

**Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes-Unapproved
May 6, 2015**

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

Staff present: Town Manager David W. Owen, Public Works Director Dave Ford, and Recording Secretary Amelia Capone-Muccio.

Chairman Senecal opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Owen stated a non-public session is not needed.

Consideration of Minutes

➤ **4/15/15 Meeting**

Chairman Murray amended page 11, the first paragraph, the last sentence to read; “and detailed information explaining the reasons why the assessor is recommending the abatement”.

Member Dave Bowers moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting as amended. Brad Harriman seconded. Members voted and being all others in favor, the motion passed.

Public Input

Josephine Amatucci addressed the Board and stated the following: I am in the process of demanding an outside, unbiased investigation from a neutral and detached hearing body regarding the criminal conduct of Rob Houseman, Police Chief Stu Chase and Officer Dean Rondeau. And if I do not get this unbiased investigation this will be an abuse of office by the Selectmen and the Town Manager. A violation of due process because these bodies have jurisdiction to investigation and terminate Town employees and even the Police. We have criminal conduct by employee Rob Houseman, who was Acting Town Manager, on May 7th, 2014 when she went inside the Town Hall to tell the Selectmen that I feared for my safety because Police Chief Chase had just threatened me because I asked him to do an investigation on Police Officer Dean Rondeau who accused me of a bogus traffic violation and who contacted the Department of Safety to have my license revoked when I could prove I was not in Wolfeboro that day and instead of the Police Chief taking my complaint and telling me he would investigate, he verbally attacked me and with his finger practically in my face he warned me that if I ever complained about his men again he will get me and arrest me on the spot. She said she told him she was going to see the Selectmen at the Town Hall about him threatening her and at the Town Hall she spoke to Anne Marble, Dave Owen’s Secretary, and she told me the Selectmen could not be reached because they were in Concord at a Court Hearing. When I was leaving her office, Rob Houseman came out of nowhere, he had been informed by the

finance Director that I was in Anne Marble's office complaining about the Police Chief and he rushed to the front building and grabbed me as I was leaving Ms. Marble's office. He took me to the court room of the Town Hall and there he accused me of putting Anne Marble to tears. He could never have known that I put Anne Marble to tears, which I didn't, because he was never there when I was talking to Anne Marble. I got away from him, he took me to the court room and I got away from him and I told two employees I was going to get the Sheriff. When I left the Town Hall he arranged to have an employee of the Town Hall call Police Dispatch and accuse me of being a little unruly. Police Officer James O'Brien came to the Town Hall and when he heard I was going to the Sheriff's office to complain about Chief Chase and Rob Houseman he immediately called the Sheriff's office and asked for back-up for the pursuit of Josephine Amatucci. Now this is from the Town Hall, there was no pursuit going on at the time the Deputy Sheriff that was waiting for me at Pork Hill Road in Ossipee to stop me before I got to the Sheriff's office. In the mean time I was followed by Police Chief Chase with his cruiser with his lights and sirens on. When I stopped for the deputy Sheriff I was arrested hand cuffed and put in jail, for no reason, by accusing me of a bogus traffic violation of speeding and not stopping for the Police car. I was never speeding and of course I knew Chief Chase was behind me coming after me so I didn't stop for his car. I just want to let you know I am asking for an investigation, which I have a right to and under the Right to Know they're refusing, but I just hit them with an "under the Right to Know law" where they have to tell me what's going on, if there is an investigation at all going on. Thank you.

Sarah Silk site Coordinator for the Lakes Region Hazardous Product Facility addressed the Board and stated they will hold its first collection May 16 from 8:30 AM to Noon and will remain open the third Saturday until September with two medicine collection in June and August.

Public Hearings

Temporary Event Permits

A. Abenaki Water Ski Club (Back Bay Water Skier, Inc.) to hold Water Ski Tournaments, including NH Open on June 27, 2015, 35th Lakes Region Open on July 25, 2015, 24th NH Championships on August 8, 2015, and the 14th New England Slalom Championships on September 12, 2015 from 8:00 AM – Sunset beginning at Back Bay Town Park and the Russell C. Chase Bridge Falls Pathway.

