

SELECTBOARD MEETING

July 5, 2005 – 6:00 p.m.

Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Dick Rogers
Andy Pomerantz
Carol Olsen
Jane Cushman

Nolan LaFrancis
Ed Kuban
Bonnie Pomerantz
Brian Farnham

1. MINUTES – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to accept the minutes to the June 21, 2005 meeting as written. So moved.
2. WATER/SEWER
 - a. The monthly and quarterly bench reports were reviewed and signed. It was noted that the biosolids lab results were good.
 - b. WWTP Upgrade – No update – Jane will call Otter Creek Engineering to find out the status.
 - c. Brookhaven Well Update – No update – Jane will call Otter Creek Engineering to find out the status of the project.
 - d. Water Tank Maintenance – New England Tank inspects the water tank at 3-year intervals at no charge to the town. The fax from Liquid Engineering can be disregarded.
 - e. Water Department Operator – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to enter executive session at 6:20 p.m. to review applications for the position. So moved. Exited executive session at 6:30 p.m. Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to offer Nolan LaFrancis the position of Chief Operator at \$16.00 per hour. So moved. Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue at 6:31 p.m. So moved. Exited executive session at 6:35 p.m. Nolan LaFrancis accepted the position.
3. ROADS
 - a. Sidewalk in front of Grange Building – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to table this issue until July 19, 2005. So moved
 - b. Roadside Mowing – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to accept Lawrence Lyon's bid of \$2000 to do the roadside mowing and \$225 to mow the dump cap. So moved. Discussion followed as to whether it would benefit the town to own a tractor and mower and do the mowing ourselves. The Board decided that it is cheaper to hire this job out. Brian Farnham suggested hiring someone with different equipment that would cut brush and the roadsides back further. The Board will consider this at budget time.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Zoning – The Board reviewed Title 24 § 2241, etc and the Zoning Bylaws regarding junkyards and storage of junk. Certified letters have been sent to 3 landowners with no response. Andy will talk to Bill Field, Town Agent, about the proper action to take. Ed Kuban offered to work on a list of other sites that might need to be cleaned up to bring

back to the Board on August 2, 2005. Once more information is pulled together, the Board will hold a public hearing to get the townspeople's input on this subject.

- b. Revolving Loan Fund – Dick will have a sample loan document by the July 19, 2005 meeting.
 - c. Solid waste Issues – See (a.) above
 - d. CVSWMD EOS Project – The Board is meeting with CVSWMD tomorrow night 7/6/05 in Tunbridge to discuss alternatives to the EOS project. The Board will request copies of minutes and everything else sent from CVSWMD to help improve communications.
 - e. VCRD – Andy met with the 4 committee chairs and Dave Bradshaw. The committee chairs, Dave and the Selectboard will review any grant requests made on behalf of the Town of Chelsea. The Selectboard needs to review the list of concerns that did not make the top 4 areas of concern during the VCRD visit.
 - f. SCCC Bulletin Board and Discussion re: the role of SCCC – The Selectboard reviewed proposals for a bulletin board. The Board agrees that the Town Hall lawn is not the place for the bulletin board. They suggested contacting the Mason's to see if the corner of the handicap ramp might be a possibility. Bonnie hopes for community and school efforts to maintain and update the bulletin board. The Board feels that people in town perceive the SCCC as not really a community center and don't know how SCCC evolved. Bonnie explained the mission of the SCCC was for a place for people to come together to enjoy the arts. She suggested that it might be the name that misleads people.
 - g. Lease Agreement for Treasurer's Office – The Board reviewed a proposed lease option. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to make a counter proposal of \$300 per month until January 1, 2006 at which time the rent would be increased to \$330 per month for 3 years. So moved.
 - h. Dog Issue – Dick visited the dog owner. It was suggested that the one making the complaint and the dog owner should discuss this issue. The Board is considering addressing this issue at a public hearing along with other issues, possibly in the fall. This issue is tabled until a later date.
 - i. Town Hall Cleaning Checklist – Andy presented suggestions. Jane will create a checklist.
6. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Board Membership with Two Rivers Ottauquechee Planning Commission and Green Mountain Regional Development – Andy will talk to the two organizations and have a follow up on July 17, 2005.
7. OTHER INFORMATION
- a. Town Hall Curtain Repair – the repair will be done the end of August and first of September.
8. CORRESPONDENCE
- a. Blow & Cote – VT AOT contract BHO 1444(49) Moxley Bridge grant work scheduled to start on July 11 or 12. The majority of the work will

not interfere with traffic. If necessary to close the bridge when applying the fire retardant to the inside of the bridge, the town will be notified in advance. Emergency vehicles will always be allowed to pass with a possible momentary delay.

- b. CVSWMD - A letter advising of the requirement to remove mercury switches from some appliances (chest freezers, gas stoves and washing machines) and that the charge for trash and tires at district operated facilities will be raised on 7/2/05.
 - c. Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission – A copy of the bylaw changes that were amended on June 22, 2005
 - d. Otterman & Allen – letters with information relating to the WEC lawsuit.
9. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS
- a. Rick to review budget
 - b. Mike Whipple to interview for Water Dept. Operator – Executive Session
 - c. Sidewalk in front of Grange Building
 - d. Update of WWTP Upgrade and Brookhaven Well
 - e. Solid Waste Issues
 - f. Revolving Loan Fund Loan Contract
 - g. Board Membership with Two Rivers and Green Mtn. Regional Dev.
 - h. Fuel Prices
 - i. Tax Rate
10. ADJOURNMENT – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. So moved.
11. ACTION ITEMS
- a. Sidewalk in front of Old Grange Bldg. – Board will check site FOLLOW UP 7/19
 - b. WWTP & Brookhaven Projects – Jane will call Otter Creek Engineering to see status of projects FOLLOW UP 7/19
 - c. Oil Prices – Dick to call Shawn Twing and Howard Garrow, Jane to call Bradford Oil Co. FOLLOW UP 7/19
 - d. Two Rivers Ottawaquechee & Green Mountain Planning Comm – Andy to talk to both organizations re: board membership. FOLLOW UP 7/19
 - e. Revolving Loan Fund – Dick to have sample loan contract FOLLOW UP 7/19
 - f. Solid Waste Issues – Ed Kuban creating list of potential clean-up sites FOLLOW UP 8/2. Andy will talk to Bill Field FOLLOW UP 7/19
 - g. Lease Agreement – Jane will send counter proposal to Mr. Weintraub
 - h. Town Hall Cleaning – Jane will create checklist
 - i. CVSWMD EOS Project – Carol will contact Tri-Town Alliance