

SELECTBOARD MEETING

July 7, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Ken Colby	Diane Mattoon	Torsti Ravainen
Erik Anderson	Bob Frenier	Andy Pomerantz
Ruben Hook	Dave Rochat	Beth Ann Finlay
Jane Cushman	Mike Veshela	Mary Savidge
Cornelia (CJ) Cesari		

1. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. Request for Water Connection – Water/Sewer
 - b. Diane Stewart – Old Business
2. Minutes – Ken moved and Ruben seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the June 16, 2009 minutes as written. So moved.
3. Public Concerns
4. Water/Sewer
 - a. Brookhaven Well – The DRB meeting to consider the town's application is 7/8. The pre-bid meeting is 7/9 at 2:00 p.m. at Chelsea Fire Station. Bid opening is scheduled for 7/27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chelsea Fire Station.
 - b. The Pines – The board approved the request to reduce the water/sewer count from 3 to 2 at The Pines as Kathy's Nifty Things is closed and must be vacate the property by August 1st.
 - c. Request for Water Connection – Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to approve George Cushman's request to have the connection from the curb stop to a meter installed at 261 VT Rte 110. So moved.
 - d. Other – Ken reported that he has already reviewed and signed bench sheets for the water/sewer systems. All readings are good.
5. Roads
 - a. Highland Avenue – The Norlanders have been notified that the town is planning to do a die test to ensure that the drainage system is not causing the sink hole on Jean's property.
 - b. Class IV Policy – The policy was reviewed and adopted with the addition of the maintenance of bridge, culverts and necessary work to keep the road passable from June – October with 4-wheel drive vehicles. A reference to Title 19 VSA § 310 (a) for the maintenance of Class 1, 2, & 3 roads was noted.
6. Old Business
 - a. Solid Waste – The board reviewed a purchase and sales agreement with Casella for the old compactor. They also reviewed Casella's "Solid Waste Management and Recycling Services Agreement". There are questions re: recycling wording, which Ken will discuss with Casella.
 - b. Zoning – Erik has talked to Rick Allen re: Preston Bristow's recommendations to work as part-time Zoning Administrator for

Chelsea. Rick agrees that raising zoning permits to \$40 would be a good idea but cautioned against raising the fees too much. The question as to the town's willingness to raise money for a ZA will be discussed at Town Meeting.

- c. VCRD – Andy reviewed the VCRD history and process with the board. Andy's question to the board is whether to resurrect this process, which has become dormant or to let it go.
 - d. Health Center – (1) The town had voted to exempt the old Health Center building from taxes. Bob and Dave are asking to place an article on the warning for Town Meeting to exempt the new building. The board supports this request. (2) The 2008 tax bill incorrectly included the old building. This bill was paid but the Health Center Board would like this money returned. The proper procedure to get this money back involves a request to the Board of Abatement. (3) The new building is supposed to be completed by September 15th. At that time, the old building will be sold. Bob asked if this would be of interest to the Town of Chelsea. This information needs to be shared with the facilities committee. (4) Bob discussed the possibility of having a mobile dental unit in Chelsea for the school. If there are students in need of dental work with no money to cover this work, there might be requests for money from the Robert's Poor Fund.
 - e. Diane Stewart Property – Beth Ann reported that Diane is no longer talking about donating land to the town but is suggesting a 20-year easement. Beth Ann has let Diane know that this probably will not be satisfactory with the town but will keep the lines of communication open. Erik is willing to write to Diane to ask her to reconsider.
7. New Business
- a. Use of Town Hall – Mary and Torsti attended the meeting to discuss Wellspring's use of the Town Hall. The town's policy has been amended to include only low impact activities and there is some question re: Wellspring's use of the hall. The board agrees that activity that doesn't involve flying objects will be permitted.
 - b. Tax Rate – Based on a grand list of \$1,092,866, Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to set the town's tax rate at \$0.4800 and the rate for appropriations is set at \$0.0132 for a total municipal tax rate of \$0.4932. So moved.
8. Adjournment – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. So moved. The next meeting will be held on July 28th.