

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

May 19, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Ken Colby	Art Goodrich	Ed Kuban
Ruben Hook	Rick Allen	Steve Gould
Erik Anderson	Deb Melvin	Brian Farnham
Jane Cushman	Diane Mattoon	Dave Farnham
C.J. Cesari	Tracy Penfield	Phillip Mulligan
Rick Ackerman		

1. Adjustments to Agenda
  - a. First Branch Sustainability Network – New Business
  - b. Church request to use North Common – New Business
  - c. Listers request for pay increase – New Business
  
2. Minutes – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the May 5, 2009 meeting as written. So moved.
  
3. Public Concerns – Dave & Brian Farnham, Ed Kuban and Diane Mattoon attended the meeting to express concerns for the use of the commons. The Farnhams have a contract for mowing the commons and schedule this to be done on Wednesdays. Due to heavy usage of the commons by Wellspring students and Dave's concern for the liability of hitting one of them with a stone makes it difficult to get this work done. Dave & Brian also expressed concern that the South Common has been used so much that the grass is not growing. The fact that other groups wishing to use the commons ask permission from the Selectboard was discussed. Erik will talk to Wellspring about showing respect for others on the commons as well as those maintaining the commons and concern about over-usage of the South Common.
  
4. Water/Sewer
  - a. Brookhaven – Chelsea has been bumped off the stimulus list for design and construction of the Brookhaven Well. There is still a good chance that some other applicant won't be ready and Chelsea will move back up on the list. Permit applications and engineering work is almost done on this project.
  - b. Water Shut-off Notices – The board reviewed a list of delinquent users that will be issued shut-off notices.
  
5. Roads
  - a. Gilman Pond/Bobbinshop Rd – After viewing the site, the board acknowledges that the erosion on Bobbinshop Road that occurred this spring does not appear to be the cause of filling Rich Gilman's pond with silt. The board authorized Rick to rent an excavator to widen the road which will involve installing a culvert, getting permission from Brookhaven to possibly cut a few trees that have loosened the bank in question and moving rocks on Rich Gilman's property. Any time left, the excavator will be used for ditching.
  - b. Town Line Rd – Ruben has talked to other towns re: their maintenance on Class 4 roads. No further action will be taken at this time but it was suggested that Rick conduct a Class 4 road survey of bridges & culverts.

- c. East Randolph Rd – John Benson, Dubois & King, attended the meeting to update the board on use of stimulus money to pave the E. Randolph Rd. It was suggested that if the town were able to get a State transportation grant for the design and engineering, the stimulus money would cover the construction. John will research the possibility of this happening and prepare a proposal to do the engineering to make this project shovel ready to qualify for stimulus money.

6. Old Business

- a. Solid Waste – tabled until Casella gets a draft to the town for review.
- b. Zoning – Nothing to be discussed
- c. DRB – Deb gave the board a copy of the \$800 training grant that has been applied for. The training will cover how to conduct effective meetings and hearings, tentatively scheduled for July 22, 2009. Deb also discussed a proposal submitted by the DRB that would create a paid position for a Zoning Administrator. The board will explore what other towns in the area do re: zoning administrator costs for applications, etc. It was also noted that the assistant zoning administrator has moved from town.
- d. Town Hall Usage – Tracy Penfield attended the meeting to ask that the Selectboard consider reducing her rent through the summer. Erik has reviewed the fuel usage study and recommends setting summer rates to encourage use of the town hall in the summer. Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to set Tracy's rate at \$40 per day due to her long-term year round usage. This issue will be revisited prior to the next heating season. So moved.
- e. Town Garage – Rick feels that weatherization and the floor are top priorities for work to be done at the garage.
- f. Sale of Old Books – tabled until Ken talks to Dick Rogers
- g. Fire Scene Clean up – The work is completed. Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to pay for this work from the Revolving Loan Fund. So moved.
- h. EC Fibernet – Shawn Twing is appointed as town representative with Andy Pomerantz as alternate representative.

7. New Business

- a. Rapid Response Plan – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to adopt the plan as prepared at a special work session on May 12, 2009. So moved.
- b. First Branch Sustainability Network (FBSN) – The board waived the rent for the FBSN's community potluck supper to be held on June 17, 2009. This is a community event and the FBSN will not be charged rent for the use of the hall.
- c. Church request to use North Common – The board authorized the church to use the common from 2 – 5:00 on August 1, 2009 for a community band concert with the South Royalton Band. This event is to celebrate the church's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the joining of the United Congregational Church and the United Methodist Church.
- d. Lister's request for pay increase – Tabled until next meeting

8. Adjournment – Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.  
So moved

