

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Wascott Town Hall  
(16362 S Town Hall Road, Minong, WI 54859)

1. The Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Chair Youngquist at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Verification of qualified electors present at meeting – There were 12 qualified electors in attendance.
4. Approval of Order of Business- Chair Youngquist invited guests to add items to the Order of Business, to be discussed under Item 12 (b). The following items were requested by citizens present:
  - a. Jon Meteraud – expanding Brush Dump Sites
  - b. Agnes Kennard – miscellaneous discussion items
  - c. Lloyd Dahlberg – Wake Boats on the Minong Flowage
  - d. John Glindinning – Gravel/Roads

**A Jon Meteraud/Jeff Christensen motion to approve Order of Business; motion carried.**
5. Approve Annual Town Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2024 - A Jon Meteraud/Jeff Christensen motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2025; motion carried.
6. Review Conduct and Powers of Town Meeting- For informational purposes.
7. Town Officer's Reports
  - a. 2025 Annual Financial Report-Audited - Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson presented the audited Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2025 highlighting the following –  
**Actual Revenues** - \$1,777,046.  
**Actual Expenditures** - \$1,623,578.  
**Cash Fund Balance** beginning 01/01/25 was \$447,854; Cash Fund Balance ending 12/31/25 is \$601,322.  
**Long Term Debt** as of 12/31/25 is \$421,428.
  - b. Town Board Report – Complete report on file. Chair Youngquist - Some of the highlights of the past year include -
    - Purchased a 10' loader mount angle boom; defibrillator for Ballpark; manual deck gun/safety ladder for FD; flashlights for FD; UTV w/transport box and trailer for FD; new playground equipment for Ballpark
    - Replaced Lidberg Bridge
    - Repaved Whitefish Lake Road and South Flowage Road
    - Curt Johnston hired as new FD Chief
    - Liaison appointments – Chair Youngquist, highway department; Supv Liautaud, EMS and G/W Historical Society; Supv Christensen, G/W Jt. Transfer Station and Fire Department
8. Gordon/Wascott EMS- Complete report on file. Service Director Betty Ebert's report –
  - The department responded to 208 medical emergency calls – 72/Town of Gordon; 102/Town of Wascott; 34/mutual aid.
  - Conducting the CPR program to various businesses and agencies in the surrounding area providing education and training.
  - EMS membership includes 8 Advanced EMT's, 9 Basic EMT's, and 5 EMR's.

9. Wascott Volunteer Fire Department – Complete report on file. Chief Johnston’s report -
- Run reports for 2025 - 76 medical emergencies; 8 wildland fires; 9 structure fires; 3 alarms; 3 motor vehicle accidents; 7 mutual aid; 1 ATV/snowmobile accidents; 21 hazardous conditions/service calls.
  - Wildland fire season started early and proved to be very demanding on our department.
  - Leadership changes – Paul Phillip stepped down as Fire Chief and will continue to serve the community as a firefighter. I, Curt Johnston, assumed the role as Fire Chief. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Paul Phillip for his years of dedicated service.
  - Membership changes – 3 left; 2 new members joined.
  - Purchased a new UTV this year which will greatly assist in search and rescue operations.
  - The annual FD Open House will be Saturday, June 20, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

10. County Board Supervisor Report – District 21 – Dennis Cummings– Complete report on file.

Highlights of report -

- The County Board is made up of 21 District Supervisors, one for each district.
- Douglas County is 1480 square miles of which 1304 sq mi is land, 176 sq mi is water.
- The County Forestry system of Wisconsin has approximately 2.41 million acres of forest land in 30 of the state’s 72 counties. There is an annual County severance payment of 10% from gross timber sales in which the land lies.
- The 2025 budget includes a property tax levy of \$18,991,865.
- The lease agreement between Douglas County (owner of the Government Center) and the City of Superior settled in June 2024. In December 2025, the City of Superior approved a 3-year lease extension with Douglas County for space in the Government Center.
- The bridge on Cty Rd W over the Nemadji River in Douglas County, was re-opened after extensive repairs.
- The Nebagamon Creek Bridge on Cty Hwy B reopened in September 2025.
- Attended the Superior Days event in Madison.
- The Wisconsin Forestry Revitalization Act was signed into law April 2026, supports a \$1.5 to \$1.7 billion sustainable aviation fuel plant in Hayward, WI by providing \$210 million in incentives. The facility, led by Johnson Timber and Synthetic Fuels, turns biomass (tree tops, scraps) into fuel to boost the local timber industry. This is the largest industry investment by the State in the history of Northern Wisconsin as reported by Representative Chanz Green, 74<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.

11. Civic Organization Reports

- a. Wascott Community Club/Fire Department Auxiliary – Complete report on file. Highlights of President Patti McDermott’s report -
- The WCC/FDA has and does play a very important role in the Town of Wascott. We are always ready to serve our community to include the food shelves, Northwood School and our very important Fire Department.
  - We accomplish our goals through two means of fund raising – Friday Fun Day (dedicated to food shelves) and our Cans for Kids (used for scholarships and the many needs of Northwood School).
  - We are always mindful of the Town Hall and its upkeep. We keep the library neat and recently organized the shelves. With the help of Michelle Manor, our members clean the school and church in the Spring.

