

SELECTBOARD MEETING

July 11, 2006 – 6:00 p.m.

Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Andy Pomerantz
Dick Rogers
Carol Olsen

Jane Cushman
Rick Ackerman
Robert Pollack

Al Bartsch
Beth Ann Finlay
Lynn Amber

1. **Minutes** – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the June 20, 2006 meeting as written. So moved.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
 - a. Mow Dump Cap – To Roads
 - b. Review Budget
 - c. Kennedy Property – To Old Business
 - d. Town Office Hours – Public Comments
 - e. Ryan Property – Public Comments
 - f. Grader Repair - Roads
3. **Public Comments**
 - a. The Selectboard has received questions about the Town Clerk's hours. Jane will check with the Secretary of State to determine what the Selectboard's responsibility is.
 - b. The Selectboard has received a complaint about a camper on the Ryan property and the possible release of sewage on the property. John Bellefeuille, Health Officer, will be asked to investigate this complaint.
4. **Water/Sewer**
 - a. Bench Sheets – Tabled
 - b. WWTP Upgrade – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to adopt the loan resolution of USDA, Rural Development authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of upgrading the wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$85,000. So moved.
 - c. Fitness Center – The Preston's have requested that the water/sewer charges for the Fitness Center be removed since the space is no longer in use. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to table this discussion until the Aug. 1st meeting when it can be discussed with Nolan LaFrancis, Chief Operator. So moved.
5. **Roads**
 - a. Grader Repair – After having a repairman check the grader, it appears that the hydraulic pump needs to be replaced. A remanufactured pump is approximately \$1,650 plus freight and installation vs. a John Deere pump which would be \$3,000 plus freight and installation. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to authorize Rick to buy the remanufactured pump and have it installed with the payment coming from the Equipment Reserve Fund. So moved.
 - b. Class 4 Road Work – Dick and Rick checked Blackhawk Road. Up to the point where the road has a cable with a lock, the road is passable. Dick will continue to try to reach Ted Grant to discuss his concerns. They also checked Burbank Crossroad. Peter will be invited to a meeting to discuss his desire to

discontinue the road from East Randolph Road to Hook Road. Glenn Manning has offered to pay for material for the Brown Place Rd. if the town would haul it. There was no resolution.

- c. Roadside Mowing – When the town rented the tractor and mower, Rick cut so much brush that not all the grass got mowed. Because all the money budgeted for roadside mowing is spent for this year, the tractor will not be rented again until next year.
- d. Access Ordinance Draft – The draft was reviewed and further action will be taken at the next meeting.
- e. Culvert Inventory – The inventory is complete. Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission will compile the data and submit the request for reimbursement to Vermont Better Back Roads Grants Program.
- f. Lighthouse Hill Road – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to authorize Maurice LaSalle, representing a horse club, to repair a section of the trail on Lighthouse Hill Road to make it passable for horses. So moved.
- g. Garage Repair – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to have the insurance adjustor look at the damage done when a car hit the town garage and assess the damage. So moved.
- h. Access Permit Application – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to approve George Button's access permit. This site is located on Beacon Hill ¼ mile from the intersection with Brook Road. So moved. The Button's were also authorized to install a longer culvert across Beacon Hill under Rick's supervision.
- i. Dump Cap – Rick will check for someone to mow the dump cap.
- j. Bobbinshop Rd. – Rick reported that the orange tape around a culvert on Bobbinshop Road was put there because the culvert is short and the road is washing out. This culvert and one on Edwards Rd. will be replaced.

6. Old Business

- a. Facilities Committee – Beth Ann and Lynn discussed issues regarding funding for the library if the location was such that the library was responsible for all costs for utilities, etc. Andy will try to organize a joint meeting between the Schoolboard, Selectboard and Facilities committee to discuss 1.) joint school/town library, 2.) uses for Ryan property and 3.) parking and traffic flow. August 17th was set as a possible date for this meeting. Beth Ann updated the Selectboard on the progress with the Ryan property. There has been no response from Diane Stewart regarding her donation of property to the town but she may be waiting until August when she visits Chelsea.
- b. Town Hall Restoration – No update.
- c. Planning Commission – In preparation for Jay Keller leaving town, the Board is creating a list of potential people to take a position on the planning commission.
- d. Negotiations with Property Owners – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to enter executive session at 8:50 p.m. So moved. Exited at 8:55 p.m. No action taken.
- e. Farmer's Market – Carol has received complaints about vendors parking on the common during the Farmer's Market. She asked one vendor to move his vehicle and explained the parking policy. She re-affirmed the policy with the manager who agreed to enforce the policy. The manager in turn raised the issue of dogs on the common during the market. A letter will be sent to the manager explaining that Chelsea's ordinance does not prohibit dogs on the

common on a leash. A copy of the dog ordinance and the common ordinance will be included.

- f. Kennedy Property – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to enter executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss an issue regarding the Kennedy Property. So moved. Exited at 8:45 p.m. Andy will contact The Herald and request that a disclaimer on any articles written from minutes be included with the article. Andy will call Neil Kennedy regarding the issue and Dick will respond to an email from Neil.
- g. Budget Review – After reviewing the budget, Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to invite the listeners to the Aug. 1st meeting to review their budget. Orange County Sheriff's Dept. will also be invited to discuss their contract. So moved.

7. **New Business**

- a. Tax Rate – Al Bartsch reported that the Fire District tax rate would be set at \$.0611. Based on a grand list of \$1,068,244 at the time the rate is set, and the anticipated town share of the hold harmless amount of \$53,241.30, Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to set the town tax rate at \$.4528. So moved. Total taxes to be raised include a budget of \$443,101.89, special garage line item - \$50,000 and \$.04 for sewer improvements (\$42,729.76) for a total of \$535,831.65.
- b. Use of Common – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to grant permission for Orange County Parent Child Center (OCPCC) to use the north common Fri. evening, Sept 8, 2006 and Sat, Sept 9, 2006. So moved. They also requested use of the Town Hall, which must be scheduled with the town clerk.

- 8. **Adjournment** – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held on July 25, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Action Items:

Jane will contact Sec. of State re: responsibility for keeping town office open
Carol will ask John Bellefeuille will investigate complaint of sewage odors
Rick will get grader repaired
Dick will continue to try to contact Ted Grant
Dick will invite Peter Flint to Aug. 1st meeting
Rick will check around for someone to mow dump cap
Andy will organize a meeting with the schoolboard, selectboard and facilities comm.
Jane will send letter to Farmer's Market
Dick will respond to Neil Kennedy's email
Andy will call Neil Kennedy
Andy will contact The Herald re: disclaimer
Dick will invite Sheriff's Dept. to Aug 1st meeting at 7:00 p.m.