

SELECTBOARD MEETING

April 3, 2007 – 5:00 p.m.

Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Harry Flint	Mark Lembke	Lee Cattaneo
Carol Olsen	Liz Helrich	Gerhard Postpischil
Andy Pomerantz	Lydia Menendez	Alan Ackerman
Jane Cushman	Gerry D'Amico	Kevin Marshia
Dave Farnham	Phillip Mulligan	

1. Minutes – Harry moved and Carol seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. So moved.
2. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. Chelsea Laundromat Closing – Water/Sewer
 - b. Town Garage – Old Business
 - c. Liquor License – New Business
 - d. Service Officer Appointment – Old Business
 - e. Town Plan – Old Business
 - f. Froggy Donation – New Business
 - g. Illegal Burning – Old Business
 - h. Clean-up Day – New Business
 - i. Emergency Management – Old Business
 - j. Two Rivers Appointment – New Business
 - k. Ski Trail – New Business
3. Public Comments – None
4. Water/Sewer
 - a. Water & Sewer Bench Sheets – Reviewed and signed
 - b. Brookhaven Well – Bill Norland (Otter Creek Engineering) is organizing a public informational meeting for water users.
 - c. Laundromat Closing – As of April 1, 2007 the Laundromat is closing. The board requested this action in writing and will ask Nolan to follow up to make sure all machines are disconnected from the water system.
5. Roads
 - a. Road Posting – Carol and Harry attended a Selectboard Institute on Sat. They learned that to post roads properly, all roads, even side roads must be posted and each road must be posted at each end. It appears that other towns grant permission to travel on posted roads when the roads are frozen. At the April 24th meeting, the ordinance will be reviewed and wording added to permit usage of the posted roads when they are frozen at the Selectboard's appointed designee's discretion.
6. Old Business
 - a. CVSWMD – Due to confusion re: time and location for the CVSWMD committee to meet the Selectboard, they visited the Transfer Station where Mark Lembke and Dick Adams gave them a tour. Upon their arrival at the Selectboard meeting, the CVSWMD Project Oversight

Committee (POC) informed the board that Dave Evans, chair of the POC was ill and unable to attend the meeting, so they would rather not start the discussion until Dave could be present. They did indicate that their goal is to keep Chelsea's transfer station operational and at the same time make cost cutting changes for the district. Recycling and hauling of materials are 2 issues to be discussed. Dave will contact Carol to set up a meeting to continue discussions. Liz announced that June 2nd will be Hazardous Collection day in Tunbridge and that during the month of June Tunbridge will collect electronics. There are charges for both events. Chelsea residents are encouraged to utilize these events.

- b. Illegal Burning – Mark Lembke reviewed CVSWMD's efforts to curb illegal burning. He completed a survey with the Selectboard to see what Chelsea is doing re: illegal burning. Mark was given a copy of the town's ordinance regulating illegal burning.
- c. Common Mowing – Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to award the "Common Mowing" contract to Dave & Brian Farnham. So moved.
- d. Lawsuits – Otterman & Allen sent what is hopefully a final bill for the WEC lawsuit for \$1236.96. The second lawsuit re: a Chelsea School student in which the town is named is being handled by VLCT.
- e. Service Officer – The form appointing Brooks Ann Chapin as service officer was signed.
- f. Town Plan – As discussed at a previous meeting, so as not to have a lapse between the existing town plan and the new town plan, the Selectboard will re-adopt the current town plan. The public hearing for the re-approval will be held on May 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Phillip hopes to have the new plan ready in June to start the hearing process. Phillip is looking for board input for the water/sewer and solid waste chapters in the new town plan.
- g. Emergency Management – Dave asked the Selectboard to review and adopt the NIMS. The board discussed the possibility of the town having a portable radio with fire dept. frequencies. This will be discussed further at the 4/10 meeting at the firehouse.
- h. Town Garage - **Building** – Alan & Kevin have bids from Trumble Nelson for \$750,000 and from Morton Buildings for \$600,000. Alan & Kevin are considering the savings by the town having a general contractor and hiring subcontractors. This could save substantial money but the chance of getting the garage built this year would be slim and would greatly increase the amount of work they would have to do. The Board acknowledges the amount of time and work already done by the committee and endorses their decision. **Site** – Phillip sited the "scenic and long term planning issues" as reasons why the Planning Commission thinks the Heath Field is not a good site for a town garage. The Planning Commission realizes that the Heath Field might be the only option but wants to explore others before settling on it. A second site might be available but before much planning is done, the site needs to be visited and an option to buy obtained.

7. New Business

- a. Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to give the Veterans permission to use the North Common following the parade on Memorial Day. So moved.
- b. Liquor License – Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to table the approval of the liquor license for Tom & Charlotte Mullen's Chelsea Quik Stop until after the required training is completed. So moved.
- c. Froggy Donation – All towns visited by Froggy are entered into a drawing of which Chelsea was the winner this year. The Selectboard think new park benches and additional trash containers for the commons would be a good use for this \$3000 donation. Andy will contact the Park's Commission for their input.
- d. Clean-up Day – Dave Farnham is willing to organize a clean-up day for areas effected by the spring flooding of Jail Branch Brook. On April 21st at 9:00 a.m. everyone is invited to bring shovels and rakes to work on this project. This will be followed with a potluck lunch with the town furnishing hamburgers and hot dogs.
- e. Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission – There need to be 2 appointed to the commission. Andy will call Carl Pepperman to see if he's interested.
- f. Town Forest – The Board supports Phillip's request to hire school kids on May 1st to cut a ski trail thru the town forest.

8. Correspondence

- a. Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission – project planning solicitation list
- b. George D. Aiken R C & D Council Newsletter
- c. Casella – All-in-One Recycling
- d. Chelsea Public School – Emergency Crisis Committee meeting on 4/9 @ 7:00
- e. CVSWMD – Minutes and Agenda

9. Adjournment – Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. So moved