# Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes-Unapproved March 18, 2015

Members present:

Chairman Linda Murray, Dave Bowers, Brad Harriman, and Dave

Senecal.

Staff present:

Town Manager David W. Owen, Director of the Municipal Electric Department Barry Muccio, Finance Director Pete Chamberlin, Parks and Recreation Director Ethan Hipple, Public Works Director Dave Ford, Police Captain Dean Rondeau and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone-Muccio.

Chairman Murray opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

#### Non-Public Session

Chairman Murray stated a non-public session is needed to discuss non-public minutes.

#### Announcement

Chairman Murray stated that newly elected Board of Selectmen member Luke Freudenberg had a prior engagement planned prior to being elected and could not attend tonight's meeting. The Board of Selectmen will re-organize at their next meeting in April. She also read the attached letter to the editor for this week's Granite State News regarding the long-time service of Selectmen Silk. (See attached letter)

#### Consideration of Minutes

#### > 3/04/15 Meeting

Member Dave Bowers moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015 meeting as written. Dave Senecal seconded. Members voted and being all others in favor, the motion passed.

## **Public Input**

Don McBride, President of the LandBank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro, Inc., addressed the Board and stated that he is here to present the \$25,000 donation on behalf of the LandBank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro to go towards the purchase of the two parcels recently voted to be purchased by the taxpayers of Wolfeboro on Lehner Street. He stated this project has been several years in the making and thanked the Town of Wolfeboro staff for working hard on this and thanked the voters of Wolfeboro for supporting the purchase.

Chairman Murray thanked the LandBank of Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro for their generous donation and noted it is another example of a public/private partnership that makes the community so great.

#### **Public Hearings**

## Temporary Event Permits

A. Brewster Academy to hold On the Green 1 Arts & Crafts Festival on July 10-12, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and 10:00 AM-4:00 PM on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Monument Field.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Christine Brown addressed the Board to state this is an annual event that benefits the day student scholarship fund.

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

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Brad Harriman to issue a Temporary Event Permit to Brewster Academy to hold On the Green 1 Arts & Crafts Festival on July 10-12, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and 10:00 AM-4:00 PM on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Monument Field. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

B. Brewster Academy to hold On the Green 2 Arts & Crafts Festival on August 13-16, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and 10:00 AM-4:00 PM on August 16<sup>th</sup> at Monument Field

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Christine Brown addressed the Board and the request is the same as above, just another date.

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

It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Dave Bowers to approve a Temporary Event permit for Brewster Academy to hold On the Green 2 Arts & Crafts Festival on August 13-16, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and 10:00 AM-4:00 PM on August 16<sup>th</sup> at Monument Field. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

C. New England Lyman Group to hold a Boat Show on June 6, 2015 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at the Town Docks, Wolfeboro Community Bandstand and 2 adjacent parking spaces.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Rick Filiau addressed the Board to state they are requesting this as an annual event at this will be the 16<sup>th</sup> annual show with no changes.

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

Chairman Murray noted the notes on the permit.

It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Dave Bowers to approve the request for a Temporary Event permit for the New England Lyman Group to hold a Boat Show on June 6, 2015 from 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM at the Town Docks, Wolfeboro Community Bandstand and 2 adjacent parking spaces. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

D. Governor Wentworth Arts Council to hold a Plein Aire "Paint Wolfeboro" event on August 19, 2015 (rain date August 20<sup>th</sup>) from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand and various locations around Town.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Debbie Hopkins, Co-Chair of the event, addressed the Board and noted Co-Chair Madelyn Albee was not able to attend tonight with her but they have moved the event to August for better weather.

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

Chairman Murray noted the notes on the permit and noted the model yacht sailing group will be in Back Bay if the event is held on the rain date.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve a Temporary Event permit to Governor Wentworth Arts Council to hold a Plein Aire "Paint Wolfeboro" event on August 19, 2015 (rain date August 20<sup>th</sup>) from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand and various locations around Town. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

E. Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation to hold Movies in the Park on June 19 – August 28, 2015 (every other Friday) from dusk- 11:00 PM at Foss Field.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Ethan Hipple addressed the Board to request this annual event with no changes.

