunds/ Abatements

- i. Abatement/ refund #22 (2014) Tax Map 255, Lot 4
- ii. Abatement/refund #23 (2013) Tax Map 204, Lot 12

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| iii. Abatement/refund #23 (2014) | Tax Map 204, Lot 12 |
| iv. Abatement/refund #24 (2014) | Tax Map 102, Lot 8-S18 |
| v. Abatement/refund #25 (2014) | Tax Map 220, Lot 13 |
| vi. Abatement/refund #26 (2014) | Tax Map 228, Lot 5 |
| vii. Abatement/refund #27 (2014) | Tax Map 191, Lot 78 |
| viii. Abatement/refund #28 (2014) | Tax Map 19, Lot 10 |

C. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber

Approvals

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| i. Pleasant Valley Road | Tax Map 224, Lots 8 |
| ii. North Wakefield Road | Tax Map 108, Lot 2 |

D. Raffle Permit-Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Ms. Silk stated she had some questions about some of the items in the Bulk Vote and called the Contract Assessor and cleared up the questions but it is a good reason why the backup material is needed.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Sarah Silk to accept the Bulk Vote items A-D. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

New Business

A. Approval-Boat Agent Agreement

Brian Black of Goodhue Hawkins addressed the Board to explain this has been an annual approval allowing the Marina to register boats making it convenient for residents to register their boats on weekends.

Chairman Murray noted that such is a wonderful partnership that brought in \$24,008 in revenue to the Town last year.

B. Estimated Revenues for the 2015 Budget Year

Pete Chamberlin addressed the Board and stated he has provided the estimated revenues for 2015 and such was also reviewed by the Budget Committee.

Ms. Silk commended Mr. Chamberlin on the document and noted the Budget Committee did as well.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Dave Bowers to approve the estimated revenues for Budget Year 2015 in the amount of \$16,774,192. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

C. Resolution RE: State Aid Grant (SAG) Program

Mr. Owen stated that the Town has received information from the NH Municipal Association that with concerns about the State budget it is possible the State Aid Grant Program will

receive less funding which impacts the funds received by the Town. He has provided a draft resolution for the Board to consider to the local legislators for support on continued funding of this program.

Chairman Murray suggested they invite the legislators to the next Board meeting to discuss this concern as well.

The Board agreed.

It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Dave Bowers to approve and send the Town's State Legislative Delegation the Resolution Regarding Continued Funding of State Aid Grant Program for Municipal Infrastructure. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

D. Status of Lehner Street Parcels

Mr. Owen provided an update on the status of the proposed purchase of the Lehner Street parcels and noted that the owner informed the Town he had another potential buyer for one of the parcels, but would prefer to sell both parcels to the Town. He noted that the current owner was due to come to the Town office today to sign the purchase and sale agreements but did not. He is recommending the Board sign the purchase and sale agreements as revised based on the recent notification from the Tuftonboro-Wolfeboro Land Bank, which was recently solicited to purchase the parcels and hold them for the Town, has notified the Town they will donate \$25,000 to the purchase of these properties. He stated based on this new information, this reduces the cost of the parcels to the taxpayers to under \$100,000 and does not warrant using the bonding process, in his opinion.

Chairman Murray questioned if the Board would like to sign the purchase and sales agreement.

Mr. Bowers replied yes, it helps facilitate the process. The remainder of the Board agreed and Ms. Silk noted she is still concerned about the price of the parcels.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to sign the purchase and sale agreements for the parcels 74 & 80 Lehner Street for the Town Manager to present to the property owner for signature. Members voted, Sarah Silk abstained and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Chairman Murray questioned how the Board would like to proceed with the article such as to bond or not to bond. The majority of the Board agrees not to bond the article based on the amount.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Senecal to accept the revisions provided to Warrant Article B, changing the acquisition price to include the \$ 25,000 donation from the Tuftonboro-Wolfeboro Land Bank and not to bond the article. Members voted, Sarah Silk abstained and all others in favor, the motion passed.

E. Josiah Brown Scholarship Awards

Mr. Owen stated that seven applicants submitted applications for the Josiah Brown Scholarship by the deadline of December 31st. He stated that six of the applications are repeat recipients and one is a new applicant. He recommends providing them all with a scholarship as they meet the guidelines.

Chairman Murray stated notification should be made to the Trustees of the Josiah W. Brown Trust of the number of applications and the need for additional funds.

