

SELECTBOARD MEETING  
January 7, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.  
Treas/AA Office

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| Attendance: Andy Pomerantz | Nolan LaFrancis  | Cornelia Cesari  |
| Harry Flint                | Rick Ackerman    | Phillip Mulligan |
| Carol Olsen                | Tom Mullen       | Dave Button      |
| Jane Cushman               | Charlotte Mullen | Mike Button      |

1. Minutes
  - a. December 4, 2007 – Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. So moved.
  - b. December 18, 2007 – Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended – amendment to include changing distance to park from an intersection as this information is not available. So moved.
2. Adjustments to Agenda
  - a. Planning Grant – Old Business
3. Public Comments
  - a. Discussed Selectboard’s authority to regulate placing “Post Office Customer Parking Only” in front of the Post Office. The Selectboard feels this is not within the town’s jurisdiction but within the state right of way.
4. Water/Sewer
  - a. Brookhaven Well – tabled
  - b. Bench Sheets – Reports reviewed and signed
  - c. 2008 Budget – Nolan presented the Selectboard with a proposed water and sewer budget. Sludge Management will be higher because hauling rates with Jay’s Septic have risen. If approved, the rates will be the same as for 2007.
  - d. Other – Nolan alerted the Selectboard to the threat of court action by a user that is not willing to pay a repair bill for damage caused by the user.
5. Roads
  - a. Highland Ave. - In reference to complaints from citizens using the intersection of Highland Ave. and Court Street, the State Statutes indicate that there will be “no parking in intersections”. There are no distances cited. Harry will talk to court personnel and ask them to please not park close to the intersection to enable better visibility and to enable plow trucks, etc to maneuver through the intersection. Carol has received complaints that the pavement on Highland Ave. is deteriorating.
  - b. Budget – Rick presented his proposed highway budget.
  - c. New Hire – The Board decided to continue through the winter with part-time employees and wait until spring to re-hire.
6. Old Business
  - a. Zoning – (Quik Stop) – Tom & Charlotte Mullen attended the meeting to discuss the information they have been seeing in “The Herald” re: a letter presented by an abutting landowner to the Quik Stop. Once the Selectboard

has minutes and findings of fact from DRB meetings, the Mullen's were going to be invited to a meeting to discuss these issues if it is determined that there are issues to be addressed. The process for handling this case, since the Zoning Administrator felt it necessary to recuse himself, was explained.

- b. First Branch Ambulance Representative – Tabled
- c. Central VT Humane Society Contract – Harry moved and Carol seconded the motion to sign the contract to provide shelter for stray domestic animals for 2008 for \$600. So moved.
- d. Second Constable – Tabled
- e. Budget - Worked on the budget. Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to give employees a 2.5% cost of living raise and to leave the employee share of insurance payment as it was in 2007. So moved.
- f. Planning Grant – Phillip presented a contract with Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission to assist with the rewriting of the zoning bylaws. Neil Kennedy is chairing the sub-committee. Phillip was listed as administrator of the grant in the application but feels that Jane, as administrative assistant and treasurer would be the best one to administer the grant. Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to appoint Jane as administrator and to sign the contract. So moved. Phillip mentioned that the public hearing for the new town plan is January 17, 2008. Phillip inquired about the town not paying dues to Green Mountain Economic Development Corp. The board reviewed with Phillip why the Selectboard decided not to budget money for GMEDC. Phillip asked for clarification for the assistant or acting Zoning Administrator duties. He will discuss this issue with the Planning Comm. at their next meeting. Cornelia (CJ) Cesari is planning to scribe for the Planning Commission and will consider doing it for the DRB as well.
- g. Other – Harry has had inquiries from the Facilities Committee about the status of the land negotiations for the garage/sandpile site. He will inform them that the process is still under negotiation and encourage them to continue with the floodway issue.

7. New Business

- A. Tax Anticipation Loan for 2008 – Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to open a line of credit with Mascoma Savings Bank with an interest rate of 45% of the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate with a current rate of 3.2625%. So moved.

8. Correspondence – None

9. Adjournment – Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. So moved.