

SELECTBOARD MEETING
March 20, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Carol Olsen	Kevin Braman	Dave Farnham
Andy Pomerantz	Calvin Johnson	Alan Ackerman
Harry Flint	Jack Johnson	Linda Kuban
Jane Cushman	Sheriff Bohnyak	Tracy Simon

1. Minutes – Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to accept the minutes to the March 6, 2007 meeting as written. So moved.
2. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. Common Use – New Business
 - b. Solid Waste Update – Old Business
 - c. USDA Bond – Water/Sewer
 - d. Emergency Planning – Old Business
 - e. WWTP Re-certification - Water/Sewer
 - f. April Meeting Schedule – New Business
3. Public Comments – Discussion
 - a. Kevin, Jack and Calvin attended the meeting to express their desires to use posted roads when they are frozen vs. total restriction. The Selectboard acknowledges that their livelihood relies on using the roads to haul their logs. Carol and Harry are attending a Selectboard Institute on March 31 and intend to ask other Selectboard members how their towns handle this situation. The Board will amend the Traffic Ordinance to give the road foreman the authority to permit overweight vehicles on our posted roads in the spring. This will require all operators of overweight vehicles (log truck, fuel truck, etc) to contact the road foreman before using the roads during mud season.
 - b. Carol mentioned the unhappiness of residents on Densmore Road, Town Farm Road and Jenkins Brook Road with the lack of law enforcement investigation in regards to a recent incident.
4. Water/Sewer
 - a. Brookhaven Well – The State has completed the testing and found the water to be safe and recommends pursuing development of the well. They need proof that there is town ownership or control over the 200 ft. radius around the site. Because of the expressed concern about drinking this water, by water users, the Selectboard will hold a public hearing with the engineer and state officials present to answer questions.
 - b. USDA Bond – Paul Giuliani re-issued a new \$85,000 bond document as the original stated an interest rate of 4.375%. The correct amount is 4.125%, which will result in a significant savings over the life of the loan. Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to sign the new document. The 59 installments of \$2,483 will be due each September 26 and March 26, starting on September 26, 2007 until March 26, 2037. So moved.
 - c. WWTP Re-certification – Documents were reviewed and signed.

5. Roads

- a. Town Garage – Tabled
- b. Trucks – The board discussed the pros & cons to owning a pick-up vs. a 550 vs. a single axle vs. a 10 - wheeler truck.
- c. Road Posting – See discussion under Public Comments (a)
- d. Annual State Budget – Document signed.
- e. State Resurfacing Grant – The request for the maximum grant amount of \$175,000 is being applied for to pave the East Randolph Road. If awarded, the town will use surplus money and gravel money to meet the town match. The total estimated amount is \$254,928. The estimate includes \$18,000 for shoulder work which town forces might be able to do cheaper.

6. Old Business

- a. Orange County Sheriff's Dept – Sheriff Bohnyak was invited to the meeting to discuss the law enforcement budget. The sheriff has considered trying to organize an Orange County Police Department. The Chelsea Selectboard supports this idea.
- b. Emergency Planning – Members of the Emergency Response Team (ERT) attended the meeting to discuss plans in case the Jail Branch floods again later this week when warmer weather and rain arrive. Dave has met with the District #4 AOT whose idea is to do nothing with the ice jam and deal with the flood if it happens. The Selectboard will send an email to Vermont Emergency Management and Governor Douglas asking them to review AOT's decision to do nothing about the ice jam. Tracy has worked on parking issues with the school and will meet with employees at the Court House in preparation for what appears to be an inevitable repeat of the flooding of last week. Linda discussed Chelsea's Rapid Response Plan (RRP). On April 10, 2007 the members of the ERT and the Selectboard will meet at the Fire House at 6:00 p.m. to work on updating the RRP.
- c. Solid Waste Update – The April 3rd meeting with CVSWMD will start at 5:00 p.m. with a trip to the transfer station. Mark Lembke, CVSWMD representative, advised the Selectboard that the solid waste districts around the state are doing polls to see what towns are doing re: illegal burning.

7. New Business

- a. Fuel Oil – The Board will check into locking into a fixed price for heating fuel with the School but follow up to make sure paperwork is done.
- b. Furnace Maintenance – Steve Gallacher will no longer be doing furnace maintenance. Once the town locks into a fixed price agreement we will check into using their maintenance personnel. The suggestion to add an additional oil tank for the Town Hall will be checked into.
- c. Common Mowing – Dave Farnham is interested in mowing the commons again this year. Unless there is more interest, Dave will be awarded the contract again this year.

- d. Common Use – The Public Library has requested the use of the North Common on May 12th for their plant sale. Harry moved and Carol seconded the motion to grant them permission to use the Common. So moved.
 - e. April Meeting Schedule – Andy will be away on April 17th so the meeting will be rescheduled to April 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Treas/AA office.
8. Correspondence
- a. Orange Superior Court – Final judgement in WEC lawsuit. WEC shall have judgment in the amount of \$11,720 against the Town of Chelsea
 - b. William Johnson, PVR – Electronic Funds Transfer
 - c. VT ANR – Small Hydropower Facilities Workshop at VTC
 - d. Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission public hearing notice and draft of Two River's Plan
 - e. Email from Kevin Geiger re: flooding situation
9. Adjournment – Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. So moved.

Action Items

- Carol & Harry will gather information re: spring time posting and permitted traffic
- Harry will check into a portable radio contacting road crew
- Andy will send email message to be forwarded to Gov. and VEM
- Jane will contact Otter Creek Engineering to try to set up a public meeting re: Brookhaven Well development