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

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve a Temporary Event permit for Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation to hold Movies in the Park on June 19 – August 28, 2015 (every other Friday) from dusk- 11:00 PM at Foss Field. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

F. Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation to hold 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks on July 4, 2015 (rain date July 5<sup>th</sup>) from 9:00-10:00 PM at Brewster Academy Athletic Fields.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Ethan Hipple addressed the Board to request this annual event and noted the rain date is July 5<sup>th</sup> and due to some problems with the former company honoring the rain date last year they contracted with a new company which can.

Being no others to speak for or against the request, Chairman Murray closed the public hearing. She noted that the Parks & Recreation Department has a Facebook page that provides news and announcements including dates and times of events such as the Fireworks.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve a Temporary Event permit for Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks on July 4, 2015 (rain date July 5<sup>th</sup>) from 9:00-10:00 PM at Brewster Academy Athletic Fields. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

G. Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation to hold the Granite Kid Triathlon on July 18, 2015 from 8:00 AM-Noon beginning and ending at Brewster Beach.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Ethan Hipple addressed the Board to request this annual event.

Being no others to speak for or against the request, Chairman Murray closed the public hearing. She noted the notes on the permit request.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve a Temporary Event permit request for Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation to hold the Granite Kid Triathlon on July 18, 2015 from 8:00 AM-Noon beginning and ending at Brewster Beach. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

H. Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation to hold the Granite Man Triathlon on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM beginning and ending at Carry Beach.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Ethan Hipple addressed the Board to request this annual event.

Being no others to speak for or against the request, Chairman Murray closed the public hearing. She noted the notes on the permit request.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve a Temporary Event permit for Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation to hold the Granite Man Triathlon on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM beginning and ending at Carry Beach. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

I. Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation to hold the Bike and Walk Day on May 15, 2015 from 7:00 -10:00 AM throughout town with food stations at Huggins Hospital entrance and Cate Park.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Ethan Hipple addressed the Board to request this annual event that grows each year. He said that Huggins Hospital is Co-Sponsoring this event this year.

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

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve a Temporary Event permit for Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation to hold the Bike and Walk Day on May 15, 2015 from 7:00 -10:00 AM throughout town with food stations at Huggins Hospital entrance and Cate Park. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

J. Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation to hold the Turkey Trot Race on November 21, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM starting and ending at the Railroad Station.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Ethan Hipple addressed the Board to request this annual event that is co-sponsored by the Lion's Club to support their gift of sight and hearing fund.

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

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve a Temporary Event permit for Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation to hold the Turkey Trot Race on November 21, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM starting and ending at the Railroad Station. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

Acceptance of Grants of more than \$5,000

1. State of New Hampshire Highway Safety Project #314-15B-003 contract entitled Wolfeboro Pedestrian Patrols in the amount of \$5,733.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Captain Rondeau addressed the Board and stated that similar to the grants accepted at the last meeting this grant will cover patrols in the downtown area dealing with pedestrians and traffic safety.

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

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve accepting a grant from the State of New Hampshire Highway Safety Project #314-15B-003 contract entitled Wolfeboro Pedestrian Patrols in the amount of \$5,733. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

# 2. State of New Hampshire Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$80,000 to replace the generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing.

Dave Ford addressed the Board to explain this is to replace the generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated that a stipulation of the grant is to have the installation done by August and to comply with that he will seeking approval from the Board to waive the Town's procurement policy. He noted the total replacement cost of the generator is \$110,000.

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

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve accepting a grant from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$80,000 to replace the generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

## > Hearing amending Pole Attachment Licenses with Fairpoint

Chairman Murray opened the public hearing and read the attached notice.

Barry Muccio addressed the Board to introduce the Town Attorney, Mark Puffer, who will explain the purpose of this hearing and amendment to the Pole License Agreement in how the Town taxes the use of the poles.

Attorney Puffer addressed the Board to provide a brief background of an issue that derived from litigation between Fairpoint Communications and the Town of Wolfeboro along with many other municipalities in New Hampshire with regards to real estate taxes on the utility poles. He stated in the litigation Fairpoint challenged the right to tax as the agreement did not specifically state they are supposed to pay the real estate taxes. In order address this issue going forward he has provided an amendment and the procedure to make such amendments outlined in RSA 231:163, which is what is being done at this hearing. He stated that Fairpoint Communications was notified of this hearing and he submitted documentation of such for the record (See attached) at their business address at 77 Elm Street Manchester NH and also notified Faripoint Communication's lead counsel of the hearing. He stated that many other municipalities have done this same process.