It was moved by Sarah Silk and seconded by Dave Senecal to award Josiah W. Brown Scholarships of \$1,000 to each of the following individuals for the winter/spring 2015 semester: Milan Krainchich, Sarah P. Nichols, Aurelia Blackstock, Lily Greene, David Moore, Mikayla Jacobs and Courtney Bickford. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

F. Warrant Article Assignments

The Board assigned the Warrant Articles to each member as follows:

- Warrant Article D- Brad Harriman & Dave Bowers
- Warrant Article E- Sarah Silk & Linda Murray
- Warrant Article F-Brad Harriman & Sarah Silk
- Warrant Article G-Linda Murray & Dave Senecal
- Warrant Article H-Sarah Silk & Dave Senecal
- Warrant Article I-Linda Murray & Sarah Silk
- Warrant Article J- Brad Harriman& Dave Bowers
- Warrant Article L- Linda Murray & Dave Senecal
- Warrant Article M- Linda Murray & Brad Harriman
- Warrant Article N-Dave Senecal & Sarah Silk
- Warrant Article O- Dave Senecal & Dave Bowers
- Warrant Article P- Brad Harriman & Linda Murray
- Warrant Article Q- Dave Bowers & Dave Senecal
- Warrant Article R- Brad Harriman & Dave Bowers
- Warrant Article S- Sarah Silk & Dave Senecal
- Warrant Article U- Bob Stewart

Chairman Murray noted the date for the taping at WCTV is scheduled for 1/14/14 at 1:00 PM with the PowerPoint due to the Board on January 9th.

Mr. Harriman questioned if they could delay the taping time due to scheduling conflict in Ossipee.

The Board agreed to change the time to 1:45 PM.

Old Business

Ms. Silk questioned if the Warrant Article for Stonehenge Road was updated to include the language suggested by the Town Attorney.

Mr. Owen replied it was.

Chairman Murray stated with regards to the power outage on Sunday she had a question about the notifications for Facebook and the Director of the Operations for the Municipal Electric Department informed her that the Department needs an hour to respond to outages and clarified major power outages will be updated on the new Facebook page.

Mr. Owen noted that the outage on Sunday, unlike the last two outages, was not a town-wide outage and specific to the circuit for Filter Bed Road and once the outage was located it was fixed within an hour. He stated extra staff was not deployed to the Municipal Electric Department as this was not a major outage.

Ms. Silk stated an article will be in this week's paper under Other Voices to clarify what to do during power outages. She stated that she has requested the article to clear up some misinformation quoted at the last Police Commission meeting that 911 could be called during an outage and that is incorrect. The business line should be used for outages at 569-1444 during non-business hours for outages. She stated that in major outages the Municipal Electric Department lines 569-6975 and 569-8157 will be staffed. She stated the new Facebook page was launched yesterday and already has over 96 likes. She stated that a flyer and reminder notice for the home is in the works for distribution as well.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Owen stated the following:

- He stated this past week there was a structure fire that was the result of a space heater and commended the Fire Department on getting the fire put out very quickly.
- The Board previously voted to approve the purchase of the Fire Chief's command vehicle and he informed them a Ford Expedition has been chosen for purchase at \$28,975 (\$3,000 trade on old vehicle) and additional costs for set up.
- He provided an update on the construction of Town Hall noting that during the digging for the elevator shaft, subsurface drainage was struck and because there are no construction plans for the building this was unknown. He stated that the Public Works Department did a review of the drainage and discovered it must have been disconnected during the upgrade of the lines for Union Street. It has subsequently been repaired by the Public Works Department. He noted that in 2009 the Town suddenly started having water issues in the basement and this must have been why that was happening. He provided the latest financials for the project noting \$663,475 spent to date. (See attached report)
- He attended the swearing in of the newest Wolfeboro Police Officer, Mary Swift.

Committee Reports

Mr. Harriman stated he attended the Planning Board meeting which held the hearing on a Petition Warrant Article for the agricultural district and many points were heard. They also addressed the lot line adjustment between the Town, Victor Drouin and Paul Whelan.

Chairman Murray attended First Night as a volunteer which was attended by over 300 people; she attended the Budget Committee meeting on Warrant Articles and the Chamber Executive Board meeting.

Ms. Silk attended the Budget Committee meeting on Warrant Articles, the Agricultural Commission meeting discussion the Petition Warrant Article and the Friends of Abenaki who have only \$109,000 left to raise to meet their goal for the new lodge.

Mr. Senecal stated he has been attending regular Budget Committee meetings.

Chairman Murray questioned if there could be a place on the homepage to notate just public hearings.

Mr. Owen replied he would look into that.

Upcoming: February 3rd, 2015 the Deliberative Session at 7:00 PM at the Kingswood Art Center and Town voting day is March 10th 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM at All Saint's Episcopal Church.

Public Comment

None.

Questions from the Press

Tom Beeler of the Granite State News questioned when the Budget Committee would be done with their review of the budget.

Mr. Owen replied January 13th, 2015.

Being no further business before the Board, Chairman Murray entertained a motion to enter non-public session.

Member Dave Bowers moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to enter non-public session at 7:40PM to discuss Non-public minutes. Sarah Silk seconded. Roll call vote: Sarah Silk-yes, Dave Senecal-yes, Dave Bowers-yes, Brad Harriman-yes, and Linda Murray-yes, the motion passed.

The Board re-entered public session at 7:55 PM.

Chairman Murray stated the non-public session minutes of January 7th, 2015 were sealed by a 2/3rds vote as required by law.

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

Member Dave Senecal moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to adjourn at 7:56 PM. Member Sarah Silk seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelia Capone-Muccio
Recording Secretary