

SELECTBOARD MEETING  
December 5, 2006 – 6:00 p.m.  
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Dick Rogers  
Carol Olsen  
Andy Pomerantz  
Jane Cushman  
Richard Gallo  
Peg Pelckman  
Chuck Wise  
Rick Ackerman

1. Minutes – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the November 21, 2006 meeting as written. So moved.
2. Adjustments to Agenda
  - a. Health Insurance – New Business
  - b. Bench Sheets – Water/Sewer
  - c. Water/Sewer Budget Proposal – Water/Sewer
  - d. Mutual Aid Agreement from New Business to Roads
3. Public Comments
  - a. Discussed school issues that have been brought to the board's attention.
  - b. Discussed an issue brought to their attention re: health issue. The health officer will be instructed to check the residence.
4. Water/Sewer
  - a. Multi-Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges – Jane and Nolan are working on this issue. Chelsea's WWTF may be exempt as the plant is permitted for under 1 MGD.
  - b. Bench Sheets – The board reviewed and signed the sheets.
  - c. Budget – The budget was reviewed as presented by Nolan. It will be discussed at the December 19<sup>th</sup> budget meeting.
5. Roads
  - a. Culvert Inventory – Chuck Wise from Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Planning Commission reviewed the culvert inventory. Chelsea has 620 culverts, bridges or other structures. The condition of the culverts is in consistent or better condition than other towns in the region. Chuck is working on the road evaluations that will complete Chelsea's network inventory system which will qualify the town for an additional 10% State match on grant projects.
  - b. Mutual Aid Agreement – Chuck is working with other towns within Orange and Windsor County to create a mutual aid agreement for roadwork, both emergency and not emergency. The Federal government recognizes the wording of the agreement if a need for disaster aid arises. The Board will review this agreement and act on it at the next meeting.
  - c. Road Budget – Rick has begun work on the 2007 budget.
6. Old Business
  - a. CVSWMD – Board reviewed agenda for the 12/6/06 meeting.
  - b. WEC – After consultation with the town of Orange, Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to pay Otterman & Allen P.C. \$2,660.68 for

services performed but not paid for by the State re: WEC lawsuit. It is possible that this expense will be eventually reimbursed by the State. Otterman & Allen calculated that Chelsea may owe WEC \$9,925.02 which hopefully can be reimbursed over the next few years as a credit on their tax bill.

- c. Animal Control Officer – Peg attended the meeting to discuss questions and concerns that need to be addressed. Peg and Jane will work out the payment details. Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to authorize Peg to check into a magnetic sign for her vehicle and other supplies that she might need. So moved. Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to purchase a large animal crate for \$25.00 from Robert Sanborn. So moved. Dick will check with Gordon Hayward to see if he has the town's catch pole. Chelsea's animal control ordinance needs to be amended to the State required 5 day holding time instead of the 10 days in the ordinance to be in compliance with CVHS's practices. Peg was instructed to check into getting her rabies shots. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to sign the contract with Central Vermont Humane Society for \$600. So moved.
  - d. Junkyard Enforcement – Richard Gallo, owner of a property in violation of Chelsea's Zoning Bylaw, attended the meeting to explain his intentions for cleaning up his property. He agreed to not bring any more loads of items onto the property and hopes to have the area cleaned up by Labor Day 2007. The Board explained that they are adopting an ordinance that will be in effect by spring, which will carry daily fines. After reviewing the ordinance "**Regulating Outdoor Storage of Junk and Junk Vehicles**", Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to adopt the ordinance. So moved. If no petition is filed, the ordinance will go into effect on February 3, 2007. If after a 30 day written notice by the selectboard, the offender has not corrected the situation, a municipal ticket may be written with a maximum penalty of \$50. Each day the violation occurs will be considered a separate violation.
  - e. Burn Barrel Ordinance Enforcement – Carol is going to review the information received from the State and have something together by Town Meeting. The Board agrees that the residents should be educated before actively enforcing the ordinance.
  - f. 2007 Budget – The Board worked on the 2007 budget.
  - g. Wellspring School Appeal – the town has received notification from the District 3 Environmental Commission that on November 20, 2006 Wellspring withdrew their application. The Board agreed to pay Nowlan & Meyer \$273 for their work on this issue.
7. New Business
- a. Auditor – Conflict of interest issue will be tabled until Jane checks with the Secretary of State.
  - b. Health Insurance – The Board reviewed rates for health insurance with Cigna vs. Blue Cross Blue Shield. The Board agreed to stay with VLCT and switch insurance to Cigna.

8. Correspondence
  - a. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to table a request to pay a volunteer an honorarium until the board meets with the volunteer in executive session.
  - b. Nowlan & Meyer re: Wellspring Appeal
  - c. CVSWMD Agenda
  - d. VLCT – notification of VT Association of Chiefs of Police luncheon
  - e. Central VT Humane Society Contract
  - f. Otterman & Allen re: WEC
  - g. Peter Flint re: request to discontinue Burbank Crossroad. The Flints will be invited to the 12/19 meeting to discuss this issue.

#### Action Items

- Jane will work with Peg on Animal Control Officer issues
- Dick will check with Gordon Hayward to see if he has catch pole
- Jane and Nolan will work on the stormwater permit
- Carol will work on the Burn Barrel Ordinance Enforcement
- Jane will check with Sec. of State re: conflict of interest of auditor