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

Mr. Bowers questioned if this is the only hearing or do they need to do two.

Attorney Puffer replied that this is the only hearing and once they have completed discussion they can vote on it.

Chairman Murray questioned if the Town owns the poles.

Barry Muccio replied that some of them are, but most of them are jointly owned.

- Mr. Owen noted that the poles have an assessed value of \$2.2 million.
- Mr. Senecal questioned the lifespan of a pole.
- Mr. Muccio replied about 35-40 years and it costs about \$1,200 for a 40 foot pole.

Chairman Murray questioned if Fairpoint pays half of that.

Mr. Muccio replied yes they do, the Municipal Electric Department bills them for that portion.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Dave Bowers, that following a hearing before the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 231:163, the Board hereby finds that the public good requires that all existing pole licenses issued by the Town of Wolfeboro through March 18, 2015 be amended, effective immediately, to include the following terms and conditions:

- In accordance with RSA 72:23, I (b), this license is granted subject to the condition that the Licensee and any other entity using or occupying property of the Town pursuant to this license shall be responsible for the payment of, and shall pay, all properly assessed real and personal property taxes no later than the due date.
- 2. In accordance with RSA 72:32, I (b), failure of the Licensee to pay duly assessed personal and real estate property taxes when due shall be cause to terminate this license by the Town.
- 3. In accordance with RSA 72:32, I (b), the Licensee hereunder and any other entity using or occupying the property of the Town pursuant to this license shall be responsible for the payment of, and shall pay, both current and potential real and personal property taxes when due.
- 4. In accordance with RSA 72:23, I (b), the Licensee and any other entity using or occupying property of the Town pursuant to this License shall be obligated to pay real and personal property taxes on structures or improvements added by the Licensee or any other entity using or occupying the property of the Town pursuant to this license.

Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Dave Bowers that in accordance with RSA 72:23, I (b), all licenses issued in the future for the use or occupation of Town property shall contain the same terms and conditions set forth in the preceding Motion. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Attorney Puffer stated that RSA 231:163 stated the Board of Selectmen shall have a hearing, RSA 43-4 is how the Board of Selectmen is proceeding, such is in writing and that there is evidence of service (submitted for the record) and he will draft a notice of decision that will need to be signed.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Linda Murray to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Notice of Decision drafted by the Town Attorney pertaining to this hearing. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

#### **Bulk Vote**

#### A. Weekly Manifests:

- 1. Manifest dated March 13, 2015
- 2. Manifest dated March 20, 2015

#### B. Property Tax Refunds/ Abatements

i.	Refund/Abatement #104 (2014)	Tax Map 243, Lot 2-5
ii.	Refund/ Abatement #104 (2013)	Tax Map 243, Lot 2-5
iii.	Refund/ Abatement #104 (2014)	Tax Map 243, Lots 2-5
iv.	Refund/ Abatement #32 (2014)	Tax Map 203, Lots 58
٧.	Refund/ Abatement #33 (2013)	Tax Map 17, Lot 1
vi.	Refund/ Abatement #40 (2014)	Tax Map 217, Lot 148
vii.	Refund/ Abatement #46 (2014)	Tax Map 217, Lot 140
Viii	.Refund/ Abatement #62 (2014)	Tax Map 181, Lot 9

## C. Property Tax Credits/ Exemptions

i. 9 Anagance Lane

Tax Map 244, Lot 41

#### D. Acceptance of Grants Under \$5,000

- i. Highway Safety Project #315-15B-112 entitled Wolfeboro Radar in the amount of \$1,476.75
- E. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber
  - i. N. Wakefield Road

Tax Map 91, Lot 6

F. Taxi License Renewal-I Ride NH

Chairman Murray stated she needs to vote on B v. separately due to a conflict.

