

SELECTBOARD MEETING

April 6, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.

Treas/AA Office

Attendance:	Ken Colby	Rick Ackerman	Wayland Childs
	Erik Anderson	Steve Gould	Stan Brinkman
	Ruben Hook	Cornelia Cesari	Dave Bradshaw
	Jane Cushman	Beverly Taplin	Dave Button
	Karen Lathrop	Dave Farnham	

1. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. FBA Request for Support for USDA Grant – New Business
 - b. Request for Roberts Poor Fund Money – New Business
2. Minutes – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the March 16, 2010 meeting as written. So moved.
3. Public Concerns
 - a. Beverly expressed concern for vacant buildings that are falling apart and the danger of fire. Dave Farnham, Fire Chief explained that this concern might be out of his jurisdiction but encouraged Beverly to meet with him to let him know what building(s) she is concerned about and he will investigate.
 - b. Ken received a complaint about logs and stones being left in a Class 4 road following a logging operation. Rick will check to see if the road still meets Class 4 passable condition. If it doesn't, Rick will notify Ken and he will call the logger to see if there are plans to return and clean up the site.
 - c. Susanna Colloredo-Mansfeld notified Erik of attempts to reclaim the bell in the Courthouse by the original manufacturer.
 - d. Dave Button expressed concern about the odors from the WWTP. Typical spring upsets in the biological system at the plant have been much worse this year. Nolan is working to get things back in balance.
4. Water/Sewer
 - a. Water Billing Review – In response to the Chelsea Health Center Board's request, the Selectboard has reviewed VLCT's water/sewer rate survey, Barre City and Northfield's rate structures. It was apparent from this review that because the Health Center is a commercial property with multiple fixtures that any of these rate structures would result in a higher bill and that properties pay for services regardless of the amount of water used.
 - b. Bench Sheets – Ken reviewed and signed the monthly and quarterly bench sheets.
5. Roads
 - a. Personnel – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to enter executive session at 7:23 p.m. to review job applications. So moved. Exited at 7:50 p.m. No action taken – will probably leave the position vacant through the summer.
 - b. Garage Feasibility Study – tabled until next meeting
 - c. Paving – tabled until next meeting

- d. Backhoe – Rick has an estimate from Nortrax of about \$10,000 to replace the pins and bushings in the hoe and to replace the floor in the cab. There are many other repairs to be made. The Board discussed purchasing a new backhoe vs. repairing this one. The Board recommended having the pins and bushings replaced in the hoe. Rick will look at the floor to decide if it can be repaired without replacing the whole floor.
6. Town Clerk
- a. Liquor – The Selectboard approved issuing a permit for malt beverages for catering at a wedding reception.
 - b. Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation sent a letter advising the Board that before changing the classification of a road they must be notified.
 - c. Karen has scheduled a tax abatement hearing for Thursday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
 - d. Karen reported major leaks in the roof; Jane will contact Norm’s Roofing to see when they are planning to do the repairs.
 - e. Roger Carpenter has placed Chelsea Town Hall and Garage on a list for annual cleanings.
 - f. Arnold Braman is coordinating with Phillip Mulligan to address the electrical issues in the Town Hall.
7. Old Business
- a. Solid Waste Hauling Proposals – Casella submitted the only proposal for hauling the recyclables and cardboard. If Chelsea agrees to sign a 3-year contract, Casella will furnish a compactor for cardboard with the town being responsible for the site work. After reviewing bids, Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to offer the contract for tires and metals to All Metals Recycling. They will provide roll off containers at no charge for metal and tires, haul the metal container for \$90 per service call and refund the town using 55% from the mixed scrap metal price index. Hauling for tires will be \$90 per service call but if hauled in conjunction with the scrap metal, the haul will be \$160 for both containers. Disposal for tires is \$120 per ton on an average cost of \$1.90 per tire. So moved.
 - b. Service Officer – Tabled
 - c. Mowing Bids - Two bids were submitted, Farnham Lawn Care for \$170 per mowing and Eli B. Childs for \$262 per mowing. Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to award the contract to Farnham Lawn Care. So moved. Dave Farnham offered the town a 2-year agreement at \$170 per mowing. Dave submitted an estimate of \$666.74 to aerate and fertilize the North & South Commons. The Board will check with the Parks Commission to see if they agree with the Board that this should be done.
 - d. Zoning – The DRB requested a letter from the Selectboard indicating whether the overhangs as they are currently constructed at the Creamery building cause any issues with the maintenance or use of Creamery Road, and whether this activity, by the applicant within the public right of way is allowed by the Town. After a discussion with Rick, the board wrote a letter indicating that the overhangs did not cause any issues this year but noted that it is difficult to speculate if a winter with more extreme weather conditions would cause issues.
 - e. Justin Morgan Signs and Account – Tabled

8. New Business
 - a. Quitclaim Deed to Pixie Colby – Since the Brookhaven water line was not installed on Pixie’s property it was deed back to Pixie.
 - b. Safeline – Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to allow Safeline to display flags, representing and honoring survivors of sexual violence in the area, on the North Common one day during April. So moved.
 - c. Flood Hazard Zoning Bylaw Education Grant – Reviewed and signed.
 - d. First Branch Ambulance – Dave Bradshaw requested a letter of support for the FBA grant application for a new ambulance and supplies. Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to support FBA endeavors. So moved.
 - e. Roberts Poor Fund – The Chelsea Public School nurse requests funding from the Roberts Poor Fund for dental work for 3 students. Pending clarification that the 3 students are Chelsea residents, Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to fund this request. So moved.

9. Adjournment – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. So moved. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. due to member absences on April 20th