

SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY June 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Carol Olsen	Susan Elder	Dick Rogers
Mike Button	Karen Lathrop	Heidi Allen Goodrich
Mike Kuban	Melissa Lathrop	Warren Lathrop
Jane Cushman	Pete Amber	

Carol Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

1. Adjustments to Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and Dick Rogers was moved to first item, Susan Elder (library) was moved to second item, Warren Lathrop third item, Park Commission (Pete Amber) was moved to fourth item. Open Meeting discussion was moved from New Business to Town Clerk. Request for Proposals for the solid waste hauling from the Transfer Station was added to Old Business.

Dick Rogers shared an email from Jim Pease, Watershed Management Division, VTDEC, who Dick had visited with behind the fire station regarding stormwater improvements in Chelsea. VTDEC will be preparing a drainage map and summary for Chelsea by this fall.

Susan Elder, Library Board, asked the Selectboard to recognize that an air quality test had been conducted at the Library after an employee became ill. The test came back good with no ongoing problems.

Warren Lathrop, Lister, reported that they are progressing with reappraisal of properties within the floodplain and have 4 appeals scheduled thus far.

Pete Amber, Park Commission, led the attendees on a tour in the North and South Common discussing health and needed maintenance of each tree. The installation of Christmas lights was discussed. Sue Kay had offered to loan the town a bucket truck to put the lights up. Button moved and Kuban seconded the motion to have Pete deal with any trees that showed a safety risk as discussed as expeditiously as possible. So moved.

2. Approve Minutes to the June 3, 2014 meeting – Kuban moved and Button seconded the motion to approve the minutes with date corrections made. So moved.

3. Public Concerns

a. Carol received a concern that a local citizen that was running for a State office was denied the right to campaign at the Transfer Station. Karen will check past minutes to see how this has been handled in the past before the Selectboard makes any formal decision.

4. Water Department

a. Formal Policy for Temporary Shut Offs - Tabled

b. Other – Carol asked to hold a short executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personal issues. Button moved and Kuban seconded the motion to enter executive session 9:38 p.m. So moved. Button moved and Kuban seconded the motion to exit executive session at 10:35 p.m. So moved. No action taken.

5. Roads

- a. Rick was not in attendance so there was no discussion
 - b. Other
6. Town Clerk
- a. Open Meeting – Legislature has amended Vermont’s Open Meeting Law requiring ALL committees, commission, councils, board of trustees and subcommittees to post agendas on the town website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, or in the case of a special meeting, within 24 hours and that all draft minutes must be posted within 5 days. Karen has been encouraging the committees and boards within town to post an agenda and to submit minutes with no response. Mike is going to draft a letter to be sent to these committee members.
 - b. Website – Karen and her committee are still working on setting up the website.
 - c. Other – Two-Rivers Ottauquechee is willing to come the evening of June 26th to hold a FAQ on floodplain issues. The Selectboard is going to suggest a minimum of 30 days notice to pull this meeting together.
7. Old Business
- a. Generator
 - b. Personnel Policy Update
 - c. Bonding – No appeal was made so the town is ready to move ahead at the appropriate time for bonding.
 - d. Garage
 - i. Site Plan/Garage Design – Chuck Goodling from Dubois & King is supposed to stop by tomorrow with preliminary drawings. The final payment to the Garrows is on warrant this week. The town is in possession of the key to the house. Kuban moved and Button seconded the motion to call Nelson Lyford for an estimate of the value of the house. So moved. The Board is considering holding a silent auction to get rid of the house. In order to keep moving forward, the town may consider sole sourcing to get the ground work done in time to stock pile winter sand. It was determined that there is no need to keep the power on at the site. Kuban will call WEC to arrange a site visit to determine what needs to be done and how much it will cost to relocate power poles.
 - e. Recycle Container Repair – Kuban will contact Myers to have the container dropped off at Heath Field for evaluation of needed repairs. Kuban moved and Button seconded the motion to send out RFPs to solicit bids to Casella and Myers Container. So moved.
 - f. Drainage Update (East Side of Village) – see above under adjustments (Dick Rogers)
 - g. Town Hall Roof – Kuban moved and Olsen seconded the motion to go ahead with the roof repairs as budgeted. So moved.
 - h. Rec Committee – The Rec Committee will be invited to the July 15th meeting.
 - i. Park Commission – Carol is going to call Tim Buess to explain what is going on with tree work and invite him to the July 15th meeting.
8. New Business
- a. Use of North Common August 9 for Ice Cream Social and Bible School – Kuban moved and Olsen seconded the motion to give the United Church of Chelsea permission to use the North Common the week of July 28th through August 1st for Vacation Bible School and again on August 9th for the South Royalton Town Band and Ice Cream Social. So moved.
 - b. Politics at the Transfer Station – See under Public Concerns above.

- c. Estimated Tax Rate – Calculations indicate that the tax rate for 2014 appears to be fairly consistent with the tax rate for 2013.
 - d. Open Meeting Law – Moved to Town Clerk
9. Adjournment - Button moved and Kuban seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:38 p.m. So moved.