

SELECTBOARD MEETING
October 11, 2005 – 6:00 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Carol Olsen	Alan Ackerman	Sherri Richardson
Dick Rogers	Nolan LaFrancis	Dick Adams
Andy Pomerantz	Bonnie Pomerantz	Jennifer Doyle
Jane Cushman	John Hogan	Amos Doyle
Mike Whipple	Ed Kuban	Caleb Rick

1. Minutes – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to accept the minutes to the September 20, 2005 meeting as written. So moved.

2. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. Mike Whipple – Insurance (exec. Session) – Water/Sewer
 - b. Request for Connections at Caleb Rick’s property on VT Rte 110 – Water/Sewer
 - c. Shire Inn change of status from commercial to residential – Water/Sewer
 - d. Boil Water Notice – Water/Sewer
 - e. Access Permit – Roads
 - f. New Snowmobile Bridge – New Business
 - g. Revolving Loan Application (7:45) exec. Session – New Business
 - h. Upper Village Road Noise – New Business
 - i. Cross Walk at Riverbend Residential – New Business
 - j. Transfer Station Compactor Issues – New Business
 - k. Solid Waste Issues – Old Business
 - l. Town Newsletter – Old Business

3. Water/Sewer
 - a. Brookhaven Well Update – The pump test has been extended 2 more weeks because of the Sept. 14 sample having 1.42 ppb of MTBE. This is the only sample with the contaminant present and it was far below the allowable amount. A minimal sulfur odor but no taste is present.
 - b. WWTF Upgrade – There was only 1 contractor present at the contractor’s meeting. Otter Creek indicated that there are currently 2 bids. If there are no more bids, the town will ask to repeat the bid process.
 - c. Emergency Response Plan and Vulnerability Assessment – Due to time limits and schedules, Paula Jackson is unable to get our ERP & VA done by November 12. She has sent the town computer programs which Jane and Nolan will work on.
 - d. Rick Property – Caleb asked for the Board’s approval to allow him to connect to the storm drain in front of his property on VT Rte 110 to drain water from the basement, also, to run a 2” water line from the water main to the house for fire suppression, and for a second water meter to service the outbuildings on the property. After discussing these requests with Nolan, the Selectboard approved Caleb’s requests.
 - e. Shire Inn – Effective October 31, 2005, property at 277 VT Rte 110 (Shire Inn) will discontinue business as an inn and revert to a single-family residence.

Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to instruct Jane to send the Kellers a letter indicating the Boards approval. So moved.

- f. Boil Water Notice – A water sample taken October 3, 2005 tested positive for coliform. Subsequent samples both upstream and downstream from the test site also tested positive. No ecoli was present so the coliform only served as an indicator that problems could exist. The system has been disinfected and flushed and the state mandated testing procedure has begun. Hopefully, by Monday or Tuesday (Oct. 17 or 18) the “Boil Water Notice” can be lifted. The State mandates 2 months of chlorination but with Chelsea’s excellent track record, this mandate can be appealed. Both the State and the lab indicated that this has been a very difficult year and systems such as ours, with no previous problems, are suddenly testing positive for coliform.
- g. Mileage – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to increase the mileage reimbursement from \$.365 to \$.50. So moved.
- h. Exec. Session – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to enter executive session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. So moved. Exited at 6:50 p.m. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to offer Mike Whipple benefits at the full time status with the same co-pay as the rest of the employees. So moved.

4. Roads

- a. Part time winter help applications – only one application was submitted. Rick will be asked to talk to the applicant.
- b. Dick advised a landowner that until his pile of junk is cleaned up so the trucks can be turned around, the town is not going to plow his road.
- c. Bobbinshop Road Bridge – At the State’s recommendation, 2 steel girders have been ordered to supplement the existing girders. They are supposed to arrive this week at which time Hook Construction can continue work on the bridge. Alan Ackerman expressed concern that the equipment has been moved and there is no barrier to keep someone from going in the river and with winter is coming, will the bridge get finished. Dick will see Rick in the morning and voice concerns for the safety issues.
- d. Access Permit – The Board reviewed an access permit for Beth Kendall on the Hall Road. The permit is not complete so it will be returned for more information.

5. Public Comments – None

6. Old Business

- a. Friends of Chelsea School Sign (7:30) – Sherri Richardson, acting on behalf of the Friends of Chelsea School, withdrew their request for signage on the South Common.
- b. Town Bulletin Board – Bonnie Pomerantz and the Selectboard have viewed the south lawn of the Town Hall as a possible site for the bulletin board. Because of the timeline for applying for a zoning permit, this project will not happen until spring. The Selectboard will include this as a line item on the town meeting agenda to see what the town’s consensus is on this issue. Dick would like to see a letter of support from the school to help maintain the bulletin board.