Chairman Senecal opened the public hearing.

Bill Swaffield addressed the Board to seek permission to use Back Bay for the annual water ski tournaments as in years past.

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

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Brad Harriman to issue a Temporary Event Permit to the Abenaki Water Ski Club (Back Bay Water Skier, Inc.) to hold Water Ski Tournaments, including NH Open on June 27, 2015, 35th Lakes Region Open on July 25, 2015, 24th NH Championships on August 8, 2015, and the 14th New England Slalom Championships on September 12, 2015 from 8:00 AM – Sunset beginning at Back Bay Town Park and the Russell C. Chase Bridge Falls Pathway. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

Accept Donation

B. Accept a Donation of \$19,293.50 for the Railroad Station Playground Project.

Dave Senecal opened the public hearing.

Krista Marschner addressed the Board to formally donate the funds raised to the public/ private partnership to upgrade the playground at the Railroad Station. She thanked those who generously donated to the project including Meredith Village Savings Bank, the Wolfeboro Fund, the Miles Hodson Vernon Foundation and other individual donors. She also thanked the taxpayers of Wolfeboro for supporting this project and encourages all to come and enjoy the new playground when it is complete.

Being no others to speak for or against the request, Dave Senecal closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Linda Murray to approve accepting the donation of \$19,239.50 from the Wolfeboro Cooperative Nursery School toward the cost of the Railroad Station Playground project. Members voted and being all in favor the motion passed.

Bulk Vote

A. Weekly Manifests:

1. Manifest dated April 24, 2015
2. Manifest dated May 1, 2015
3. Manifest dated May 8, 2015

B. Property Tax Credits/ Exemptions

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| i. | 32 Forest Road | Tax Map 202, Lot 80 |
| ii. | 12 Spruce Road | Tax Map 288, Lot 35 |
| iii. | 15 Hemlock Drive | Tax Map 173, Lot 30 |
| iv. | 44 Red Brook Circle | Tax Map 221, Lot 27 |
| v. | 44 Whitten Neck Road | Tax Map 191, Lot 8 |
| vi. | 61 Furber Lane | Tax Map 130, Lot 32-1 |

Denials

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| vii. | 222 Beach Pond Road | Tax Map 113, Lot 6 |
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C. Notices of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber

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| i. | North Main St. | Tax Map 142, Lot 33 |
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D. Current Use Land Use Change Tax Collector's Warrant

- i. Tax Map 23, Lot 8 \$2,500

- i. **Yield Tax Levy Warrant- \$69.05**

E. Raffle Permits

- i. Play for Pink-Breast Cancer
- ii. Hospice of Southern Carroll County & Vicinity

F. Accept a Grant of Less than \$10,000-\$350 for Bicycle Safety Helmets

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Bowers to accept Bulk Vote items A through F. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Appointments

A. Conservation Commission

Mr. Owen stated current member Randy Tetrault has requested to step down as a full member and to be appointed as an alternate.

It was moved by Linda Murray and seconded by Dave Bowers to approve the appointment of Randy Tetreault as an Alternate member of the Conservation Commission for a three year term. Members voted, all in favor, the motion passed.

B. Trustees of the Trust Funds

Dick Shurtleff of the Trustees of the Trust Funds addressed the Board to state that current member Roger Hardy is no longer able to perform his duties at this time due to a medical condition and the Trustees are requesting to appoint alternate member Barbara Lobdell to finish out Mr. Hardy's two year term.

Mrs. Lobdell addressed the Board and stated she has been an alternate for 6 months and looks forward to being an active member.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Brad Harriman to appoint Barbara Lobdell as a full member of the Trustee of Trust Funds for the unexpired balance of the term of Roger Hardy (through to March 2017). Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

C. Information Systems Advisory Committee

Keith Simpson addressed the Board who is requesting a full membership to the Committee and has a lot of IT experience.

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Linda Murray to appoint Keith Simpson to the Information Systems Advisory Committee as a member for a three-year term. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

New Business

A. Receive Check from Friends of Abenaki, Inc. for Abenaki Lodge

Bill Swaffield and members of the Friends of Abenaki addressed the Board.