Mr. Harriman noted some math errors with B v & vi.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to remove Property Tax Refunds/ Abatements B v & vi to be returned to the Assessing Department for recalculation. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Dave Senecal to accept Bulk Vote items A through F. (not including B v & vi previously removed) Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

#### **New Business**

#### A. Town Election Results

Chairman Murray stated that 5,167 voters were on the checklist and 1,430 of those voters voted in the 2015 Town Election. She noted the top winner in the articles in this election was the Town Roads upgrades receiving 90% of the votes. The Libby Museum repairs, Town

Office rental space, Abenaki Ski Lodge, Sidewalk upgrades all received an average of 80% of the votes with the rest of the articles receiving in the 70% range with the Asset Management Plan getting 64.5%. She stated she is pleased with the results and thanked the voters for their support.

#### B. Monthly Budget Expenditures and Revenue Report

Pete Chamberlin addressed the Board to reviewing his monthly report but noted that this February is about the same as January relative to expense activity. He noted the auditors will be in Monday and some adjustments may be made after they complete the audit.

Chairman Murray noted the Planning Department phone budget is high and maybe should be checked.

#### C. DPW's Snow and Ice Removal Budget

Dave Ford addressed the Board and stated that although they are through the worst of the winter, they can still have some spring storms and they are 20 weeks into the New Year and have expended 81.4% of the budget for snow removal. He also noted that vehicle maintenance is also high for this time of year as a busy snow season also impacts the maintenance of the vehicles. He stated the Department is working on ways to cut back the budget to make up for this overage. He also noted that a long-time employee has decided to leave and will be taking the 10 weeks of pay that he has accrued so the Department will need to hold off on replacing him to make up for that expense, which will also cause them to be shorthanded.

## D. Plow Replacement for HD-10

Dave Ford addressed the Board to explain that a plow needed replacement as it was no longer effectively scraping the roads and a new one was purchased, but would like to use the funds from the Capital Reserve to cover this cost due to the budget restraints. He noted that the Capital Reserve Fund covers equipment replacement. He stated that the Capital Reserve fund does have ample funds to cover the purchase.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Dave Bowers to approve the purchase of a replacement snow plow in the amount of \$6,020 from the DPW Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

## E. Posting of Weight Limits on Town Roads

Dave Ford addressed the Board to state this an annual request due to the thawing of the roads making them soft. He stated the posting will take effect on Monday and he stated that anyone who needs to make any deliveries or work on a road should contact the Public Works Department at 569-8176 as they try to work with people and sometimes a delivery can be done in the morning when it is still cold out. He also noted that Middleton Road is now a Town Road and will be included in the list.

It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve the request of the Public Works Director to post the listed Town roads (see attached) with a 10-ton weigh limit, effective March 23, 2015. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

#### F. Submittal of Route 28 Project for 10 Year Transportation Plan

Dave Ford addressed the Board to discuss the project to upgrade the road from Wolfeboro/ Alton town line to Pickering Corner. He provided a brief history of the project being originally on the 10 Year Transportation Plan but it was removed in 2007 due to State budget restraints. The project was put back on the list in 2013 and scheduled for 2024, but it is in jeopardy of being removed again due to lack of funding. He stated the purpose of this discussion is to get the Board's support to have the project put back on the list.

Chairman Murray questioned if the project could be done in phases.

Mr. Ford replied that is an option they are discussing.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve and sign a letter to Lakes Region Planning Commission to resubmit the NH Route 28 Improvements Project in Wolfeboro for inclusion on the State's 10-year Transportation Improvements Plan. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

## G. Waiver of Procurement Policy for WWTP Emergency Generator

Dave Ford addressed the Board to discuss the waiving of the Town's procurement policy for the installation of the generator that will be paid primarily with grant funds and in order to receive the grant funds the project needs to be completed by August 2015. In order to comply with this deadline he is seeking approval to waive the Town's procurement policy.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to waive the Town's procurement policy for the emergency generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and to authorize the use of a construction management process with our WWTP contract operator, Woodard & Curran, for the emergency generator project. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Ford noted that he was able to obtain a great price and save the Town money.

## H. Abenaki Lodge Project

#### i. Procurement Process

Ethan Hipple addressed the Board and thanked the voters for the support of the project and because of the history of Abenaki and the volunteer support in keeping with that spirit he is requesting to amend the procurement policy to open up the project to local contractors first. Chairman Murray expressed her concern that CCI provided the cost estimate, but is not including in the list of Towns to be solicited.

