

SELECTBOARD MEETING
March 18, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance:	Ruben Hook	Peg Pelckmann, Health Officer
	Erik Anderson	Dave Farnham, Fire Chief
	Ken Colby	Steve Griggs, Landowner's Behalf
	Jane Cushman	Garry Thrasher, Contractor
	Tim Ward, Contactor	John Smith, Contractor

Because the town has been unable to make contact with the landowner and because this fire scene is a potential hazard, the Selectboard called this meeting to receive information from responsible individuals, which may include Chelsea town officials and officials from the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, regarding whether the debris and rubble constitutes a public health hazard, a hazard to the wastewater treatment plant for the Town of Chelsea, a health hazard to the municipal water system for the Town of Chelsea, a hazard to the Jail Branch, and/or a hazard to the surrounding properties generally. Since this hearing was warned, there has been contact with landowner Lou Weintraub's daughter, Lisa Williams. Steve Griggs attended the meeting on behalf of Mr. Weintraub.

Dave reviewed his contacts with the State Agency of Natural Resources who were unable to attend. Although the pile of rubble is not deemed hazardous, there still remains the question about the oil tank, which Steve reported contained very little oil. Dave urges the town to make sure the pile is cleaned up.

Peg expressed concern for public safety issues. The site is in the center of town, Wellspring School is just 2 buildings up the street from the site and the public school very close. She also raised concerns about the town sewer and water systems. There is an open sewer connection within the pile and the town well is in close proximity to the site. If Jail Branch floods, as it has the last 2 years, this debris would be apt to be spread outside the confines of the pile.

Steve reported that he has 3 bids from area contractors. He is attending the meeting to get a sense of the board's thoughts and will contact Lisa tonight with the bids.

The board feels that this situation is a hazard and must be cleaned up. In an effort to work with the landowner, they will give Steve until Monday to get back with a plan and proposed timeline. Jane will check with Attorney Peter Nowlan to see what the board should set as a reasonable time for the work to be completed.