Mr. Swaffield thanked Chip Maxfield who is in charge of fundraising and Ethan Hipple the Parks and Recreation Director for his support and enthusiasm in the project. He provided a brief overview from several years back when Abenaki was in danger of closing and they fundraised for snowmaking. Since the snowmaking, the attendance has increased and has outgrown the lodge. The Friends of Abenaki committed to raise \$350,000 towards the cost of the lodge and he thanked the hundreds of donors who made this happen as well as the Town of Wolfeboro which supported the project.

Mr. Senecal thanked them for their donation and noted it would be formally accepted at the next Board meeting at a Public Hearing.

B. Conference with Senator Jeb Bradley and Representatives Steven Schmidt and Harold Parker.

Senator Bradley and Representatives Steven Schmidt and Harold Parker addressed the Board.

Mr. Senecal stated that the reason the Board requested their attendance was to discuss the concerns of the cuts to the NH DOT budget and how that will affect the Town's project and specifically the Center Street project.

Senator Bradley stated that the NH DOT project funding has been put on hold due to revenue and they are hoping that improving the revenue will help keep the projects funded. He noted that many other programs have a higher priority for funding such as Service Link, substance abuse funding and meals on wheels. He stated that the budget is scheduled to be voted on June 4th.

Mr. Bowers questioned why they would not increase the gas tax to increase revenue.

Senator Bradley replied they had already increased the gas tax last year and have no plans to increase it further at this time.

Mrs. Murray thanked Senator Bradley for his support on the generator grant for the Town Hall and well as his support on the Right to Know bill and Harold Parker for his vote. She questioned RSA 659: 13 relative to videotaping voters and that New Hampshire will be the only state in the country to do this and the cost to the town.

Senator Bradley replied this has been debated a number of years and there is funding to cover the expenses. He noted there is a provision in the Voter ID law that if the Town Clerk or the Moderator can identify someone it does not pertain to them. The video pertains to those who sign the affidavit and the reason behind the picture is to be sure the voting process is clear and transparent as possible.

Mr. Owen noted that originally they planned to discuss the funding of the Center Street Reconstruction project, but shortly before the meeting he received a communication that the State plans to fund the Center Street project based on the need and that the project is ready to go.

Mr. Harriman stated that it is his understanding that the State approved funds for three projects and all three are projects that are ready for the construction process.

Harold Parker thanked Mr. Owen for always keeping him informed on Wolfeboro's concerns.

C. Establish a Fisherville Committee

Kathy Eaton, Owner of Wolfeboro Trolley Company and member of the Economic Development Committee, addressed the Board to discuss the interest of many to make Wolfeboro a 4 season resort. She stated an idea has been tossed around to resurrect the old Fisherville that was out on the frozen lake in the winter. She stated many of the surrounding communities hold a winter event on the frozen lake and some local people came together to discuss resurrecting this old event as a way to join in on winter activities but to do something different than the surrounding communities. She stated some preliminary discussions have taken place but she sees this as something that should be and done by an appointed Committee.

Mr. Bowers stated he sees this Committee as similar to the Committee for the 250th event does by the Historical Society and is in support of it. He noted for the record he is favor of freezing in the Town Docks as well.

Mrs. Murray stated she is a strong supporter of this event and feels this could be "Wolfeboro's winter event".

It was moved by Dave Bowers and seconded by Luke Freudenberg to approve establishing and ad-hoc Fisherville Committee to be comprised of 7 members with alternates to plan to bring Fisherville back to Wolfeboro Bay. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

D. Renewal of License Agreement for use of Back Bay Docks by Wolfeboro Jet Ski Rentals

Peter Cook, representing Wolfeboro Jet Ski Rentals addressed the Board to request the third annual permission to use the Back Bay Docks for Wolfeboro Jet Ski Rentals.

Mrs. Murray stated she would like the ability to talk with them about Milfoil. The Board agreed she could talk with them about Milfoil.