Mr. Hipple replied that it was not his intent to exclude them, but he is requesting to give preference to adjacent local towns and if local contractors can meet the qualifications he would like to give preference to them.

Mr. Harriman stated it is a small project that he feels could be handled by some local contractors and supports the idea.

Chairman Murray stated she is agreeable to the idea, but would still like to get three bids.

Mr. Hipple replied that he can comply with that and if they do not receive three bids they will open up to the normal bid process.

It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Dave Senecal to approve the use of the proposed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for the Abenaki Lodge Project. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

ii. Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

Ethan Hipple stated the Abenaki Lodge has been selected as a finalist for a grant from the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) in the amount of \$150,000. The grant has been forwarded to the National Park Service for finalization and if awarded this will offset the Town's portion of the lodge project.

#### I. Transfer of DPW Truck to Parks & Recreation

Ethan Hipple stated that the Department became aware that the DPW is trading in a truck that could be used in the Parks & Recreation Department during the summer months to help minimize the trips staff is doing transporting the part-time staff to and from locations. He stated that primarily the cemetery crew could use the vehicle to transport themselves to the cemeteries for regular maintenance in the summer.

Mr. Harriman questioned if he has room in the budget for insurance and maintenance.

Mr. Hipple replied yes.

Chairman Murray stated she has a concern with the request as they just passed the town budget and this would be adding to the fleet. She also feels it is a large truck for what the Department needs and the Public Works felt the truck used a lot of fuel and was used when the Town purchased it and will need future maintenance. She stated based on those circumstances she cannot support the request. She also noted that there is a value to the vehicle and that value should be transferred back to the Water/Sewer Department.

Mr. Hipple stated he saw this as an opportunity to save the staff's time and gain productivity.

Mr. Senecal agreed with the Chairman that it is a large truck for what they need.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve transferring the 2004 ¾ ton pick-up truck (scheduled to be traded in by the DPW) to the Parks & Recreation Department's Maintenance Division. Members voted: Dave Bowers and Brad Harriman in favor and Dave Senecal and Linda Murray opposed, the motion failed.

## J. Arbor Day Proclamation

Ethan Hipple addressed the Board to state that this is the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Arbor Day event on May 8, 2015 and this year they will be planting trees at Abenaki.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve and sign the Arbor Day Proclamation 2015. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

## K. Collective Bargaining Agreements

Mr. Owen stated that the voters have approved funding the two collective bargaining agreements and the tentative agreement has now been formalized as the agreements. He has provided those agreements for approval by the Board.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Brad Harriman to approve and sign the new collective bargaining agreements for 2015-16 with AFSCME Local #534 and NEBPA Local #39. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

#### L. Board of Selectmen Procedures

Chairman Murray stated the Board members have been provided with the Board of Selectmen procedures for annual review and questioned if anyone had any changes.

Mr. Senecal suggested amending section B, number 12 and eliminate it as he does not see a need for two public input sections on the agenda as most of the public does it at the beginning.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Brad Harriman to amend the Board of Selectmen Procedures to remove number 12 from section B, public input at the end of the meeting. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Mr. Bowers noted that they already allow the public to speak to an agenda item if needed and such is redundant.

Chairman Murray agreed they often allow the public to speak if a question arises during an agenda item. She noted that they will vote on this change at the next regular meeting. She also provided a list of current Committees of the Board for review at the next meeting.

#### Old Business

Chairman Murray noted that she traveled to Concord yesterday with Dave Owen to testify on SB 243 regarding the Right to Know RSA 91-A: 3 2 E. She stated that it moved out of committee with an ought to pass recommendation.

Mr. Harriman stated at a previous meeting it was discussed to update the signs leading up to the Libby Museum and questioned if that was ever addressed. Mr. Owen replied he would look into it.

