

SELECTBOARD MEETING

May 8, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Jack Johnson
Erik Anderson
Jane Cushman

Emily Newman
Gary Decad
Stan Brinkman

This special meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. to finalize the Selectboard's presentation at the DRB meeting regarding the Heath Field permit applications. The board's goal is to try to avoid wasting the town's money while doing the right thing per our zoning bylaws and floodplain regulations. The Board reviewed scenarios presented by the ZA and had a lengthy discussion with those present. Stan summarized the opinions of those on the Planning Commission and offered advice and options for the board to consider. Gary suggested that the board state their intent to meet the bylaw and encouraged everyone to work together to remedy this situation. Emily pleaded with the board to consider the devastation of property and anxiety of those living along the river.

Following this discussion, the Selectboard wrote the following statement to be presented to the DRB:

May 8th, 2012

The town of Chelsea recognizes that the sand pile, diesel fuel tank, and salt shed are in violation of our town's flood plain bylaws. The select board recognizes that the Heath Field cannot be a permanent site for those features and acknowledges that they must be move. However, the board does assert that some portion of the sand pile and the diesel fuel tank were at the site over fifteen years ago and therefore meets the statute of limitations. We are asking for an additional 30 days to define the sand pile's exact dimension so that we can locate sand at that location for a temporary period while we seek a site to purchase or rent for sand storage.

Sincerely,
Chelsea Select board
Erik Anderson
Jack Johnson

Erik shared that a potential site may be available for purchase for the garage and sandpile but cautioned that it was very early in the process.

Jack moved and Erik seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. So moved.