

SELECTBOARD MEETING
December 19, 2006 – 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Attendance: Carol Olsen	Peter Flint	Stan Brinkman
Dick Rogers	Phillip Mulligan	Beth Ann Finley
Andy Pomerantz	Betty Rogers	Tim Buess
Jane Cushman	Alan Ackerman	Frank Keene
Nolan LaFrancis	Rick Ackerman	

1. Minutes – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the December 5, 2006 meeting as written. So moved.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - a. Employee Bonuses – New Business
3. Public Comments – None
4. Water/Sewer
 - a. Nolan reviewed the proposed \$55,130 water budget and the \$112,332 sewer budget. If approved, the water rates could decrease approximately 4.16% and the sewer rates would decrease approximately .04%. These proposals will be reviewed at the next meeting.
 - b. Generator Contract – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to sign the annual maintenance Brook Field Service contract for \$783.00. So moved.
5. Roads
 - a. Mutual Aid Agreement – The board has reviewed the Public Works Mutual Aid agreement drafted by Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission. After consulting with Rick, Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to enter into this agreement. So moved.
 - b. Burbank Crossroad – Peter Flint has sent a letter requesting that the Town of Chelsea discontinue the class 3 & class 4 road known as Burbank Crossroad. He is the only landowner on the road and wishes to curb traffic. Peter is willing to give the town a right of way for use in an emergency situation. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to pursue changing the Burbank Crossroad to a trail. Pros and Cons to discontinuing this road were discussed. A date will be set to view the road and to receive public comments.
 - c. Town Garage – Alan presented a copy of an architectural study for a town garage done by Arnold & Scangas. With these plans, the Facilities Committee is getting estimates from several contractors to build the structure. The \$5,576.18 bill will be paid out of the Garage Fund. The location for a garage is still unknown. The Creamery property has been discussed but that there is a possibility that Ryan's son might want to keep ½ of the property. Another landowner is willing to discuss selling or leasing 1 acre to the town. Once the Facilities Committee has estimates and all info pulled together there will be a public meeting with the Facilities Committee offering concrete recommendations.
 - d. Budget – Rick presented a level funded highway budget of \$287,765.75. His proposal includes paving all or part of the East Randolph depending on the receipt of state paving grant money. Rick has priced a new 1-ton truck hoping to spread out the purchase of equipment. This budget will be reviewed at the

next meeting. Rick had a quote of \$425 for a fuel tank containment system. To jack up the salt shed and build concrete walls and floor will cost approximately \$13,000. Because of the uncertainty of location of a garage, the board will table this issue until there is more info. Philip suggested a programmable thermostat for the town garage to save on heating oil. The board supports this idea and will discuss this issue at the next meeting.

6. Old Business

- a. Animal Control Ordinance – Tabled
- b. Auditor – The Secretary of State advised that the spouse of the assistant town clerk should not be an auditor. The Selectboard will search for 1 or 2 people that would be willing to serve as auditor.
- c. Budget – The community was invited to offer public comments on the budget. The following budget related issues were discussed:
 1. Basketball Court - John Parker updated the board on the basketball court re-grade/repave project. He has an estimate of \$16,000. The Rec Committee is willing to donate \$5,000 toward the project and asked the Selectboard to budget \$5,000 toward the project. The board supports this project and will decide the best way to present it in the budget.
 2. Stewart Property – Diane Stewart is willing to donate property but there needs to be a survey done that will cost an estimated \$2,400. The Rec Committee is willing to donate \$250 towards this project. The Selectboard would like to see the relationship between this property and the Creamery Property in case the town's purchase of that property materializes. Stan encouraged the board to take action before the offer disappears. Stan will come up with a definite price for the survey for inclusion in the budget.
 3. There was discussion about doing away with the 2% discount. Is it cheaper to borrow money than offer this discount. Betty advised that the interest rates to borrow money are rising.
 4. The best way to present the growing list of appropriation requests was discussed.

7. New Business

- a. Employee bonuses – Dick was authorized to review the amounts paid last year and decide on the proper amounts.

8. Correspondence

- a. State Dept. of Taxes – 2007 CLA – 103.89%

9. Adjournment – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. So moved.

Action Items

- Dick will call Doug Hayward to see about Town Hall roof
- Listers will be invited to the next meeting to discuss their budget and the request for an honorarium
- Jane will place a notice in The Herald re: new animal control officer
- The Board will search for 1 – 2 auditors
- Jane will check the wording in the statutes re: reclassification of roads
- Jane will work on comparison between 2% discount and borrowing more money