

SELECTBOARD MEETING  
July 15, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.  
Town Hall

Attendance: Andy Pomerantz, Doug Lyford, Ken Colby and Jane Cushman

1. Minutes – Ken moved and Doug seconded the motion to accept the minutes to the July 1, 2008 meeting as written. So moved.
2. Adjustments to Agenda
  - a. Wells – Water/Sewer
  - b. Road Salt – Roads
  - c. Wellspring – Old Business
3. Public Comments
4. Water/Sewer
  - a. Brookhaven – The agreement between the Town of Chelsea and Brookhaven to enable the town to enter their property for a pump test was reviewed and signed.
  - b. Wells – Tabled
5. Roads
  - a. Nichols Drive – Ken has been able to find Nichols Drive (TH #81) on a 1986 highway map. Ken is going to contact the State of VT to see if this road can be placed back on the highway map. Doug moved and Ken seconded the motion to move forward with this project and accept Ted Nichols and Joan Boardman's letter of dedication of their drive leading from Beacon Hill (TH #43) to their property as Class 3 highway with all maintenance to be done by the Town of Chelsea. So moved.
  - b. Town Hall Rd. – Tabled
  - c. Bridges 9, 10 & 11 – A letter from AOT has been received re: these bridges. AOT encouraged the town to arrange for a meeting with the Structures Program manager to review the condition of these bridges. Doug will contact AOT to arrange the meeting.
  - d. Road Salt – VLCT has formed a Road Salt Purchase Collaborative to create a large buying group for the purchase of road salt. On or before July 25, 2008, an agreement stating the amount of salt needed by the town and \$100 needs to be signed and returned to VLCT. Doug moved and Ken seconded the motion to enter into this agreement pending Rick Ackerman's agreement. So moved.
6. Old Business
  - a. Garage Site – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Approximately 50 people attended an informational meeting re: location of a potential new town garage. Questions and ideas, both in favor of and opposed to building a garage on the Heath property and the potential Mullen property were discussed. An anonymous group of Chelsea residents presented a signed purchase and sale contract, good for 90 days, with Brian Hayward for 10 acres of land on East Randolph Rd. for \$65,000. The group also offered \$40,000 to the

town with several stipulations. The board will address this at the next meeting.

- b. Zoning – No Information
  - c. Junkyards – There appears to be progress being made on the property so tabled for now and continue to monitor progress.
  - d. Right of Way on S. Common – Tabled
  - e. Speed limit on VT Rte 113 – In response to the town's request to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph within the vicinity of the potential Wellspring access, the Traffic Operations unit has conducted an engineering study. They recommend that the existing 35 mph speed limit be reduced to 30 mph and shortened such that it begins at the intersection of VT 113/VT110 and extends easterly to mile point .28, a point 200 feet east of the end of the school zone. This 30 mph zone will match the existing village speed limit of 30 mph on VT 110. They recommend that a 40 mph zone be established which extends from mile point .28 easterly 2.22 miles to 200 feet east of Burger Rd (TH #49, mile point 2.53) due to the sharp curves, steep grade and intersections with limited sight distance. These recommendations will be forwarded to the Vermont Traffic Committee who will make the final decision.
7. New Business
- a. Tax Rate – Using the total grand list of \$1,084,761, Doug moved and Ken seconded the motion to set the municipal budget tax rate at \$.0420, the appropriation tax rate at \$.0010, the garage fund at \$.0500 for a total municipal tax rate of \$.0480. So moved.
  - b. Town Parcel on Maple Ave. – One of the listers has asked the Selectboard to consider deeding the property on Maple Ave., where the old sewer pump station was, back to the original property owner. Due to the possibility that the Maple Ave. Bridge may have to be replaced, the Selectboard decided not to pursue this now.
  - c. Wellspring – Andy updated Doug on the history and progress of the Wellspring issue Densmore Rd. A letter from a Densmore Rd. property owner re: this issue has been received and will be addressed at the next meeting.
  - d. Lister resignation - Robert Sanborn has submitted a letter of resignation as lister. This will be addressed at the next meeting.
  - e. Other – Next meeting date – Due to issues requiring action and the fact that during the month of August it may be difficult to find nights when all board members can attend, it was decided to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Treas. Office.
  - f. Other – State letter offering the ability for towns to do mass discontinuance of ancient roads. Ken will give the letter to John Dutton who has been doing research on Chelsea's ancient roads.
8. Adjournment – Ken moved and Doug seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. So moved. The next meeting will be July 29, 2008.