

SELECTBOARD MEETING
September 15, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Attendance: Ken Colby, Ruben Hook, Erik Anderson, Jane Cushman, Rick Ackerman, Cornelia Cesari (CJ), Pat Ross (ANR), Rob Allen (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service), Wini Royce, Dennis Boardman, Frank Keene, Peter O'Connor (Wellspring), Marty Gratz, Robert Brown, Susan Elder, Heidi & Blane Connor, Charlie & Sue Ladd, Frances Ladd, Roxanne & Nick Benson, Dave Button, Bryan & Hayden Dodge, Neil & Kathy Dodge, Emily Newman

1. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. Gilman Pond – Old Business
 - b. Discharge Permit – Water/Sewer

2. Minutes – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the September 1 and September 10, 2009 meetings as written. So moved.

3. Public Concerns
 - a. In response to public questions, yes, the footbridge to the cemetery will be replaced.
 - b. A sinkhole at the intersection of VT Rte 110 and Maple Ave. has been reported. It is in the approximate location of the water line so Nolan will be asked to check the site.
 - c. The question has been raised as to who will pay for the cost of repairing water line breaks. If the break is beyond the curb stop the landowner will pay the cost. If it is before the curb stop it is the town's responsibility

4. Water/Sewer
 - a. Brookhaven Well – Scheduled to start construction Monday, September 21, 2009
 - b. Discharge Permit – The permit was reviewed and Ken and Ruben signed the application.

5. Roads
 - a. Flood Issues – The contractors have begun working on the riprap sites. AOT will be meeting with Rick to start the grant application.
 - b. Other – Once Rick has specs for the garage floor ready the Board will stop by the office to approve them. A RFP will be put in The Herald.

6. Old Business
 - a. Solid Waste – Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to sign the Solid Waste Management Agreement with Casella. So moved.
 - b. Zoning – Tabled
 - c. Personnel Policy – Tabled
 - d. Ancient Roads – Tabled
 - e. Town Hall Rent – To follow up with Tracy Penfield's request to have her rent lowered, using this year's price for oil, the current rate of \$60 barely covers the cost of heat. The Board will ask Tracy to pay \$60 per day unless she and Wellspring wish to share the heat at which time the rent will be \$80 as the heat

will be on longer. Tracy and Wellspring will both be asked to sign a rental contract.

- f. Noise/speed complaint – Ruben talked with a dispatcher at the Sheriff's office re: the complaint about excessive noise caused by trucks using their jake brake and excessive speed through town. The Sheriff will likely step up enforcement with speed traps, etc. The Board has received feed back from truckers expressing concern if they were not allowed to use their jake brakes.
- g. Gilman Pond – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to pay Whipple Enterprises \$476.25, half of the clean up of Gilman Pond, as agreed last fall. So moved.

7. New Business

a. Flooding

- i. Jail Brook – Pat Ross and Rob Allen attended the meeting to give landowners a chance to ask questions and to encourage them to take a collective approach to the repairs following the August 21st flood. Pat has worked with many of the landowners and continues to offer technical assistance and engineering as they repair their property. Rob addressed the Selectboard as a potential sponsor for federal financial assistance. The town would be responsible for a 25% match to their funds, which could be recovered from landowners. Although funds are not available at this time for the repairs where the streambank is encroaching buildings, there are funds available for those sites with an immediate need of repair. Rob has coordinated a team to come to evaluate these sites tomorrow. If the town uses these funds, as sponsor, the town would be responsible for 1.) 25% cost share, 2.) maintenance on the work sites and 3.) securing land rights to do the work. Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to sign the request for federal funding. So moved.
- ii. Other – Repairs to the First Branch of the White River to prevent further erosion and damage to private property were discussed.

8. Adjournment – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. So moved.