

SELECTBOARD MEETING
February 5, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Andy Pomerantz	Cornelia Cesari	Richard Wood
Harry Flint	Peg Pelckmann	Alesia McCoy
Jane Cushman	Caleb Rick	Rick Allen
Robert Sanborn	Tim Buess	Alan Ackerman
Nolan LaFrancis	Rufus Royce	Kevin Marshia

1. Approval of Minutes – Harry moved and Andy seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the January 15, 2008 meeting and the January 22, 2008 meeting as written. So moved.
2. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. Certificate of Highway Mileage – Roads
 - b. Common Use – New Business
 - c. Parks Commission – Old Business
 - d. Second Constable/Health Officer – Old Business
 - e. Hearing Date for Town Plan – Old Business
 - f. Utility Billing Software – New Business
 - g. Employee Compensation Pkg. – New Business
3. Public Comments – Cornelia (CJ) never had it clarified if she was able to record for the DRB meetings. The Board agreed that it was ok for her to do the recording. Other possible sites to hold the DRB meetings were discussed as the acoustics in the Town Hall make it very difficult to record meetings.
4. Water/Sewer
 - a. Bench Sheets – Review of the sheets revealed excellent test results. All reports were signed. Right-to-know sheets also signed.
 - b. Brookhaven Well – Based on past construction, Nolan estimates that it will cost \$271,000 to connect the Brookhaven Well to the existing water line. Bill Norland from Otter Creek Engineering will be invited to come and view other possible sites before pursuing the development of Brookhaven Well.
 - c. Water/Sewer Allotment Request – Charles Grenier Consulting Engineer has requested a letter supporting a 945-gallon per day water and sewer allocation for a new healthcare building. Nolan is going to check with the State to see if we actually have a restriction on accepting new customers. If we do, he will ask them to reconsider and take into account our large storage tank. Andy will discuss this issue with the Health Center Board.
5. Roads
 - a. Town Hall Boundary – Robert reported on his findings after researching deeds to the Town Hall property. There is a 20' right-of-way between the Town Hall and a 15' right-of-way between the Town Hall and Al Leonard's property. The 20' right-of-way is clear but there are questions re: the 15' right-of-way. The Town will pursue a boundary line agreement with the abutters.

- b. Highland Ave. Intersection – The Board will wait until spring to consider adjustments to the traffic pattern around the South Common and address this parking issue at the same time.
 - c. Certificate of Highway Mileage – No changes noted – certificate signed.
6. Old Business
- a. Zoning – Richard Wood and Alesia McCoy attended the meeting to have the Selectboard ask that the DRB stop deliberation on the Wellspring permit. The abutters were not allowed to give testimony on anything but road safety at the last hearing. It is their understanding that when the judge remanded the decision back to the DRB, they were to start at the beginning and take all testimony. The Selectboard feels that it has no right to instruct the DRB to cease deliberations but will check with an attorney. Rick Allen reported that he has no new problems but was questioning his liability if someone sues him and the town. He is acting on behalf of the town so the town's insurance policy would cover his actions. The Planning Commission has been unsuccessful in finding an assistant zoning administrator to handle a case where there is a conflict of interest.
 - b. Garage – The preliminary plans and drawings for the proposed town garage are in the mail. They need to be reviewed by the Selectboard prior to preparing a budget for the construction. A list of items needing to happen prior to a bond vote was discussed.
 - c. Park Commission – Caleb and Tim attended the meeting to report on the progress being made by the Park Comm. toward having benches by spring as well as an endowment to fund the care and replacement of the benches. They are also hoping to create a fund for parks, recreation and arts in memory of Brewster and Clara Martin.
 - d. Animal Control Officer/Second Constable/Health Officer – Peg Pelckmann reported that the dog crate and catch pole were lost in her barn fire and the magnetic "animal control" signs were stolen off her vehicle. Peg intends to run for Constable at Town Meeting. She was encouraged to issue warnings and then parking tickets.
 - e. Hearing for Town Plan – Tabled until the Board receives the document to review.
7. New Business
- a. Flea Market – Harry moved and Andy seconded the motion to let the Flea Market Council use the North and South Commons from late Friday afternoon, July 11th through the evening of July 12, 2008. So moved.
 - b. Common Use – There has been a request to use the South Common on June 20, 2008 for a wedding. This is tabled until there is more information.
 - c. Utility Billing Software – Jane asked the Selectboard to consider changing our utility billing software to NEMRC, a Vermont company of which we already have several modules of their software. The software costs \$2,995 to be paid over three years with an annual support cost of \$250. This would replace UBPro, which has an annual support cost of \$850. In addition to the high cost, the support is less

than desirable. Harry moved and Andy seconded the motion to make this change. So moved.

- d. Employee Compensation Package – Tabled until the next meeting to take action as an amendment to the Personnel Policy.
8. Adjournment – Harry moved and Andy seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. So moved.

Action Items

- Andy will talk to Peter Nowlan about Wellspring deliberations
- Andy will contact Phillip Mulligan re: Town Plan
- Jane will contact Bobby Button to invite him to discussion re: land acquisition
- Jane will get more information from Cote Griggs re: use of S. Common
- Andy will contact Emily Newman to find out status of using courthouse for DRB hearings.