- c. VCRD – Alan Ackerman presented a letter, for Selectboard signatures, to the Ryan Estate indicating the town’s interest in the creamery property. The Board discussed the possibility of the 4 task force committees becoming sub-committees of the Selectboard or the Schoolboard. No decision was made.
- d. Town Hall Curtain – The curtain restoration project is completed with the additional \$2,759 cost covered by donations totaling \$2,885 to date. The extra money will be placed in the Town Hall Renovation Fund for now. Dick is still working on finding the value of the atlases that were found in the Town Hall attic.
- e. Town Hall Roof – Dick is waiting for an estimate for a short-term fix and one for a long-range fix from Doug Hayward. Andy has been in contact with Thomas Keefe for references to repair the roof.
- f. EOS Project – The Tunbridge Selectboard will be invited to the Oct. 18th meeting to discuss their intentions with regards to CVSWMD’s plan to close our transfer stations. Carol will call Randolph to see if they are interested in allowing Chelsea to join their district or in taking our trash.
- g. Review of Zoning Permits – Carol has reviewed 28 zoning permits running from April 1 to the present. She has one question, which she has discussed with John Bellefeuille. She asked that he either come to a meeting or send a letter explaining how he arrived at the decision to grant the permit. Carol will follow up with John. Andy will give Art Goodrich the results of the Board’s review.
- h. Solid Waste Issues – Ed Kuban presented his census of junk vehicles and other collections of solid waste that are visible from the road.
- i. Town Newsletter – The Selectboard is satisfied with the newsletter but expressed concern that many do not realize what they are receiving in the mail because of the “Postal Customer” address. Bonnie & Joan are looking for someone who is willing to work on this project. Bonnie is going to provide the Selectboard with the cost to maintain the newsletter for one year and the estimated number of hours involved at budget time.

7. New Business

- a. Snowmachine Bridge – Wayne Ladd asked permission to build a snowmachine bridge across the brook in the vicinity of Ginny Button’s property on Upper Village Rd. It was determined that to cross state water, the town has no jurisdiction and the permission must come from the State of Vermont.
- b. Revolving Loan Application (7:45) – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to enter executive session at 7:34 p.m. to review a revolving loan application. So moved. Exited at 8:15 p.m. The applicant was advised to call GMEDC to get guidance in this process and return to the Oct. 18th meeting.
- c. Upper Village Road Noise – There have been complaints about loud music being played at Hillside Homes at night. Carol is going to talk to an acquaintance that works there for guidance in dealing with this issue.
- d. Cross walk from Riverbend Residential Care Home – Jennifer Doyle asked the Selectboard to initiate the process to have a crosswalk across VT Rte 110 by Riverbend. Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to make a request to the State to put a crosswalk across the road at Riverbend. Jennifer also raised a question regarding finishing residing the back of her buildings. She was advised to contact John Bellefeuille.

- e. Transfer Station Compactor Issues – The motor in the old compactor has quit working. Dick Rogers has been working with Casella and Williamstown Electric Motors to get this repaired. The worse case scenario is a new motor for \$1,000. If this isn't repaired by Saturday, Casella will furnish a container for the recyclables. In the future, the Selectboard will go directly to the manufacturer of the equipment for repairs. Dick noted the need for a wiper above the ram to prevent buildup. Dick Rodgers will contact John Fraser to see if he can install a rubber wiper.
8. Other Information – None
 9. Correspondence
 - a. Letter from Robert Brown re: Jim Hill Place
 - b. Otterman and Allen (WEC lawsuit) – suggesting that town budget \$5,000 - \$10,000 for litigation in lawsuit
 - c. Casella – Notifying the town that CVSWMD has increased the surcharge on garbage from \$16 - \$21 per ton.
 - d. Copies of letters from John Bellefeuille, Zoning Administrator to Joanne, Melissa & Angela Martins and to Thomas Haluch that they are building structures without a permit.
 - e. Stan Brinkman – Request for abatement of his tax bill to be reduced by the percentage between fair market value and the common level of appraisal in Chelsea. Stan has an issue with the inaction of the town to complete a reassessment in accordance with the mandates created under Act 60. Stan will be invited to meet with the Listers to discuss this issue.
 10. Next Meeting Agenda Items
 - a. Meeting with Tunbridge Selectboard re: EOS
 - b. Revolving Loan Fund Request
 - c. Review Bids for WWTP Upgrade
 - d. Personnel Policy
 - e. Brookhaven Well Update
 - f. Access Permit
 - g. Bobbinshop Rd. Bridge
 - h. Town Hall Roof
 - i. Upper Village Noise
 11. Adjournment – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. So moved.
 12. Action Items
 - a. ERP & VA – Jane & Nolan will work on the project. Follow-up by Nov. 12, 2005
 - b. Shire Inn – Jane will send a letter advising them that the Selectboard voted to change their user count from 3 to 1 effective November 1, 2005.
 - c. Winter Help – Rick will talk to applicant.
 - d. Bobbinshop Road Bridge – Dick will voice safety concerns to Rick
 - e. Atlases – Dick will continue to try to determine a value for the atlases & maps
 - f. Town Hall Roof – Dick and Andy will work on getting estimates

- g. EOS Project – Jane will ask Tunbridge Selectboard to join Chelsea at the 10/18 meeting. Carol will call Randolph to see if they are interested in allowing Chelsea to join their district or take our trash
- h. Zoning Permits – Carol will follow up with John Bellefeuille. Follow up 10/18. Andy will report Board findings to Art Goodrich
- i. Upper Village Road Noise – Carol to discuss with acquaintance. Follow up 10/18
- j. Cross Walk – Jane will draft a letter to the state for the Board's signatures asking for cross walk across VT Rte 110 from Riverside Residential Care
- k. Transfer Station Compactor – Dick will work with Casella and Williamstown Electric Motors to have the motor repaired or a container ready for Saturday. Dick will also see John Fraser re: wiper for the ram.