

SELECTBOARD MEETING  
April 19, 2005 – 6:00 p.m.  
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Carol Olsen                      Mike Whipple  
                 Dick Rogers                      John Parker  
                 Jane Cushman                      Marty Gratz  
                 John Upham                      Dick Adams

1.     Adjustments to Agenda  
       Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to address public comments before old business. So moved.
  
2.     Public Comments
  - a.     Forest Fire Warden – John Upham attended the meeting to update the new selectboard on the forest fire warden's and the town's duties and responsibilities with regards to wild land fires. The town is responsible for the cost of fire suppression of wildland fires. One-half of the costs up to 10% of the grand list will be reimbursed by the State. Carol expressed concern about someone burning hazardous waste. John explained that this is a Selectboard issue that might be reported to the Health Officer.
  - b.     Drainage – Marty Gratz explained that the drainage of water from VT Rte 113, VT Rte 110 and the parking lot by the town garage has gotten worse. Marty is willing to do some of the research to see what the State can do to handle the water from VT Rte 113 and VT Rte 110. She will report this back to the Selectboard. The Rec Committee is already checking into State storm water regulations and will work with Marty.
  - c.     Basketball Court Improvements – John Parker explained that the Rec Committee is ready to put up \$5,000 and is researching grant money to resurface the basketball court. The court will be the same size but they are proposing changing the grade to make flooding of the skating rink easier. They anticipate it will be 2006 before this project is completed to allow time for planning with the parks commission, the state for drainage, Marty and all involved.
  - d.     Transfer Station – Dick Adams discussed whether the town should have a container for furniture and construction waste from May to November as it did last year. Since the cost to the town was substantially less that it was in 2003 and the service is appreciated, Dick recommended having the container. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion t support Dick's recommendation to have the container and charge \$40 per ton for construction waste, \$5 for a mattress or box spring, \$6 for a chair and \$9 for a couch. So moved.
  
3.     Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion that the minutes to the April 5, 2005 meeting stand as written. So moved.
  
4.     Old Business
  - a.     Dick talked to the Constable about the parked cars on North Common. The car in front of the Hayward residence has been moved. The second vehicle has not been moved. Carol will check the statutes for direction

- when dealing with unregistered vehicles on the town highways and report her findings at the next meeting.
- b. Revolving Loan Interest – Jane contacted GMEDC for guidance in dealing with interest on unpaid or late payments. She has gotten no response. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to table this issue until the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. So moved.
  - c. Zoning Administrator – Andy asked Jay Keller and Neil Kennedy for suggestions but has gotten no name yet. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to table this issue until May 3<sup>rd</sup>. So moved.
  - d. Town Hall Restoration – Andy asked Diane to help gather data on what has been done to date. Doug Porter is back in town shortly and will work with Chelsea. Andy talked with Tom Keefe who could put us on his schedule for help with the architectural consulting/bid preparation, etc.
  - e. Solid Waste – Andy has exchanged email with Chris Paterson at CVSWMD, but they have not talked yet. As part of the process of exploring other options instead of closing our transfer station, Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to have Jane contact the Greater Upper Valley SWMD, Tri-Town Agreement and the White River Alliance to see if they would consider taking Chelsea and Tunbridge into their districts. So moved. A letter is being sent to CVSWMD requesting past minutes to their meetings. Jane will invite Tunbridge to join the Chelsea Selectboard on May 24, 2005 to discuss CVSWMD's proposed EOS project.
  - f. VCRD Update – The town wide meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. The middle school is going to sell refreshments.
5. New Business
- a. Mike Whipple attended the meeting to request permission to hold moto cross races on July 2 and 3, 2005 on the Edwards Farm. This event has been a 1-day event in the past but new events have been added. Rather than one long day of racing, they decided to try 2 shorter days. Since there have been no issues in the past when this even was held, Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to grant permission for Mike to hold the race as usual. So moved.
  - b. Carol reported reading an editorial in "The Herald" that provided incorrect information about Chelsea's zoning. The Board feels that it must submit a letter to the editor correcting this information. Carol will compose a letter for Dick and Andy to review.
6. Other Information
- a. Dick Upham will be invited to the May 3, 2005 meeting to discuss the easement on his property and his sewer connection.
7. Correspondence
- a. A letter from Otterman and Allen with information about the WEC lawsuit
  - b. Memorandum from ANR regarding the petition to classify and type waters in the White River Basin
  - c. VAOT seeking public input on the rail plan
8. Next Meeting Agenda Items
- a. Water/Sewer – Hook –up review and Ordinance amendments
  - b. Roads – Road Inventory & 10 yr. plan
  - c. Revolving Loan Interest
  - d. Zoning Administrator

- e. Unregistered vehicle on North Common
- 9. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to hold the second meeting in May on May 24<sup>th</sup> because of a lack of quorum. So moved.
- 10. Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to enter executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. So moved.
- 11. Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to exit executive session at 8:03 p.m. So moved. No action taken.
- 12. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. So moved.

#### ACTION ITEMS

- 1. SOLID WASTE – Jane will contact 3 surrounding solid waste districts to explore the possibilities of joining another waste district. FOLLOWUP: 5/3
- 2. CVSWMD: Jane will invite the Tunbridge Selectboard to the 5/24 meeting for further discussion of the EOS plan and potential alternatives.
- 3. TRANSFER STATION – Jane will send a note to The Herald advising of the availability of the furniture and building waste container for the summer. She will also check into getting this information onto the town's website.
- 4. UNREGISTERED VEHICLES – Carol will check the VT State Statutes for direction when dealing with an unregistered vehicle parked on town highways. Dick will discuss this with the Constable. FOLLOWUP: 5/3
- 5. ZONING – Carol will write a letter to the editor of The Herald correcting inaccurate information in an editorial in the April 14, 2005 newspaper.