Mr. Owen noted that he has received the check for the license as well as a copy of the insurance certificate.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Linda Murray to approve and sign the License Agreement with Wolfeboro Jet-Ski Rentals for Use of a Back Bay Dock for jet-ski rentals. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

E. Administrative Order by Consent (AOC) RE: Wastewater Treated Effluent Disposal

Dave Ford addressed the Board to discuss the Administrative Order by Consent as negotiated with NH DES which includes added details regarding the sewer system request by Town and NH DES was willing to include. He stated that the order includes milestone dates and quarterly reports starting in July. He noted they have already started a lot of the work listed in the order as well as having cut back the flows to the RIBs and started spraying May 1st.

Mrs. Murray stated that the report indicates that by September 30, 2017 an assets management plan needs to be developed and she questioned where they are in that process.

Mr. Ford replied that as part of the Master Plan they have already started collecting the data and inventorying the private sewers.

Mrs. Murray stated it is her understanding the milestone dates can be amended and if he is comfortable with this order.

Mr. Ford replied yes with proof of progress and that he is comfortable with the order.

It was moved by Dave Senecal and seconded by Linda Murray to approve and sign the Administrative Order by Consent No. 15-011 WD relative to the Town's Municipal Rapid Infiltration Basin Facility. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Any Other Business

Mr. Harriman stated with regards to last week's appointment to the Agricultural Commission and the issue that 3 people had applied for only two openings, he felt that Mr. Blair Moody who had previously served on the Commission, should have been appointed an alternate as well.

Mrs. Murray agreed and suggested adding him as an alternate.

It was moved by Brad Harriman and seconded by Linda Murray to appoint Blair Moody as an alternate to the Agricultural Commission as an alternate for a three year term. Members voted and being none opposed, the motion passed.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Owen stated the following:

- Human Resources Coordinator Jeff Urquhart has rejoined the staff after an extended medical leave.
- He met with the Winnepesaukee Drive residents and their contractor on how what is required to rebuild the road to Town standards and have it accepted as a Town road and wanted the Board to be aware that issue is still in discussion.
- The Tax Collector issued liens in the amount of \$355,034.72, which is less than last year.
- He provided a copy of the letter from the Wolfeboro Police Benevolent Association which plans to do some fundraising events this year.
- He provided information from the NH Bond Bank where some of the Town's bonds had been refinanced and saving the Town money in future years.

- He provided a copy of the NH DES survey of the Wolfeboro Water Department.
- He provided an update on the recent House Bills that have been discussed at previous meetings and that both have been referred to the Assessing Standards Board.
- He provided an update on the Town Hall renovation project as follows; the structural improvements are 95% complete, reconstruction of the chimney has started, the generator has been ordered and the handicap access ramp at the rear of the building that will become the main entrance is going to be longer than planned and they are currently working out the details of that as it will impact parking and it is undermined if it will need to be covered or not.

Committee Reports

Mr. Freudenberg reported he attended the Police Commission meeting which updated that the new K9 and Officer Strauch are currently in training and that Riggs is training ahead of schedule and that soon Wolfeboro will have a K9 Officer back in patrol. He also attended the Conservation Commission meeting which reviewed recent permits.

Mrs. Murray attended the following; the Town Hall Construction team meetings, the adhoc meeting of Fisherville and the EDC meeting where they discussed with Moose Mountain Alliance on publicity in the region.

Mr. Bowers attended the Library Board meeting which had a change of officers and continues to discuss the renovation plans. He noted the library had a structural survey done which reported the walls were in good shape but the library is in need of a new roof.

Mr. Harriman stated he attended the Planning Board meeting and the WCTV meeting where they discussed the rules of procedures. He noted that at the Friends of the Libby meeting they discussed the arrival of the new moose display that is scheduled for July 19th and questioned how that would affect any work being done at the facility.

Mr. Owen replied that mold was discovered in the rafters and remediation will need to be done first, the proposed contract for such is currently being reviewed by Town Counsel.

Mr. Harriman suggested they keep the Friends up to date on such as it will be a 7 hour trip to deliver the moose.

Questions from the Press

None.

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

Member Linda Murray moved the Wolfeboro Board of Selectmen to adjourn at 7:39 PM. Member Dave Bowers seconded. Being none opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelia Capone-Muccio
Recording Secretary