

SELECTBOARD MEETING
May 6, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Ken Colby	Steve Gould
Andy Pomerantz	Clint Rodger
Jane Cushman	Mark Lembke
Beth Ann Finlay	Kate Willard
Sheriff Bohnyak	Joe Spinella
CJ Cesari	Robert Sanborn
Rick Ackerman	Ed Kuban

1. Minutes – Ken moved and Andy seconded the motion to accept the minutes to the April 3, 2008 meeting and the April 15, 2008 meetings as written. So moved.
2. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. Sheriff Bohnyak re: town contract – New Business
 - b. Nichols Dr. – Roads
 - c. Flint Resignation – New Business
 - d. Alternate DRB member – New Business
 - e. DRB Officers – New Business
 - f. Green-UP Day Report – New Business
3. Public Comments – Clint Rodger attended the meeting to express concern for the speeding on West Hill and all town highways. Sheriff Bohnyak will address this issue.
4. Water/Sewer
 - a. Brookhaven – The board reviewed the contract to be presented to Brookhaven to allow the town on their property to retest the well. It was agreed that the contract is sufficient and will be sent to Brookhaven for their review.
 - b. Bench Sheets – Reviewed and signed
 - c. Ken reported that the broken handle at the WWTP has been repaired and the bill sent to NECCO.
5. Roads
 - a. Personnel Issue – Ken moved and Andy seconded the motion to enter executive session at 6:50 to discuss a personnel issue. So moved. Exited at 7:08. No action taken.
 - b. Nichols Drive – Andy reviewed history of discussions and actions taken re: this issue. Jane will get a legal opinion from VLCT as to whether Nichols Dr. is a legal road because the town had maintained it for years and if the town can simply discontinue maintenance without further action.
6. Old Business
 - a. Zoning – Nothing to report
 - b. Garage – Alan Ackerman reported that the operators of the sewer system, Alan and Picketts have met to develop a budget estimate for the sewer line installation for the proposed garage. Alan has not gotten the estimate and the facilities committee is still waiting for information from ANR.

- c. Lease Draft – Ken moved and Andy seconded the motion to enter executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss land acquisition issues. So moved. Exited at 8:40 p.m. – No action taken.
 - d. ECFiberNet – Ken reported on his attendance at the ECFiberNet meeting. The committee has a commitment for a design build but still needs to attain funding for the project. Officers were elected.
 - e. Constable – No interest in the position at this time.
 - f. Mowing Bids – After reviewing 7 bids, Andy moved and Ken seconded the motion to accept the lowest bid of \$100 for the commons and basketball court and \$50 for each mowing of the water/sewer property from Farnham Lawn Care. So moved.
 - g. Rapid Response Plan – The plan was reviewed and signed with the anticipated change of a Selectboard name.
 - h. Stewart Property – Beth Ann updated the board on the progress of obtaining the donation of 2.5 acres of property from Diane Stewart. Money was allocated in 2007 for work on this project but not all spent. She didn't realize that this money does not remain earmarked for the work. She has been able to get most work done to date for free but estimates the need for \$1,500 to finish up the work. Ms. Stewart has offered to pay 50% of the cost to clear up a right-of-way issue and the Rec Committee still pledges \$250 toward this project. Beth Ann was encouraged to continue with this work and the town will pay any balance not covered by Ms. Stewart and the Rec. Committee.
 - i. Junk Ordinance Enforcement – Of the 3 landowners issued notice to clean up their property, 2 are showing progress and the third will be watched to make sure progress continues.
 - j. CVSWMD – Mark Lembke and Steve Gould attended the meeting to update the board on the status of activities within CVSWMD. Mark has agreed to continue serving on the CVSWMD as an alternate with Steve Gould serving as representative. At this time, the money to subsidize Chelsea's recyclables is still in the CVSWMD budget but it is up to the board members to determine how this money is spent. Mark did report that the new board members do appear to be more sensitive to small town issues.
7. New Business
- a. Comp Time – The board discussed the pros and cons of implementing comp time for the road crew. Andy moved and Ken seconded the motion to implement comp time for the road crew with the maximum amount of time accrued being 40 hours. This time may also be cashed out. So moved. They will discuss this with Rick at the next meeting he attends.
 - b. Library Use of North Common – Ken moved and Andy seconded the motion to allow the Library to use the North Common on Sat., May 10, 2008 for their annual hanging plant sale. So moved.
 - c. Couch in Town Hall – Joe Spinella explained that the reason the couch appeared in the foyer to the Town Hall was for wireless computer users convenience. The issue of the couch being a fire hazard and the possibility of asking the fire marshal to view the situation was discussed. It was also suggested that a table and 2 chairs would more indicate the area is intended to be a workstation was discussed.

- d. VFW – Robert Sanborn and Ed Kuban attended the meeting to ask permission to place a slanted stone with “MIA POW” on it in front of the existing monument. The board was in favor of this action so long as the VFW checks with Rick Allen re: zoning issues.
 - e. Flint Resignation – Ken moved and Andy seconded the motion to accept, with regret, Harry Flint’s resignation from the Selectboard. So moved. Harry cited personal and health issues as being the reason for resignation.
 - f. Sheriff Bohnyak – Sheriff Bohnyak attended the meeting to discuss the petitions being circulated asking for Chelsea to terminate its contract with Orange County Sheirff’s Dept. due to the conduct of one of the deputies. He reported that due to alleged threats, the deputy has voluntarily stopped working. The Sheriff is purchasing 2 state of the arts video cameras to be installed in the cruisers. Sheriff Bohnyak assured the selectboard that he’s aware of the issues and is investigating the allegations.
 - g. DRB Officers – The board appoints the following officers for the DRB: Chair – Neil Kennedy, Vice Chair – Deb Melvin and Sec. – Anne Carroll.
 - h. DRB Alternate – Paul Galdone will be invited to continue as alternate to the DRB.
 - i. Green-Up Day – Beth Ann reported that Green-Up Day went well but there are still sites that need additional work. She has volunteers that are willing to do this work in a month when weather and time permits. She asks that the balance of the \$227 Green-Up Day grant be used for this purpose.
8. Adjournment – Ken moved and Andy seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:00 p..m. The next meeting will be held on May 27, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. So moved.