

**Regular Town Board Meetings**

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 – 7 p.m.  
Wascott Town Hall  
*-Minutes-*

**Work Session – 6:30 p.m.**

The work session was called to order by Chair Jim Boughner at 6:32 p.m. to review financial claims presented for payment by Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson. Board members present – Chair Boughner, Supervisors Burnside and Jenson, and Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson. **A Jenson/Burnside motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.; motion carried.**

**Regular Town Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Chair Boughner at 6:59 p.m. Board members present – Chair Boughner, Supervisors Jenson and Burnside, Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson and 10 guests.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Approval of Consent Agenda
  - a) Approval of the Special Work Session & Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of September 4 and Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2018
  - b) Approval of Agenda
  - c) Treasurer’s Report
  - d) Approval of September/October vouchers

**A Jenson/Burnside motion to approve the consent agenda; motion carried.**

- 4) Public Comments – Please be advised per § 19.84(2), comments and announcement will be received from the public. Comments are to be directed to the Town Board and limited to 4 minutes per person. No action taken by Board.  
*Patti McDermott* – From the Swedish Meatball Dinner proceeds, \$500 was donated to each the COMFORTS and Gordon Food Shelf. Patti thanked all the volunteers for their help.  
*Les Chandler* commented on the following - he did not notice a posting for a meeting held by Gordon discussing the Transfer Station; why doesn’t Gordon have a separate dumpster for its garbage like Wascott and hopes Wascott only considers moving forward for snow plowing of the EMS.
- 5) Department and Representative Announcements
  - a) Fire Department – absent.
  - b) EMS Asst. Director – Stacey Vig – absent.
  - c) County Board Representative – Mary Lou Bergman reported:
    - County Parks are officially closed. Bathrooms will remain open but not maintained.
    - Be sure if your Town has any items for the Zoning Committee, that the action taken by the Board is transmitted to the Zoning Office.
    - Imposing a “Moratorium on Importation & Raising of Cervids” in Douglas County. The resolution will be taken up at a Public Hearing in November and then go before the County Board at its Nov 15 meeting. A Committee known as “Communicable Diseases in Cervids Study Committee” will be initiated. The moratorium will be in place for 12 months, unless rescinded earlier, or may be extended until a study is completed. Deer farms and CWD started this.
    - Second round of water testing has been completed. Unfortunately, no one from Dairyland participated. There was approximately 76 tests taken.
    - Administration Committee passed the proposed 2019 budget. Net new construction is 1.03% . Hit with a surprise of 1.3 million dollars in unfunded state mandates regarding placements in Health & Human Services. These came through after our preliminary budget was already balanced.

6) Specific Matters for Discussion and Possible Action –

- a) Resolution 2018-06 – FEMA Reimbursement vs State Road Aids – **A Jenson/Burnside motion to approve Resolution 2018-06-FEMA Reimbursement vs State Road aids; motion carried.** This resolution requests that the Department of Transportation and the Department of Revenue review how FEMA/WEM funds received for a disaster, are computed so those Road Aid Funds are not affected by disaster funds.
- b) Cranberry Lake/Flowage Association issue with Buoys – Chair Boughner commented he received an email from the Cranberry Lake/Flowage Association bringing attention to the fact that the Town of Wascott has an ordinance on “No Wake Zones”. In the past, buoys have been installed in the Cranberry Flowage area by the Association. Buoys have been purchased by the Town of Wascott. The buoys need to be replaced and The Association is requesting the Town to purchase 4 new buoys at an approximate cost of \$230 each. **A Jenson/Burnside motion to approve the purchase of 4 new buoys for placement on the Cranberry Flowage; motion carried.**
- c) Rediger Road Public Access – Supervisor Jenson relayed some comments from a Determination of Status of Rediger Road-Whitefish Lake correspondence provided by the DNR. After extensive analysis of documents and a visit to the site, the DNR concluded that:
- The undeveloped, road-width strip of land extending from Rediger Road to the ordinary high-water mark of Whitefish Lake is public land owned by the Town of Wascott.
  - The Town is not responsible for creating a boat launch, a parking area or otherwise further developing the property. The Town can restrict public access to walk-in only.
  - Given this is a public accessway, any request to abandon the road, including this undeveloped section, would require DNR approval and would require the Town to construct another public access on Whitefish Lake.

Supervisor Jenson also relayed concerns and recommendations from Mitch McMillen, adjacent property owner, and the Whitefish Lake Conservation Organization. Les Chandler, local contractor, and Mark Howard of WILCO provided their input on the issue.

Based upon this information, a **Jenson/Burnside motion that the Town erect a sign at the end of Rediger Road stating “No Motorized Vehicles”; strategically erect “No Parking” signs; and remove brush and posts on property; motion carried.**

- d) G/W Transfer Station Agreement – Chair Boughner informed the Board of an email received from the Town of Gordon stating Gordon Town Board has unanimously voted to not renew the Gordon/Wascott Transfer Station Agreement due February 3, 2020. **A Jenson/Burnside motion to create an ad hoc committee to explore options for a Transfer Station in the event Wascott no longer partners with Gordon; motion carried.**

7) Adjournment – **A Jenson/Burnside motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson  
Clerk/Treasurer