

SELECTBOARD MEETING

July 5 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Erik Anderson  
Carol Olsen  
Jane Cushman

Karen Lathrop  
Robert Sanborn  
Heidi Allen Goodrich

1. Adjustments to Agenda –
  - a. Farmer's Market – New Business
2. Approve Minutes to June 21, 2011 Meeting – Carol moved and Erik seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. So moved.
3. Public Concerns
  - a. Rita Edwards has expressed concern that a couple of big trees by Baraw Hill Rd. will cause flooding if we have high water.
  - b. Robert Sanborn reported an elm tree behind the buildings at 358 VT Rte. 110 could also cause flooding.
4. Water Department
  - a. Rate Structure – There are still 4 meters not working but Nolan is working on those.
  - b. Water Quality – In a letter dated June 24, 2011 Robert expressed concern about the grey film on all surfaces of glassware and discoloration on aluminum pans after being washed in a dishwasher. He presented a petition with 13 signatures which is a random sampling of Chelsea residents to demonstrate the scope of potential water contamination and the concern of those residents noting a problem. He requested that the Selectboard identify the contaminant and its source(s), identify the contaminant's impact on human and domestic animal health and to identify the promulgate remedies to remove contaminants from appliances, plumbing and household items. Carol will talk to Nolan about his plan to address this issue.
  - c. Other – Bench Sheets – Carol reviewed and signed the monthly and quarterly bench sheets.
5. Roads
  - a. Garage Survey – The Board reviewed a proposal from Dubois & King to survey the Heath Field property with the data recorded such that a three dimensional drawing could be produced in the future if needed. The cost to survey only that area required to address the town garage issue is \$2,300. To survey the entire area owned by the town would cost \$4,000. Any decision was tabled until the whole board is present. Erik will talk to someone from the planning commission to let them know the proposal is here in the office if any of them are interested.
  - b. Other – Erik is going to check with Rick to see if he has contacted Dave Paganelli to see when the logging operation is going to start on the town forest. It is necessary to get the culvert in before they start. Erik is also going to talk to Rick about not hauling more sand as his budget is going very fast.
6. Town Clerk
  - a. Wheelchair Grant – Karen still has no bids of the project but is working on getting some.

- b. Bill Brosnahan is questioning the disposal of the materials that are moved from the Town Hall during the weatherization grant work. Phillip is under the assumption that this had been worked out.
- c. Weatherization Contract – as part of this project, the outside walls of the Town Hall are to be re-plastered. Karen is concerned about losing the town's history within the old signatures on the walls. She is willing to take pictures of the signatures.

7. Old Business

- a. Brookhaven Field Usage – Erik outlined a few changes that Brookhaven would like made in the letter asking for a 5 year land use agreement. In the description of the field, Brookhaven would like the usage to stop 25 feet from the First Branch of the White River; public use is limited to organized groups by the Rec Committee and the school only and to submit quarterly schedules to Brookhaven of this usage. Carol authorized Erik to make necessary changes on behalf of the Selectboard as needed to facilitate the signing of the request so the field can be used again.
- b. Landfill Repairs – Bob Loehmann has found one of the 2 missing vent pipes and is still working to find the last one. The dump cap has been mowed so Bob will seed and lime those areas that need it. The need for a gate leading onto the landfill site to discourage illegal dumping was discussed. It is possible that the property is not even owned by the town. Karen will check on who owns the old access.
- c. Zoning – Erik has been unable to locate Stan Brinkman to see if he would prepare the letter to the Environmental Court if needed. Preston has indicated that it is not necessary to send certified mail to abutters of permit applicants. He suggests changing the permit to not require the \$5.50 per abutter. Carol moved and Erik seconded the motion to approve this request and strike the \$5.50 from the permit applications. So moved.
- d. Other

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- a. Tax Rate – Erik moved and Carol seconded the motion to set the tax rate as follows based on a grand list of \$1,118,628.41: Town - .4550, Appropriations - .0138 and Health Center abatement at .0075 for a total municipal tax rate of \$0.4763. So moved.
- b. Farmer's Market - Heidi reported that an Arts Bus is coming to the Farmer's Market this Friday and she feels the safest place to park the bus would be on N. Common Road between the Common and the Town Hall. She is requesting permission to tape this area off early to ensure space for the bus. The Selectboard agrees and authorized Heidi to rope this area off and to close the road from VT Rte. 110 to the road behind the Town Hall for safety reasons during the Farmer's Market.
- c. Other – The Fire Department is looking for a member for their Prudential Committee.

9. Adjournment – Erik moved and Carol seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. So moved.