

CHELSEA SELECTBOARD MEETING  
JUNE 7,2005 – 6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE: Carol Olsen, Dick Rogers, Andy Pomerantz, Hale Mattoon, Ed Kuban, Jane Ackerman, Julie Lawrence, Rick Ackerman

Minutes of the 5/24/05 meeting were approved as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Multiple complaints about burn Barrels – see old business
2. Continuing complaints about lack of cleanliness in town hall – see old business
3. Complaint about trucks parked and tires stored at pull-offs along Rte 110 - will ask Jane to contact the state about this.
4. Complaints about cats on someone's porch and yard - this is outside the purview of the selectboard

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Water/Sewer update: Country store has two apartments. The store will be charged for one business and two living units. Caleb Rick has no bathroom downstairs in the office area.
2. The electric power failure plan for the WWTF has been approved.
3. The landfill testing showed the water tested at a private residence, as required by the State, is good and the report has been submitted to the state.
4. Hale's letter of intent to resign was reviewed and discussed. He will be available for backup work at times. We will advertise for an operator position. Nolan will be the interim chief operator.
5. Solid Waste: Chris Paterson will come to Tunbridge at 6:00 on July 7 to discuss Chelsea/Tunbridge concerns about the EOS plan. Tri Town district is discussing their plans this week. Carol will attend an upcoming meeting.
6. Casella has apologized for last week's failure to switch the trash compactor. They will give us a \$175.00 hauling fee credit to cover our expenses.
7. **Roads:** WEC Dick moved and Carol seconded WEC request to run power under the road to connect to house on Jenkins Brook Road.  
Culvert inventory – no one identified to hire as part time worker for this.  
Reviewed 110/113 water drainage issue. Rick has been looking into potential solutions and costs. The cost would be in the neighborhood of \$2000 to \$3000 and the budget for this year can't cover that. The board will readdress this issue next year and coordinate with recreation committee plans.
8. White River Partnership – tabled to next meeting.
9. Junk Storage. Ed Kuban presented the state statute (VSA 24 and Chelsea Zoning bylaw 4.5) addressing junk storage and junkyards. The landowner on Rte 110 can be sent a certified letter asking him to submit a plan for correction and allowing him 7 days to respond, after which time he can be fined \$50.00 per day. Carol moved and Dick seconded a motion to do this.

10. School board Vacancies: Opinion from Sec of State is that we have to fill the vacancies within 30 days. School board may have the option of making the appointment if legislation is passed but it appears this did not pass. There are no official vacancies as yet. Karen Colby will step down 6/30. We will meet with the school board. Will ask the board chair to attend the next selectboard meeting to discuss further.

11. Executive Session 6:55 PM. to discuss Revolving Loan Application. Exited Session at 7:10. Andy moved and Carol seconded the motion to fund the request pending establishing how much is in the fund at present. Mascoma bank or GMEDC will be contacted for help in determining interest rate and establishing the contract.

12. Unregistered car on North Common is being moved.

13. VCRD community visit is completed. There are 4 committees. Report will be issued soon. Committees and chairs are:

Facilities: Bethann Finlay

Economic Development: Jim Veneziano

School: Emily Marshia

Open Lands: Craig Byrne

Overall Chair: Dave Bradshaw.

Andy and Dave will meet with the 4 chairs monthly. All have a deadline of 7/28 to report on goals and potential timelines.

14. Open Burning Ordinance: Carol has reviewed the ordinance, which has not been enforced. The board agreed that it is a serious environmental and health issue that needs to be addressed. We get many complaints, which are increasing every year. Board members will contact other towns to see how they are addressing this problem.

15. Dogs: Dick will contact the dog owner about the issue.

16. Town hall cleaning: Andy has a set of standards for institutional cleaning. It needs to be adapted for the town hall. The housekeeper will be invited to next meeting to discuss his work in executive session.

17. Sewer easement: Dick Upham's previous complaint was raised again. Tabled until next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bonnie Pomerantz inquired about The South Common Community Center starting a new community bulletin board. She will be invited to the next meeting.

2. The transfer station problem last week pointed to a need for selectboard to have access to town properties in the event of an emergency. Consensus was that we should have a lock box in the town assistant office containing all the keys.

Action Items:

- Dick will ask Rory to attend next board meeting at 7 to discuss school board. FOLLOWUP 6/21
- Jane will be asked to prepare ad for chief water/sewer operator FOLLOWUP 6/21 (ad could be reviewed before next meeting)
- Jane to contact state about tires and vehicles in turn-off
- Jane to invite Bill in to talk about town hall cleaning FOLLOWUP 6/21.
- Dick will talk with dog owner and arrange meeting to discuss the problem
- Dick will talk with Bank about loan fund and ask for advice and assistance. If not, then Andy will contact GMEDC FOLLOWUP 6/21
- Andy will invite Bonnie Pomerantz to come to next meeting. FOLLOWUP 6/21
- Dick will ask Dick Upham to provide a letter outlining his easement concerns.
- All will discuss burn barrel problems with other towns.
- Ed will provide details about junkyard statutes so a letter can be written. Then will ask Town agent to review it.