

SELECTBOARD MEETING
March 15, 2005 – 6:00 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Andy Pomerantz Rick Ackerman
 Dick Rogers Hale Mattoon
 Carol Olsen Jane Cushman

Additions to Agenda:

Rec Committee – resurfacing tennis court
WEC lawsuit
Auditor conflict of interest
Town Hall Curtain
Web Site
Emergency Post Office Site

Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to accept the minutes to the March 1 and March 10, 2005 meetings as written. So moved.

Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to accept Amendment #1 to the Engineering Services Agreement with Otter Creek Engineering for the WWTF improvements. This amendment deleted the “Limitation of Liability” clause and added a clause stating that Otter Creek Engineering, Inc. agrees to obtain and maintain at their expense such insurance as will protect Otter Creek Engineering, Inc. from Workman’s Comp claims and general liability insurance that will protect Otter Creek Engineering and the Client from all claims for bodily injury, death or property damage. So moved.

Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to authorize the town to borrow planning funds from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund for further testing and permitting of the Brookhaven Well. So moved.

Roads

1. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to instruct the road crew to post the Jenkins Brook Rd., County Rd., Densmore Rd., Brook Rd., Hook Rd., Bradshaw Crossroad, Bobbinshop Rd., Edwards Rd., Williamstown Rd., O’Donnell Rd., South Washington Rd., Washington Turnpike, Corinth Rd., Pepper Rd., and Town Farm Rd. in accordance with V.S.A. 19 Section 1110 until May 1, 2005. Two-axle trucks must not exceed 15,000 lbs, three-axle trucks must not exceed 18,000 lbs and tractor-trailer units must not exceed 20,000 lbs. So moved.
2. WEC Permit – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to sign WEC’s permit to cut and trim trees, chip brush and install utility poles, anchors, guy wires and conductions on O’Donnell Rd. So moved.
3. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to authorize Jane Cushman to sign the overload permits. So moved.
4. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to enter executive session at 6:24 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. So moved. Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to exit executive session at 6:30 p.m. So moved. Because of lack of driving time, Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to extend the time for Brian Farnham to get his CDL until May 15th. So moved.

Water/Sewer

1. Hale explained the where the numbers come from on the WR43 and what they mean.
2. Hale questioned who would be his primary insurance provider once he turns 65. Jane will call VLCT to find out.
3. It was decided that Hale would attend meetings as needed rather than monthly.
4. Hale reviewed the emergency procedures in case of a water line break.
5. There have been 2 water meters freeze this winter. Because of the location of the break, one customer will have to pay for the lost water and the second one will not. Because our ordinance says that each customer will provide a safe place for their meter, they are responsible for keeping the meter from freezing. The Water Ordinance will be amended to cover water loss due to negligence, etc. when the break happens so the water doesn't pass through the meter. The amount of water lost can be calculated with pressure lost.
6. Hale will ask Dave Farnham, Fire Chief, to notify him when the Fire Dept. is going to pump water and how much is pumped. This will make the water audits more accurate.

Citizen Concerns

1. Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to authorize the Post Office to use the Town Hall as an emergency Post Office. So moved.
2. The Board authorizes the Rec Committee to resurface the tennis court and plan for a better skating rink. The Rec Committee is paying \$5,000 toward this project and getting a \$5,000 grant as well.
3. WEC Lawsuit – Otterman & Allen has been notified to send all correspondence to the Town of Chelsea, PO Box 266, Chelsea, VT 05038. Jane will fill out the "Request to Admit" regarding grand list values and taxes paid.
4. Because Emily Marshia is a member of the Schoolboard, there is a conflict of interest for Kevin Marshia to continue as Auditor. Kevin will be notified and the Board will seek an interest person to take the job until next Town Meeting.
5. Andy will continue working with Jim Veneziano to update information on Chelsea's web page.
6. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to authorize Diane to continue working on restoring the stage curtain and seeking funding for the project. So moved.
7. The next meeting will be held April 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Tunbridge and Strafford Selectboard are invited will meet with CVSWMD to hear their ideas for creating a large central depot for solid waste.
8. The Selectboard has been asked about being able to receive property taxes via credit card. Because the town would lose money through credit card fees, there is no interest at this time in doing this.
9. The Board reviewed a list of projects that Doug has been working on.
10. Correspondence: Letter from Two Rivers-Ottawquechee re: project solicitation
Letter from TROC re: 2006 transportation projects and minutes from TROC

Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. So moved.

