

SELECTBOARD MEETING
June 24, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Andy Pomerantz	John Pallas	Diane Mattoon
Doug Lyford	Art Goodrich	Neil Kennedy
Ken Colby	John Parker	Alan Ackerman
Jane Cushman	Jay Ratico	Rhoda Ackerman
Rick Ackerman	Cornelia Cesari	Charlotte Mullen
Robert Sanborn	Rick Allen	

1. Minutes – Ken moved and Doug seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the June 10, 2008 meeting as written. So moved.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - a. Flea Market Banner – New Business
 - b. Sewer Connection – Water/Sewer
 - c. Edward's Road Grant – Roads
 - d. ATV Use of Roads – Old Business
 - e. Basketball Court – Old Business
 - f. Town Hall Rd. – Old Business
 - g. Blackhawk Rd – Roads
 - h. Town Line Rd – Roads
 - i. Access Permit – Roads
 - j. Comp Time – Old Business
 - k. Law Enforcement Letter – Old Business
 - l. Legal Fees – Old Business
3. Public Comments – Discussion
4. Water Sewer
 - a. Brookhaven – Tabled until more information
 - b. Sewer Connection – The Board authorized Robert Sanborn to connect to the town sewer system as his private system is failing.
5. Roads
 - a. Nichols Drive – Ken reviewed the steps necessary to get Nichols Drive added to the town highway map. The Nichols Drive was on the 1877 road map and there is no record of discontinuance. Ken will work with Ted to get information together for the addition of the drive in 2009.
 - b. Densmore Rd. – Doug and Rick measured the road to the site in question. Art Goodrich had measured the road in the past. All measurements indicate that the town does not have jurisdiction in the area in question. This appears to be a dispute between 2 landowners. Jay Ratico indicated that he will take this issue to court.
 - c. Creamery Road – There was discussion re: adding gravel to the entrance to the Creamery Road to raise the road and improve site distance. Rick questions if gravel will stay on top of the paved apron. This will be discussed at a later time after Rick has had a chance to look at the site.

- d. Highland Ave. Drainage – Jean Norlander is experiencing issues with her land settling. Rick and Nolan LaFrancis (Water System Operator) checked the site and don't feel the cause of this problem is from water from the town road. Rick will create a swale to direct run-off from an abutting property toward the manhole and fill the holes with stone. Once this is done, he will watch to see if this slows the settling.
 - e. Edward's Road – Andy signed a Vermont Town Highway Emergency Fund for grant money to repair the bank that is sliding and threatening the town road. An estimate of \$102,588 has been submitted to fix the problem.
 - f. Blackhawk Rd. – Ted Grant has expressed concern for the condition of the road to his camp. Rick is working in that area and will try to ditch and improve the road.
 - g. Town Line Rd. – Rick has hauled gravel but has not gotten to that road with the grader.
 - h. Access Permit – Ken moved and Doug seconded the motion to sign an access permit for Terry Libby. The site is located on the left side of TH #32 (Williamstown Rd) approximately 300 feet from the intersection of TH #3 (Brook Rd). This culvert must be installed to meet FEMA Regulation for size and grade. Art questioned an access on Jenkins Brook Rd. Rick advised that there had been a culvert at this site and all the loggers did is extend the culvert and improve the access that was already in place.
6. Old Business
- a. Garage Site – Charlotte Mullen came to the meeting to discuss the potential sale of their property on VT Rte 110 for a garage site. Doug is going to visit abutting landowners to see if they would object to a town garage at that location. Jane will contact Otter Creek Engineering to get an estimate for a site feasibility study.
 - b. Zoning – Diane Mattoon (Town Clerk), Rick Allen (Zoning Administrator) and Neil Kennedy (Chair, DRB) were invited to the meeting to discuss availability and content of the information packet for new landowners. Diane gave the Selectboard a copy of the letter that she sends to new landowners advising them of the presence of zoning in Chelsea and the availability of the info packet in town offices as well as the availability of the information on Chelsea's website at www.chelseavt.org. Jane will include a brief message re: zoning with tax bills. The Byrnes have asked permission to run power under Densmore Rd. The Selectboard asks for specifications before making a decision.
 - c. Junkyard – A letter inviting a potential violator of the "Outdoor Storage of Junk" went unanswered and the property owner failed to attend the meeting. Ken will check the site again and Jane will check with Peter Nowlan to see what the next step should be.
 - d. ATV use of Road – John Pallas from the Central VT ATV Club attended the meeting to follow up on his request to allow the club to use the loop around Doyle Rd. and Washington Turnpike. He has visited the abutting landowners who indicated they had no problem

with this. The Selectboard asked John to get this in writing. To do this properly would involve an ordinance change. Due to the time involved in the ordinance change the Selectboard doubts they will be able to use the road this year.

- e. Basketball Court – John Parker advised that soon after the Chelsea Flea Market the Rec Committee plans to start the resurfacing of the Basketball Court. He hopes to co-ordinate with Rick for paving to enable a better price. Rick is meeting with Blaktop on Monday to see what work on E. Randolph Rd. can be done with the budgeted \$25,000 and will have a better idea when any paving would be done. John is willing to talk to Marty Gratz to let her know the any work will be done to the same contour as presently exists. The town is unable to use the old pavement from the court.
 - f. Town Hall Rd. – By description, the road between Al Leonard’s building and the Town Hall is on town property. A meeting will be scheduled with Al Leonard and Boardway & Cilley to set some guidelines for the use and maintenance of this road. Rick will repair the area around a manhole in the road.
 - g. Comp Time – Jane will check with VLCT when they come to do the payroll audit to make sure keeping track of comp time with a spreadsheet will be adequate.
 - h. Law Enforcement Letter – A letter in support of the Orange County Sheriff’s Dept. was read. Jane will let the persons that sent the letter know that Chelsea is not going to terminate the contract. The Selectboard addressed this issue due to the 188 signatures asking them to do so.
 - i. Legal Fees for WEC Lawsuit – Doug will try to recoup the legal fees from the State of Vermont.
7. New Business
- a. ROW on S. Common – Ken is going to check to see if John Dutton has discovered any information re: the right of way on the south side of the South Common.
 - b. Robert’s Poor Fund Request – Ken moved and Doug seconded the motion to enter executive session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss a request for money from the Robert’s Poor Fund. So moved. Exited at 8:45 p.m. Ken moved and Doug seconded the motion to pay for the requested dental work from the fund. So moved.
 - c. Flea Market Banner – Ken moved and Doug seconded the motion to allow the Flea Market Association to hang the banner on the Town Hall lawn and signs on the “Welcome to Chelsea” signs as they have done in the past. So moved.
8. Adjournment – Doug moved and Ken seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. So moved. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2008.