

SELECTBOARD MEETING

March 15, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Erik Anderson	Bob Frenier	Neil Kennedy
Carol Olsen	Stan Brinkman	Susan Hardin
Jack Johnson	Ashley Lucht	Karyn Peterson
Jane Cushman	Heidi Goodrich	Caleb Rick
Karen Lathrop	Emily Newman	Frank Keene
Nolan LaFrancis	Bob Brown	Peter Fellows
Rick Ackerman	Steve Knudsen	

1. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. DRB – Old Business
2. Approve Minutes to March 1, 2011 Meeting – Carol moved and Jack seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. So moved.
3. Public Concerns
 - a. Carol has had 3 residents question if a garage can be put where the drying bed building is.
4. Water Department
 - a. Rate Structure – Ashley Lucht, ST of VT, presented comparisons and examples of water bills using actual 2009 readings for Chelsea water users. She emphasized that all meters need to be working and accurate and that Chelsea only billed for 45% of the accounted water pumped in 2009. Nolan pointed out that in 2009 a great deal of water was used for firefighting. The Board will move forward with this project.
 - b. Al Leonard has inquired about water user count in his building if he rents to 2 tenants with them sharing one bathroom. To keep the count consistent with our current rate structure, Al would be charged for 2 users.
5. Roads
 - a. Truck – The Board reviewed and discussed pros and cons for a Freightliner vs. International. Rick will get warranty and payment numbers for the International for the next meeting.
 - b. Garage Survey – Emily Newman read the following letter addressed to the Members of the Selectboard:
 - i. **For many years the issue of building and identifying a site for a new town garage has been a divisive and contentious issue. In order to provide the citizens of Chelsea with a better understanding of the issues under consideration, we ask that you address the following questions:**
 1. **What criteria are you using to determine what kind of garage the town needs? (size, layout, design, useful life, building type, internal/external features, regulatory issues, etc.)**
 2. **What criteria are you using to determine an appropriate site for a town garage? (lot size, location, access to road system, geography, regulatory issues, etc.)**
 3. **On at least three occasions voters have been asked to consider proposals to use the Heath Recreation Field as a site for a new town garage. All three proposals were rejected by the voters.**

- d. DRB – The Board discussed possible issues resulting from the DRB denying Flander’s second hearing for the installation of a safety vent at Chelsea’s Pizza House and Deli.

8. New Business

- a. Planning Commission – Possible Flood Control Project – Neil and Stan, representing the Planning Commission and Peter Fellows from Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission reviewed the possible remediation of the Jail Branch flooding issues. This could be accomplished with 25% match from the town and 75% Federal grant using the burned out Grange lot, as a lynch pin. The town would have to take the property out of service as a buildable lot both now and in the future. Carol moved and Jack seconded the motion to direct the Planning Commission to investigate the purchase of the property with particular interest in abutting landowner, Wanda Russell’s interest in the property. So moved.
- b. Appoint Auditor - Tabled
- c. First Branch Ambulance Board of Directors Resignation – The Board accepted Mark Vermette’s resignation from the FBA Board of Directors. Carol moved and Erik seconded the motion to appoint Brooks Ann Chapin to the Board. So moved.

- 9. Adjournment – Carol moved and Jack seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. So moved.