

SELECTBOARD MEETING
November 3, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Ruben Hook Cornelia (CJ) Cesari Art Goodrich (DRB)
Erik Anderson Steve Gould Neil Kennedy (DRB)
Ken Colby Frank Keene Deb Melvin (DRB)
Jane Cushman Bobby Button Anne Carroll (DRB)
Rick Ackerman Sheila Smith

1. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a.
2. Approve Minutes to October 20, 2009 Meetings – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. So moved.
3. Public Concerns
 - a. CJ reminded the Selectboard that they are invited to the Chelsea Health Center's open house on November 16, 2009.
 - b. Ruben has rec'd a complaint re: a culvert at the end of Whitney's pasture. Rick is aware of this issue.
4. Water/Sewer
 - a. Brookhaven Well – Proceeding on schedule. Final walk-thru is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.
 - b. Health Center Water/Sewer Count – The water is still on at the old building but there is no one in there so they will not get a bill until it is in use again. Jane is waiting for the fixture count in the new building.
 - c. Other – Bench sheets were reviewed and signed.
5. Roads
 - a. Flood Issues – The Board signed the TA 65 request for reimbursement form. Rick has pulled the stringers for the footbridge out of the brook, planning to replace the bridge next year.
 - b. Garage – The Board had discussed the possibility of building a new garage at the current garage site. Due to zoning bylaws, the idea of building a building a little larger could not happen due to setback regulations. A new building at the current site would be of no great benefit. If nobody is willing to do the weatherization work at the garage, Rick and crew will do the work on rainy days.
 - c. Truck – The town has until December 1 to order a new truck to save on the increased cost of emissions. Delivery would not be until May or June. For the truck chassis, body and plow package the price would be in the \$145,000 to \$155,000 range with about \$35,000 trade in on the International. Rick will get more information before the next meeting.
 - d. Other
6. Old Business
 - a. Zoning – See Below (DRB) Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to issue Bobby Button a notice of violation for work done on the Creamery Building. This will enable him to proceed with the appeal process. So moved.

- b. DRB – 6:45 – The DRB reviewed the permit and procedures taken in the permitting process for the Creamery Building. Because of a conflict of interest with the Zoning Administrator (ZA) and the potential discrepancy between the construction of the building and the permit, the Selectboard must enforce the bylaws. Sheila Smith, representing Bobby, acknowledges that there is a discrepancy but feels that the Selectboard must appoint an assistant ZA to handle this case. Frank Keene stated on record that Bobby Button has done the town of Chelsea a huge favor in rebuilding the Creamery building. Frank also finds conflicting areas within the zoning bylaw. Hopefully there are options available to allow Bobby to move forward without compromising the bylaws and at the same time not having to dismantle the work done.
- c. Personnel Policy – The Board discussed a few changes to be made with the draft. These changes will be made and copies will be distributed to the employees for their review.
- d. Ancient Roads – No information.
- e. CVSWMD – Steve Gould – Steve discussed the alternatives and consequences of the two proposed CVSWMD budgets. The Board and Steve support the second budget, which would keep the per capita the same. The district would no longer operate depots but would be able to concentrate and promote other projects that will support their Zero Waste policy. Chelsea will be charged the tipping fees for recyclables starting Dec. 1, 2009 (Steve will request this start Jan. 1, 2010) but CVSWMD will continue for the time being to haul the recyclables at no cost to the town. The tipping fees could cost the town an additional \$3,500 to \$4,000 per year and may require increasing the cost per bag of trash to \$3.50.
- f. Other

7. New Business

- a. TRORC Economic Development District Resolution – Although the East Central VT Region has been actively engaged in economic development planning since 2001 when the first Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was adopted, this is the only area in Vermont that is not designated as a district. Districts are eligible for more Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding for priority projects. Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to adopt the resolution that would support the formation of the East Central Vermont Economic Development District. So moved.

8. Adjournment – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. So moved.