

SELECTBOARD MEETING
September 7, 2010 - 6:00 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Erik Anderson	Alan Ackerman – Fire Dept
Ken Colby	Mary & Greg Russ (White River Partnership)
Ruben Hook	Nika Graci - Safeline
Jane Cushman	Linda Kuban & Dave Bradshaw – First Branch
Karen Lathrop	Ambulance
Rick Ackerman	Bob Frenier – Chelsea Health Center

1. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. Ruben Hook Resignation – New Business
 - b. Chelsea Fire Department – New Business

2. Approve Minutes to August 17, 2010 Meeting – Erik moved and Ruben moved to approve the minutes as written. So moved.

3. Public Concerns - None

4. Water/Sewer
 - a. Health Center – The Board reviewed the analysis of usage vs. rates prepared by Bob Frenier. Bob’s analysis shows the inequity for the Chelsea Health Center, Mascoma Bank and the Orange County Courthouse. Bob requests that the Water Department mitigate the bills and run a deficit. The Board explained the rate structure in place and agrees to contact Ashley Lucht at ANR to discuss a review of our system and rate structure.
 - b. Leonard User Count – The Board agreed to reduce the user count from 5 to 4 for Al Leonard’s property because of the unlikely possibility of him renting the store area. Because Harold Hayward has someone living in his apartment, his user fee will increase from 1 to 2.
 - c. Bench Sheets – Already signed
 - d. Executive session – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to enter executive session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. So moved. Exited at 6:30 p.m. – No action taken.

5. Roads
 - a. Garage – Reviewed Dubois & King’s proposal and Otter Creek Engineering’s email re: engineering costs. It is agreed that the Board can’t proceed without spending money and the Board is not comfortable doing that without knowing if the majority approves of the site. The Board will move toward a vote on the site and engineering costs in November.
 - b. Hiring Employee – Rick is going to check references on a couple of applications. They will be invited to the next meeting for an interview.
 - c. Other – Paving - Rick has been unable to get a definite date for paving from Pike. They hope to do the paving the week of September 21st.
 - d. Box Culvert – Project is starting Sept. 13

- e. Jenkins Brook Rd – Ken Degrasse cleaned the ditches and smoothed up the road to the town forest. After further communication with the forester, the Board will decide whether to put rock on the road.
6. Town Clerk
 - a. Town Hall Rental – The Board authorized the Chelsea Public School to use the town hall for a play with no rent charged.
7. Old Business
 - a. Zoning
 - i. New appointment & Alternate to DRB – Still no recommendation
 - b. Emergency Watershed Project – Ken met with Bill Van Fossen (USDA NRCS), Gary Thrasher and Jean Norlander to go over the work to be done. If stone is available, the project will start on Sept. 13th. The Board signed payment and maintenance agreements between the town and the landowners.
 - c. Highland Ave. Trees - Tabled
 - d. Trails - Tabled
 - e. Justin Morgan – Zoning permit has been submitted to the Zoning Administrator.
 - f. Animal Control Policy - Tabled
 - g. Safeline – Vermont Community Development Grant – Nika reviewed the process involved with getting the grant to purchase and renovate 348 VT Rte 110 here in Chelsea. They need the Town of Chelsea to partner with them, which would involve a small amount of administrative work. The Board will contact Karen Winchell, Safeline's Grant Consultant, for more information, discuss this project further and be in contact with Nika.
 - h. Other
8. New Business
 - a. First Branch Ambulance – Linda & Dave wanted to give the Selectboard a heads up as their costs are rising and their income is declining. FBA is considering rising the per capita rate as well as trying to collect the 20% Medicare copay to bring in more income. The towns of Chelsea and Tunbridge will have to decide if they want to keep the small local, volunteer service or go to other services.
 - b. White River Partnership – The Board supports Greg & Mary's request to repair a failed structure on Beedle Rd with a Clean & Clear funding grant. They may coordinate with Rick to use town equipment.
 - c. Chelsea Fire Department – The Board gave the fire dept. permission to park a burn simulator trailer at the sandpile for a class on Sunday morning.
 - d. Resignation – Ruben Hook has purchased a home in Vershire and will be leaving Chelsea. Since he will no longer be a Chelsea resident, Ken and Erik thanked him for his time on the board, wished him well and regretfully accepted his resignation.
9. Adjournment – Erik moved and Ken seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. So moved.