

SELECTBOARD REPORT
January 17, 2006 – 5:30 p.m.
Site visit to Putt Kennedy Property
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Andy Pomerantz Jane Cushman
 Carol Olsen Steve Gould
 Dick Rogers Bill Field

5:30 p.m. – The Board met at Putt Kennedy's to view the property.

1. Minutes – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the January 10, 2006 meeting as written. So moved.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - a. Town Office Space – old business
 - b. MTBE Report – move from Roads to Water/Sewer
 - c. Creamery Property – Old Business
3. Public Comments
 - a. Andy reported receiving both positive and negative feedback re: town purchase of the Kennedy property.
4. Water/Sewer
 - a. Budget – After reviewing the water and sewer budgets, Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to accept the budgets. The water budget is set at \$57,441.88 less \$2253.88 from the surplus water fees to level fund at \$55,188 with 219 users paying \$252 per year per user. The sewer budget is set at \$112,173 with 269 users paying \$417 per year per user. So moved.
 - b. MTBE Report – tabled until next meeting.
5. Roads
 - a. Budget – The Highway budget was reviewed and will be adopted under old business with the entire budget.
6. Old Business
 - a. Kennedy Property – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to enter executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss property acquisition. So moved. Exited at 7:34 p.m. Carol moved with Dick's second to authorize Dick to proceed with working with Mascoma Savings Bank on a mortgage for the property – pending Roy and Neil Kennedy's acceptance of the Purchase and Sales Agreement. So moved.
 - b. Budget – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to set the Highway Budget at \$287,765.75 with the amount to be raised by taxes at \$179,353.33. The increase in the amount to be raised by taxes is due largely to increased costs for health insurance, pay increases and high fuel costs. The general account budget was set at \$315,179.95 with \$269,243.56 to be raised by taxes. The total amount to be raised by taxes, including the highway budget is \$448,601.89. So moved. There are several reasons for the increase including, less carryover

from 2005, higher insurance rates, additional appropriation requests, money for town hall repairs to match grant money, money for sidewalk work to match grant money, property acquisition and uncertainties with expenses for our transfer station.

- c. CVSWMD Representative – Steve Gould attended the meeting to discuss the Board’s and Steve’s understanding of the EOS project. The Board’s expectations of Steve were discussed. Steve has agreed to represent Chelsea until Town Meeting.
 - d. Municipal Planning Services Agreement – The agreement between Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission and the Town of Chelsea for Municipal Planning Services was reviewed and signed. Two Rivers will assist the town in providing Municipal Planning Grant Services for the Town not to exceed \$4,500 unless amended at \$30 per hr. for professional planning time and \$40 per hr. for GIS mapping services. This agreement to run from January 2, 2006 through May 15, 2007, unless amended.
 - e. Solid Waste Issues – Bill reported on responses from the first 3 letters sent re: junkyard and junk storage. Andy is going to contact ANR to see if they will investigate and enforce one of the sites. Bill will prepare papers to file the complaints in court on the other two. If Andy doesn’t here from ANR he will contact Bill for more direction.
 - f. Creamery Property – Bill has had communication with the attorney working for the Ryan’s on the Creamery Property. They are very aware of the town’s interest and are working to clear up title issues.
 - g. Warning – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to adopt the warning for Town Meeting as written. So moved.
 - h. Town Office Plans – The Board reviewed Stockbridge’s plans for office space. The Board doesn’t feel the space is adequate. Andy will contact Beth Ann Finlay.
7. New Business – None
8. Other Information
- a. Because the Selectboard will not have a quorum at the regularly scheduled February 7th and 21st meetings, the February meetings will be held on February 14, 2006 and February 28, 2006 with the possibility of special meetings being warned and held.
9. Correspondence
- a. Request from Green Mountain Youth Symphony for \$200 – The Board will suggest they submit their request earlier next year with more information.
 - b. Email from VLVT asking the Board to include an article on the Warning instructing the Governor and our State Representatives and Senators to oppose use of State Education Fund for purposes that are outside the law’s original intent. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to leave the warning as is and not include this request. So moved.
10. Next Meeting Agenda Items
- a. Kennedy Property
 - b. Solid Waste Issues

- c. Sign Liquor Licenses
 - d. MTBE Report
 - e. Personnel Policy
 - f. Safety Report
11. Adjournment – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. So moved.
12. Action Items
- a. Dick will work with Mascoma Savings Bank
 - b. Andy will contact Neil Kennedy re: purchase and sales agreement
 - c. Carol will read the MTBE report
 - d. Andy will contact ANR
 - e. Andy will contact Beth Ann Finlay re: town office plans
 - f. Andy will complete Selectboard Report