

SELECTBOARD MEETING
December 18, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Carol Olsen	Cornelia Cesari	Tim Buess
Andy Pomerantz	Dave Button	Alan Ackerman
Harry Flint	Mike Button	Peter Bania
Jane Cushman	Caleb Rick	Rick Ackerman

1. Minutes
2. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. Next Meeting Date – New Business
3. Public Comments
 - a. Andy has had discussions with the Ted Nichols re: the town no longer maintaining their driveway.
4. Water/Sewer
 - a. Brookhaven Well – Tabled
 - b. Brookfield Service Plan – Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to purchase option #2 with a twice a year generator- maintenance program for \$855 if paid by Jan. 7, 2008. So moved.
5. Roads
 - a. WEC Permit – Harry moved and Carol seconded the motion to sign WEC's permit to cut and trim trees, chip brush and install utility poles, etc near Vaughn Hadley's property on Densmore Road. So moved.
 - b. Highland Ave./Court St. intersection – Harry will talk to the Orange County Court personnel to see if they will not park close to the intersection to facilitate plowing and to improve site distance when leaving the intersection.
 - c. Harry reported that he has signed papers to a 10-year lease/purchase of a John Deere Grader. Lease/purchase price is \$174,000 with trade in of our 1986 grader. First payment will be due Jan. 1, 2009. The grader will be delivered this week. This decision was made because there has been no return messages from CAT and because delivery of that machine is uncertain.
 - d. Application Review – Harry moved and Carol seconded the motion to enter executive session at 8:10 p.m. to review road crew applications. So moved. Exited at 8:30 p.m. No action taken.
 - e. Other – Rick will prepare a budget for next meeting.
6. Old Business
 - a. Caleb Rick and Tim Buess, representing the Parks Commission, attended the meeting to discuss several items with the Selectboard. They are interested in scheduling regular meetings, expanding the Parks Commission with 3 additional members (to be recommended by Parks Commission and appointed by the Selectboard), explore a plan for community support for Parks and Recreation in memory of Brewster Martin and to discuss goals and objective at Town Meeting. Their proposal for the Froggy 100.9 donation would to use it as seed money for the implementation of the above-mentioned plan. Included in the plan would be a discussion about what

- benches to buy, where to place them and maintenance. Discussion followed as to Froggy's intentions as to how the money is to be used. Caleb will check with Froggy to see if they are receptive to the idea of using the money as mentioned. The Selectboard has no problem with enlarging the Parks Commission. Regardless of the outcome of Caleb's conversation with Froggy, the board would like to see benches on the Commons in the spring.
- b. Zoning – Harry is still trying to get DRB minutes for a hearing in question. Per VLCT, in a situation of conflict of interest with the Zoning Administrator, the Planning Commission nominates and the Selectboard appoints the acting ZA. Andy will ask the Planning Commission for a name for acting ZA. Owners of the property will be invited to a Selectboard meeting once more information is available.
 - c. Facilities (Garage) – Peter Bania, sales consultant from Morton Bldgs. attended the meeting to present information to lead us into the drawing, engineering and projected budget costs for a garage in preparation for a bond vote. Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to support the Facilities Committee recommendation to sign the agreement with Morton Buildings to activate the engineers to design and engineer the drawings with a retainer of 1% of the project cost. So moved.
 - d. Creamery – Tabled
 - e. First Branch Ambulance Appointment – Tabled
 - f. Planning Commission Appointment – Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to appoint Stan Brinkman to the Planning Commission in Ed Kuban's place. So moved.
 - g. Dogs – Andy reported that he has spoken to the complainant and explained the legal process that the Animal Control Officer must follow when dealing with enforcement of the Leach Law.
 - h. Second Constable – Tabled
 - i. Other – Wellspring – DRB is setting the time and date for a hearing re: Wellspring. Cornelia Cesari has been asked to scribe for the DRB and the Selectboard sees no problem with this.
7. New Business
- a. 2008 Budget – Work was begun on the new budget.
 - b. Parking on North side of Town Hall – There has been a complaint re: vehicles parking on the town hall lawn. The Selectboard does not want this practice to continue. A letter will be sent to the owner of the abutting property.
 - c. Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held Monday, January 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Treas/AA office.
8. Correspondence
- a. Central VT Humane Society – Annual Contract
 - b. Dog complaint
 - c. VLCT – Legislative Priorities
 - d. Orange Superior Court – Annual Meeting notice
 - e. CARE – Survey
9. Adjournment – Carol moved and Harry seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. So moved.

Action Items

- Carol will contact Court Clerk re: parking at intersection of Highland Ave.
- Andy will follow up with “dog” complaint
- Harry will continue to try to get DRB minutes
- Jane will send a letter to landowner re: parking on town hall lawn
- Andy will ask the Planning Commission to nominate someone for acting ZA