- b. Four Seasons Recreational Club - Complete report on file. Highlights of President Al Schoenborn's report -
- Background: The 4 Season's Rec Club is a snowmobile and ATV/UTV club established in Wascott in 1990. We currently maintain 35 miles of snowmobile and winter ATV trails and 30 miles of summer ATV trails. We have 182 paid single/family members and 33 paid commercial sponsors.
  - In May, we organized a ladies-only ATV ride. Also held a club ATV ride in September.
  - Purchased a new snow drag and a newer
- c. Wascott Tourism & Development Association – Complete report on file. Highlights of President Jon Meteraud's report -
- Wascott....A Way of Life
  - Memberships, 12; New members, 5; Associate members, 6
  - WDTA supports Northwood School, 4 Season's Rec Club, WCC, WFD, G/W EMS, Wascott Veteran's Memorial, G/W Historical Society, Wascott Christmas Party, G/W Food Shelf, Road Clean-up on Hwy T, Washburn County Website Guide, Sponsor a Christmas family, Mentor/Youth Spring Turkey Hunt
  - The Association works with businesses of Wascott to aid and promote getting information out to the surrounding area.
  - Visit the web page at [www.wascottwayoflife.com](http://www.wascottwayoflife.com) or like us on Facebook: Wascott Tourism and Development Association which both links to: All businesses, Town of Wascott, calendar of events and much more.
- d. Gordon-Wascott Historical Society - Complete report on file. President Brian Finstad provided the following highlights –
- A total of 287 individuals visited our Gordon Depot and Whalen House Museum. Open houses were held at the Wascott Historical Park in partnership with the Wascott Community Club.
  - Big event of the year was the dedication of the Amick Historical Part, the site of Antoine and Sarah Gordon's trading post, "Amick" being the earliest name of the community prior to the formalization of the Town of Gordon, which originally comprised what is now Gordon, Wascott and Dairyland.
  - Hosted a number of additional events including a first ever gravel bike fundraiser.
  - Had historic walking tours, tour of the Peter and Annie Nelsom house.
  - Recognition of Chuck & Patti McDermott for their leadership in creation of the Wascott Historical Park, and a Member Appreciation evening with wine and music at the Depot.
  - Oral history interviews were conducted and archived as part of the Oral History Project.
  - Continue to collect and inventory local artifacts, create additional displays and make improvements to the facilities.
  - Currently has a membership of 187 and is one of the most active historical societies in northern Wisconsin.
  - For more information on the museums, historical parks and events, visit the web site at [www.gordonwascotthistoricalsociety.org](http://www.gordonwascotthistoricalsociety.org) and our Facebook page.

12. Specific Matters for Discussion by Qualified Electors Present
- a. Set meeting date for 2026 Annual Town Meeting – **A Jeff Christensen/Steve Trainor motion to set the Annual Town Meeting date for Saturday, April 24, 2027, at 10:00 a.m., at the Wascott Town Hall. Motion carried by voice vote.**
  - b. Items Added by Town Meeting
    - 1) Jon Meteraud – Expansion of Brush Collection Sites – **A Jon Meteraud/Steve Trainor motion to have the Town Board consider expanding the West side BCS site to accommodate more dumping. Motion amended to include the East side BCS; motion carried by a voice vote.**
    - 2) Agnes Kennard – Miscellaneous discussion items – Agnes asked where the “Order of Business” was posted on the website. Would only show Board of Review info. Agnes asked what the status is regarding Miikana Park. It is located on the East side of Wascott. How does the public get information about it. Has there been any improvements to it since it was established a few years ago. How can one tell if it’s being used. It is a trail park. Are we still allowing trapping in it? Agnes questioned if the public is aware of a Wascott public beach. Have we given any thought of a public beach on a lake. Where exactly (which township) is the Weyerhasur Copper Mine located. It is advertised by Gordon/Wascott Historical Society.
    - 3) Lloyd Dahlberg – Wake Boats – Minong Flowage – **A Lloyd Dahlberg/Catherine Dahlberg motion to re-visit enacting an ordinance for wake boats on the Minong Flowage. Hand vote – yes, 10; no, 2. Motion carried.**
    - 4) John Glindinning – Gravel/Blacktopping and Sealcoating – John commented why Lost Lake road is being blacktopped questioning how much use that road gets versus others. Should be more aggressive in blacktopping more roads. Still not testing the gravel and it should be as the better grade of gravel helps maintain gravel roads longer.
13. **A Steve Trainor/Jeff Christensen/ motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.; motion carried by a voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson  
Clerk/Treasurer

(Posted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, at the Town Hall, Stop-A-Sec, FD  
Backwoods Bar & Grill and the town’s website – [www.townofwascott.org](http://www.townofwascott.org) )