

SELECTBOARD MEETING

May 2, 2006 – 6:00 p.m.

Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Andy Pomerantz Nolan LaFrancis
 Dick Rogers Michael Smith (Otter Creek Eng.)
 Carol Olsen Mark Vermette
 Jane Cushman John Parker

1. Minutes – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the April 18, 2006 meeting as written. So moved.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - a. Junkyard Issue (water testing) – Old Business
 - b. First Branch Ambulance & Rescue letter of support – New Business
 - c. Mowing Bids – Old Business
 - d. Sewer/Water Bench Sheets – Water/Sewer
 - e. WWTP Upgrade – Water/Sewer
 - f. Water System Evaluation – Water/Sewer
 - g. Brush Trimming – Roads
 - h. Brookhaven Well – Water/Sewer
 - i. Water System Engineering Report – Water/Sewer
 - j. Fire Hydrant Damage – Water/Sewer
 - k. Noise and Trash Issue on Upper Village Rd. – Old Business
 - l. Access Permit - Roads
3. Public Comments
 - a. Carol has been asked if the closed landfill can be used for grazing horses. She will review the landfill closing documents to see if there are restrictions.
 - b. Dog Issue – There has been an incident of dogs harassing a young child.
 - c. Flea Market – Dick reported that the Service Guild is considering not sponsoring the annual Flea Market after this year due to lack of workers and energy. If this happens, hopefully some other organization will sponsor the event in the future.
4. Water/Sewer
 - a. The easement for the sewer line across Upham's Store property was reviewed and signed.
 - b. WWTF Upgrade Bid – The low bidder for the project was NECCO, Inc from Waitsfield, VT with a bid of \$450,280. If the town approves the bond vote next week, the application will go to USDA. If accepted by USDA, the town will be eligible for a grant and low interest loan to fund this project. It is anticipated that the construction contract will be signed in July.
 - c. Bench Sheets – The bench sheets were reviewed and signed.
 - d. Water System Engineering Evaluation – Nolan reported that due to our limited water supply, the engineers recommended combining the Hillside Homes and Riverside Drive water systems with ours. Because

- of the ongoing problems with those systems the Selectboard will not pursue this recommendation.
- e. Brookhaven Well – The possibility of abandoning this project because of the presence of MBTE and the possibility of exploring another location was discussed.
 - f. Fire Hydrant Damage – The Board discussed the cost of repairs to the fire hydrant that was hit by a motorcycle. A bill has been sent to the driver.

The Board meeting was temporarily adjourned to hold an informational meeting at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. The Board meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

5. Roads

- a. Better Back Roads Grant – The grant application has been accepted pending funding. Rick will work with a consultant on developing a bridge & culvert inventory.
- b. Budget – Due to excessive mud seasons, the gravel budget is spent.
- c. Garrow Roadside Bank – Mr. Garrow did not attend the meeting. The next meeting (May 23) will convene at Dick Roger's at 5:30 p.m. to view the site. Mr. Garrow will be invited.
- d. Personnel Issue – Executive Session – Dick moved to enter executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. So moved. Exited at 8:25 p.m. The employees will be invited to the May 23, 2006 meeting to discuss the issue in question.
- e. Roadside Trimming – The Board has received complaints about the shrubs on the end of Beacon Hill blocking the visibility when approaching VT Rte 110. Thank you to Dave Button for trimming the shrubs to improve visibility.
- f. Access Permit – The Board reviewed an access permit submitted by Gordon & Phyllis Hayward. The site is located 600 feet from the intersection of Densmore Road and Hayward Farm Road on the east side. Rick has viewed and approved the location. Because the permit is missing information, the Board will not sign the permit. Once the permit is completed it will be signed.

6. Old Business

- a. Tennis Court Grant Update – John Parker explained the right-of-way issue with Marty Gratz and the progress and requirements imposed if Chelsea is awarded the grant. The Selectboard is in agreement with the loan documents. Andy was authorized to sign a memorandum of understanding regarding the town's intent to clear the right-of-way across the tennis court property.
- b. Common Mowing Bids – Two bids were received. Mike Millette's bid is for \$160 per mowing. David and Brian Farnham's bid is for \$130 per mowing. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to accept David & Brian Farnham's bid. So moved.
- c. Junkyard Issue – Jane has receive no response from the State re: who is responsible for abutting landowner's water testing. Issue tabled until further information.
- d. Noise and Trash Issue on Upper Village Rd. – The Board has received more complaints re: noise coming from Hillside Homes. The Board

decided not to pursue a noise ordinance at this time. A complaint was also received that there is trash being dumped in the brook behind the State's Attorney's office. Dick will investigate.

7. New Business
 - a. First Branch Ambulance and Rescue – Mark Vermette asked for the town's support in FBA's purchase of a new rescue truck. Andy signed a document and Jane will write a letter of support.
 - b. Policy for Organizations Obtaining Grants in the Name of the Town – This issue was tabled until a later date.

8. Correspondence
 - a. Email from Phillip Mulligan asking for support to plant black locust on the east bank of VT Rte 110 just north of Jenkins Brook Rd. The Board is very much in support of this project.
 - b. WEC – information re: WEC lawsuit
 - c. CEDS – Annual Meeting
 - d. Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission – Minutes
 - e. Project Review Sheet for Paul McNaughton property
 - f. Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission – Project Prioritization Review
 - g. VLCT – Dental Insurance Rates
 - h. CVSWMD – Minutes and agenda

9. Next Meeting Agenda Items
 - a. Garrow Roadside Bank – 5:30 p.m. at Dick Rogers
 - b. Personnel Issue (executive session)
 - c. Trash on Upper Village Rd.
 - d. Dogs
 - e. Kennedy Property
 - f. WWTF Upgrade
 - g. Grazing animals on closed landfill

10. Adjournment – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. So moved. The next meeting will be held on May 23, 2006 starting at 5:30 p.m. at Dick Rogers to view the Garrow Roadside Bank. The meeting will then move to the Treas/AA Office.

May 2, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Attendance: Andy Pomerantz, Dick Rogers, Carol Olsen, Jane Cushman, Nolan LaFrancis, Brian Sanborn, Robert Sanborn, Betty Rogers, Jil Pomerantz, Stan Flint, Steve Watson, Nancy Royce, Rufus Royce, Dick Upham, Mark Richardson, Sherri Richardson, Larry Allen, Jack Johnson, Annette Johnson, Bob Pollack, Dave Button Mike Smith (Otter Creek Engineering)

SEWER PLANT UPGRADE
Article 1

This meeting was held to address questions and answers and provide information pertaining to the bond vote to be held on May 9, 2006. The vote is asking for authorization to bond for \$339,500 in addition to a previous approved amount to fund the \$559,500 sewer plant upgrade. Andy reported that the bid for the project came in at \$450,280. Mike Smith outlined the time line involved in this project from the beginning to date. Questions and answered follow.

KENNEDY PROPERTY
Article 2

Article 2 of the bond vote on May 9, 2006 is asking for authorization to borrow \$70,000 to purchase the former Eugene (Putt) Kennedy's property at 11 Creamery Road, Chelsea, VT. Following a discussion about possible uses and reasons for buying the property, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.