#### **Town Manager's Report**

Mr. Owen stated the following:

- A resignation was received in the Highway Department of a 10 year employee.
- A resignation was received by a call Firefighter, Jim Savage.
- A Recording Secretary for the Economic Development Committee was hired, Larissa Mulkern.
- The closing for the Lehner Street parcels is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Conservation Commission's possible acquisition of a parcel of land located at Cricket Hill owned by the Melanson's will be handled by the Town Manager.
- In regards to the HB 547 for the tax exemption of the utility poles, it passed and was moved to the Senate for consideration. He noted Representative Harold Parker voted with the Town against the bill, but Representative Steve Schmidt voted for the bill.
- He provided a brief update of the Town Hall project with a \$20,000 change order reduction, the elevator shaft is complete, interior framing is ongoing and the Construction Manager reports they are on schedule. He noted the building will be closed for access on Monday for the blown in insulation process.

## **Committee Reports**

Mr. Harriman stated he attended the Election coverage.

Mr. Bowers stated he attended a Library Trustees meeting, the Conservation Commission meeting, the EDC meeting and the Election coverage.

Chairman Murray stated the following:

- She and Ms. Silk handed out the Voter's Guide at the Post Office before the vote and residents were happy to receive it.
- She attended the Election coverage.
- She attended a Joint Milfoil Board meeting in Moultonborough and noted some concerns by OSHA about the diver assisted boat and communication with divers and how that will impact the budget.
- She attended the Chamber of Commerce Executive Board meeting.
- She also assisted the EDC with the interview surveys.

Mr. Senecal reported he attended Election coverage.

	Public Comment	
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Questions from the Press

None.

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

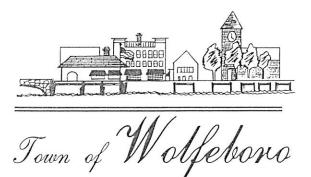
Member Dave Senecal moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to enter non-public session at 8:26 PM to discuss minutes. Brad Harriman seconded. Roll call vote: Dave Senecal-yes, Dave Bowers-yes, Brad Harriman-yes, and Linda Murray-yes, the motion passed.

The Board re-entered public session at 8:45 PM.

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

Member Brad Harriman moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to adjourn at 8:46 PM. Member Dave Senecal seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Amelia Capone-Muccio Recording Secretary



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TOWN MANAGER David W. Owen

March 18, 2015

Sarah Silk 272 College Road Wolfeboro, NH 03894

Dear Sarah:

We want to thank you for your outstanding service on the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen from 2005 to 2015, in addition to the 3 years that you also served on the Board of Selectmen in the early 1990s. When addressing Town issues, you would ask questions, investigate alternatives and go above and beyond in your quest for additional information. We could count on you to have questions regarding the issues before the Board and to always willingly to express your opinions. In April and May of 2014, you showed your commitment to the Town when you attended the three week Town trial against Wright-Pierce.

You came onto the Board of Selectmen at a critical time for Wolfeboro. In 2005, the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services imposed two moratoriums on the Town due to deficiencies in the water and sewer systems. Shortly thereafter, the Town Manager and Public Works Director retired. You worked tirelessly with staff and the Board of Selectmen to address the moratoriums and to hire a new Town Manager and Public Works Director.

As a Board member, you supported major road construction projects, such as Sewall Road, downtown street projects and Middleton Road, ADA improvements to town parking lots and facilities, sidewalk repairs, annual road maintenance, building maintenance, and the passage of the Wolfeboro Town Hall renovation project. This year, you worked intensively to assist in the passage of the Abenaki Four Seasons Lodge, as well as helping with fundraising efforts.

You served as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in 2006, 2011 and 2013 and Vice Chairman in 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014. You served on the Agricultural Commission, Emergency Response Planning Committee, Conservation Commission, Hazard Mitigation Committee, and liaison to the Trustees of the Wolfeboro Public Library and the Wolfeboro Police Commission.

You were instrumental in the establishment of the permanent household hazardous waste facility in Wolfeboro, where you also initiated the drug collection days at that facility. As Wolfeboro's Household Hazardous Waste Facility Director, you will continue in your commitment to ensuring that hazardous wastes and drugs are disposed of safely.

84 South Main Street Post Office Box 629 Wolfeboro, New Hampshire 03894 (603) 569-8161 Fax (603) 569-8167 Your knowledge of town affairs and state regulations will be greatly missed on the Board. Thank you, Sarah, for your years of outstanding service to the Town of Wolfeboro.

Sincerely,

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN** 

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