

**Town of Wascott  
Wascott, WI 54890**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm  
Wascott Town Hall**

**- Minutes -**

1. Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Newsome.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Verification of qualified electors present at meeting – There were 67 in attendance. 63 were qualified electors.
4. Approval of Order of Business. Agenda items may be added by those attending the meeting. **A Charles McDermott/Sheryl Beglinger motion to approve the order of business; motion carried.**
5. Approve minutes of the special town meeting held on November 13, 2010. **A Doug Bush/Mary Lou Bergman motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2010; motion carried.**
6. Review statutory provisions for conduct of the annual town meeting. A copy of “Powers of the Town Meeting” and a WTA opinion sheet outlining annual meeting protocol was distributed to the attendees.
7. Town officer reports:
  - a. Annual financial report for 2010 presented by Chairperson Newsome  
The 2010 Annual Financial Report is available for review on the town’s web site – [www.townofwascott.org](http://www.townofwascott.org).
  - b. Town Board Report – none
  - c. EMS Services – Director Betty Ebert
    - Runs for year totaled 149;
    - Membership increased from 26 to 34;
    - Purchased 2 radios replacing outdated equipment;
    - Initiated a Service Award Program (SAP) providing members with a retirement program.
  - d. Wascott Fire Department – Chief Tom Michalek
    - Run Report for 2010 - 61 first responder calls; 4 wild land fires; 3 structure fires; 4 false alarms; 10 car accidents and traffic control; 2 mutual aids; 3 ATV/snowmobile accidents; 15 hazardous conditions/service calls;
    - The department received grants from Douglas County and the National Park Service totaling \$5,000 for new pagers and first responder gear;
    - Sponsors an annual open house with food and fun.
8. County Board Supervisor Report – Mary Lou Bergman
  - Completed the following – 1) Douglas County Comprehensive Plan; 2) Aquatic Invasive Species Plan; 3) Land & Water Resources Plan; and 4) Sustainable Forests Management Plan;
  - The Land Records Modernization Plan and City/County GIS Strategic Plan are ready for approval;
  - The County hired Andy Lisak as County Administrator replacing retired administrator Steve Kosarek;
  - Two new committees were formed – 1) Douglas County Land Information Council, and 2) Advisory Committee on Redistricting;
  - The Community Development Block Grant weatherization program for rural Douglas County residents was a huge success;
  - Probation & Parole Office and the Veteran’s Service Office have moved to the Government Center.

9. Civic organization reports:

a. Wascott Neighborhood Watch – Sheryl Beglinger/Mike Bodeen

- Neighborhood Watch is a network of neighbors watching out for our neighbors;
- It is a vital link to the law enforcement agency helping to identify suspicious behavior;
- Members are kept informed, via email, of potential issues;
- Currently, there are 53 households participating in the program;
- Meet two times a year – Saturday before Memorial Day and Saturday after Labor Day.

b. Gordon-Wascott Food Shelf – no report.

c. Gordon-Wascott Historical Society – Dave & Karin Benson

- The president and treasurer of the society were active members of the planning committee for the Gordon’s Sesquicentennial Celebration;
- Another book was published – Mr. Gordon’s Neighborhood, a timeline history of the area, written by Ron Seningen. Back the Road a Bit, a family history of the area, still continues to be popular;
- The society participated in Gordon’s “The Good Neighbor Day’s” July 4<sup>th</sup> activities by hosting an Ice Cream Social – the major fund raiser each year.

d. RAV’N - no report.

e. Wascott Community Club – Patti McDermott

- The Wascott Community Club/Volunteer Fire Department has been active in the community for over 30 years;
- In honor of Wascott’s 100<sup>th</sup> year centennial, the club designed and sold a commemorative coffee mug;
- The Club served refreshments at Gordon’s 150 year celebration;
- Hosted a book signing and presentation of Bill Mathias’s book entitled Five Mile Tower Fire. Also, hosted book signings for Agnes Kennard and Janet K. Jensen;
- A pie contest/social fund raiser was sponsored by the Wascott Men’s Garden Club and Trina of the Stop-A-Sec helping to support the Northwood’s School scholarship program - \$585 dollars;
- Assisted with the blood drive and road clean-up;
- Plant flowers and help replace flags at the cemetery and town hall;
- Provide two \$500 scholarships each year to two Northwoods School students from Wascott;
- Provide desserts and serve food at the Fire Department Open House;
- Sort and shelve books in the lending library at the town hall;
- Provide cookies and help wrap presents for the Wascott Area Children’s Christmas Party – over 100 children attend;
- Assist the Clerk/Treasurer in mailing tax statements;
- Plan and serve lunches for funerals at the town hall.

This year, the Club donated to several worthwhile area charities including the Salvation Army of Minong, Gordon/Wascott Food Shelf, Comforts-Buckets for Hunger, Northwood Children’s Christmas shopping day, and the Northwood Education Foundation Septemberfest. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 1:30.

f. Four Season’s Recreational Club, Inc. – Jon Meteraud

- Helped with Children’s Christmas Party;
- Do road clean-up on highway 53 two times each year;
- Sponsored the Youth Turkey Hunt;
- Conduct ATV and snowmobile safety classes;
- Sponsor an annual Food n’ Fun during Labor Day with over 700 attending;
- Host an open house and membership drive in June at the Ball Park;
- Maintain summer and winter grooming of Trail 3.

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- g. Wascott Tourism & Development Association, Inc. –Robert Fritzke
- Advertising layouts are published in the Superior-Douglas County, WI magazine and the Washburn County Visitor Guide providing exposure to local member businesses;
  - The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Stampede (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend) had 294 participants – the largest ever!
  - Sponsored the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food Drive. Donations of \$489 dollars and 350 pounds of food was donated to the Gordon Food Shelf;
  - Contributed to the Silent Auction for the Northwood Education Foundation;
  - Supported the new recreational parking area on Hwy T.
10. Specific matters for discussion by the qualified electors present at the annual town meeting:
- a. Set meeting date for 2012 annual town meeting – A Nancy Stannard/Doug Bush motion to set the 2012 Annual Meeting for Saturday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m.; motion passed.
- b. Items as may be added by the Town Meeting as provided by statute. – none
11. **A Robert Beglinger/Bernie Bergman motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. was made and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson  
Clerk/Treasurer

(Posted and dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011)