

SELECTBOARD MEETING
January 5, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Ruben Hook Mike Veshela Phillip Mulligan
 Ken Colby Steve Gould Gary Thrasher
 Erik Anderson Kathryn Parlin Tracy Davis
 Jane Cushman Stan Brinkman Rick Ackerman

1. Adjustments to Agenda
 - a. Liquor license for The Pines – New business
2. Approve Minutes to December 15 & 31, 2009 Meetings – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to approve the minutes with changes. So moved.
3. Public Concerns
 - a. The board has received complaints about a landowner parking in the road instead of in their driveway at a dangerous site.
4. Water/Sewer
 - a. Budget – Adoption of the budget was tabled until a number of questions are cleared up.
 - b. Bench Sheets – Reports were reviewed and signed.
 - c. Other
5. Roads
 - a. Budget – Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to set the highway budget at \$457,525.50 less \$10,906.87 ending balance in account, less \$100,000 for the box culvert held in account and \$100,000 estimated State Aid for a net budget of \$246,618 .63. So moved.
 - b. Marty Gratz has inquired about the cutting of trees to enable plowing snow toward the basketball court. Because the tops of the trees are in the power lines, Rick has not cut them.
 - c. Footbridge – Rick reported that all the beams are in good condition but that some of the stones in the abutments need to be repositioned. The beams were pulled from the river and are in the cemetery.
6. Old Business
 - a. Zoning - Stan Brinkman inquired about the status of the Button applications. They are back with the DRB. Stan, as a member of the Planning Commission, informed the board that parts of the town plan don't completely match some of the zoning bylaw. By the end of 2010, the State has mandated that these must match requiring the need to rewrite some of the bylaws/plan. Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to raise the cost for a Zoning permit to \$40 and the cost for a DRB application to \$50, of which \$10 is to cover the cost of recording the documents in the land records. So moved.
 - b. Ancient Roads – The board discussed AOTs information re: adding trails to the highway map. The board plans to hold an information meeting on January 26, 2010 to inform landowners of the board's intention to add some of these trails to the map.
 - c. CVSWMD – Steve Gould advised the board to look back at 2008 for estimated tonnage of recyclables. Once the town receives RFPs for hauling the

recyclables, CVSWMMD will assist the town in reviewing them. The district is not selling trucks and hauling equipment until everything is in place. Until that time, Chelsea will pay the tipping fees for the recyclables. The question was raised regarding the town's benefit to remain with CVSWMMD. Steve replied that the district would continue to hold special collection events, to work toward Zero-Waste, etc. To withdraw from CVSWMMD, the town would pay its proportional share of the waste district's debt and would have to develop its own solid waste implementation plan.

- d. Energy Committee – The board appointed Megan Shannon to the Energy Committee. Phillip reported that the town hall insulation project started today. Kathryn Parlin requested \$900 to hire a professional to look at the Town Hall to determine if it is feasible or possible to insulate the walls. There is grant money available to do the insulation but this evaluation must be done. Historic Preservation must be involved with this project. The maximum grant available is \$50,000. The insulation project would cost about 30,000. The board supports this request.
- e. Personnel Policy – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to adopt the Personnel Policy with the change of winter work hours from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This will enable the roads to be ready for school buses. So moved.
- f. Budget – Stan is interested in how the town's budget is developing in light of the School's budget. The board continues to work on developing a workable budget as trim as possible. The board agreed to Stan's request to consider adding the Orange County Sheriff's Department as a separate article on the warning.
- g. Other – Reviewed and signed orders.

7. New Business

- a. Water LOC Loan Pay-off Date Change – The document extending the pay-off date to June 2010 was signed. The final documentation for the ARRA grant has not been submitted.
- b. Town Tax Anticipation Note – Ruben moved and Erik seconded the motion to adopt and sign Mascoma Savings Bank's resolution to loan the town \$300,000 in anticipation of taxes. The interest rate will be 1.950%, payable December 31, 2010. So moved.

8. Adjournment – Erik moved and Ruben seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:40 p.m. So moved.