

SELECTBOARD MEETING  
September 21, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.  
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Ken Colby	Alan Ackerman	Megan Shannon
Erik Anderson	Carol Olsen	Vicki Weiss
Jane Cushman	Phillip Mulligan	
Rick Ackerman	Steve Gould	

1. Adjustments to Agenda
  - a. Holt Hill Rd – Roads
  - b. Side Judge – New Business
  
2. Approve Minutes to September 7, 2010 Meeting – Erik moved and Ken seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. So moved.
  
3. Public Concerns
  - a. Ken had a phone call re: a gate across a trail. The landowner was told that this trail is on the AOT highway map and the trail can be used to access his land. The gate can't be locked.
  
4. Water/Sewer
  - a. Health Center – For audit purposes, Joanne Goodnow, Treas. of Chelsea Health Center Inc, has requested for letter saying that their water bill has been renegotiated and part of the bill was for the hook-up fees. The Selectboard has not re-negotiated the rates, only pointed out the costs not charged to the Health Center Inc. Erik will draft a response to Joanne.
  - b. Other – Erik has been in contact with ANR re: evaluation of our rate structure. They were scheduled to come October 5 but Jane will not be here. ANR will be asked to contact Jane to set up a time to meet.
  
5. Roads
  - a. Garage - The Board discussed the pros and cons of warning a vote for authorization to spend up to \$22,500 for engineering fees to design and prepare bid documents for a town garage on the site of the drying bed building at the WWTP, at the November election.
  - b. Interview Applicants – Executive Session – No interviews scheduled.
  - c. Logging Rd. - Jenkins Brook Rd – The forester acknowledges that harvesting the town forest will yield a large amount of lumber and advises that ½ of the forest be marked this year and the other ½ next year. He estimates, at current rates, approximately \$16,000 – 20,000 per cutting. In light of this information, the Board wants the road finished with stone to protect the work that has already been done.
  - d. Holt Hill Rd. – Alan Ackerman asked the town for a little gravel for the Class III section of Holt Hill Rd. as the landowners have been maintaining the road. Rick will check the mileage and if Alan's distances are correct, haul a few loads of gravel.
  - e. Other – Paving on the E. Randolph Rd is scheduled to begin October 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>. Due to the lateness in the season, various alternatives were discussed.

- f. The Selectboard agreed to pay Hook Construction the final payment for bridgework on Moxley Road.
6. Town Clerk
7. Old Business
  - a. Zoning - Nothing
    - i. New appointment & Alternate to DRB
  - b. Emergency Watershed Project – The project is complete. Ken signed the request for reimbursement for USDA-NRCS.
  - c. Highland Ave. Trees - Tabled
  - d. Trails - Tabled
  - e. Justin Morgan – Checked with AOT – Chelsea is in compliance with State Statutes that allow no more than 2 similar signs heading in same direction on a road. The sign will be ordered.
  - f. Animal Control Policy – Reviewed and signed
  - g. Safeline – Community Development Grant – After considering information gathered re: this grant administration, the Board agreed that there will only be a slight impact on the Treasurer and agreed to participate with Safeline.
  - h. Selectboard Appointment – Carol Olsen attended the meeting to express interest in serving on the Selectboard until March. Erik moved and Ken seconded the motion to appoint Carol. So moved.
  - i. Energy Committee – Phillip, Steve and Megan presented report as follows:
    - i. Street Lights – Steve reviewed their inventory of Chelsea’s streetlights. To help reduce energy costs, the Selectboard needs to repair, remove or enhance existing functioning and non-functioning lights. Two rivers Ottauquechee Planning Commission will be asked if they are able to assist in a streetlight analysis.
    - ii. Megan reported on Chelsea’s emission report. The Town Hall emissions are greatly reduced as the result of insulating, etc that has been done. Vehicles are the most energy intensive and expensive for the town.
    - iii. Phillip discussed the upcoming Town Hall CEDE grant. The Board authorized Phillip to spend the \$6,500 match for the town as budgeted.
  - j. Other – Phillip will contact Arnold Braman about wiring the Town Hall.
8. New Business
  - a. Officer Appointments (Auditor & Lister) – Mindy Farnham (Auditor) and Jeremy Beaucage (Lister) have moved to Tunbridge making them ineligible to hold an office in Chelsea.
  - b. Vicki Weiss stopped by the meeting to introduce herself and advise the Board that she is running for Side Judge in November.
9. Adjournment – Erik moved and Ken seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. So moved.