

SELECTBOARD MEETING  
December 30, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.  
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Doug Lyford	Neil Kennedy	Peter Nowlan
Ken Colby	Deb Melvin	Steve Gould
Andy Pomerantz (5:55)	Art Goodrich	Craig Byrne
Jane Cushman	Ed Kuban	Pat Barnes
Nolan LaFrancis	Jim Veneziano	Margaret Lafis
Rick Ackerman	Phillip Mulligan	Russ Martin
CJ Cesari		

1. Adjustments to Agenda
  - a. Garage – Old Business
  - b. Energy Committee – Old Business
  - c. Attorney for Tax Sales – New Business
  
2. Minutes – Doug moved and Ken seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the December 16, 2008 meeting as written. So moved.
  
3. Public Concerns
  
4. Water/Sewer
  - a. Brookhaven – Tabled easements & engineering agreement until next meeting
  - b. Annual Contract with Brook Field Services – Doug moved and Ken seconded the motion to pay \$732 for the “Program 1” contract as in the past. So moved.
  - c. Budgets – Doug moved and Ken seconded the motion to approve the sewer system operating budget at \$99,732, down from \$110,332 in 2008 as recommended by Nolan LaFrancis, Operator. So moved. Doug moved to approve the water system operating budget at \$41,430, down from \$49,130 in 2008, as recommended by Nolan LaFrancis. So moved. At the January 6, 2009 meeting the user count will be reviewed.
  - d. Other – Discussed the need for part-time coverage.
  
5. Roads
  - a. Reviewed the “comp time” spreadsheets that have been set up. Road employees may begin saving “comp time” up to 40 hours cumulative time. They may take cash in lieu of time off as desired.
  - b. Budget – Because the town is unsure how much, if any, State Aid for highways will be coming from the State, this part of the budget will be tabled until mid January. Doug moved and Ken seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 7:25 p.m. So moved. Exited at 7:27 p.m. Doug moved and Ken seconded the motion to give Brian Lamson a \$1.00 raise to \$15.50 to offset not having health insurance. Rick and Jeff will stay at the current rate of pay but receive the health insurance at the increased rate. So moved.

6. Old Business

- a. Transfer Station – Tabled
- b. Zoning – The Board will review the draft Zoning Bylaw. Chris Sargent from Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission will attend the January 6, 2009 meeting to go over the draft.
- c. Budget – Worked on the 2009 budget, to be continued on Jan. 6, 2009.
- d. Wellspring – Doug moved and Ken seconded the motion to enter executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Wellspring court actions. So moved. Exited at 6:15 p.m. No action taken.
- e. Wellspring – Doug moved and Ken seconded the motion to enter executive session with Wellspring and members of DRB present at 6:25 p.m. So moved. Exited at 7:05 p.m. No action taken
- f. Health Insurance & Benefits – All employees will receive their health insurance with the same co-pay as last year in lieu of a pay raise.
- g. Garage – Rather than ask the voters to raise another \$50,000 for the garage fund, the Board will ask permission from the voters to use some of the money in the Garage Fund to make improvements to the current garage.
- h. Energy Committee – Phillip and Russ asked if the energy committee should be warning meetings and keeping minutes. Because they are a work committee the Selectboard didn't think that was necessary. The Board has no restrictions on number of members for this committee. Phillip and Russ reviewed some relatively easy steps that could be taken to reduce energy costs in the Town Hall but it takes some investment to save this money. Phillip and Russ will return as soon as possible with a proposal for spend about \$2,000, to include programmable thermostats for the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Hall. Money for this work will be included under town hall maintenance in the budget.
- i. Town Hall Rent – Since the town has spent over \$8,000 on heat for the town hall and has only taken in \$4,700 in rent, the Board approved increasing daily rent for the use of the hall to \$60 with rent to commercial entities at \$125. This is to take effect February 1, 2009.

7. New Business

- a. Permission to use North & South Commons – Doug moved and Ken seconded the motion to approve the Chelsea Area Flea Market Council to use the commons from late Friday afternoon July 10, 2009 through the evening of July 11, 2009 for the annual Flea Market. So moved.
- b. Line of Credit – Doug moved and Ken seconded the motion to sign the note for a \$300,000 line of credit in anticipation of taxes collected with Mascoma Savings Bank at the variable rate of 45.00% of the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate, currently at 1.785%. So moved.
- c. Ken moved and Doug seconded the motion to authorize the Delinquent Tax Payer to have an attorney help with tax sales. So moved.

8. Adjournment – Ken moved and Doug seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. So moved. Next meeting will be January 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.