

SELECTBOARD MEETING  
January 16, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.  
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Carol Olsen                      Jane Cushman  
                  Dick Rogers                      Hale Mattoon  
                  Andy Pomerantz                      Phillip Mulligan

1. Minutes – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the January 2, 2007 meeting as written. So moved.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
  - a. Selectboard Report – Old Business
  - b. Loan Closing – Water/Sewer
  - c. Junkyard Issues – Old Business
  - d. Law Enforcement – Old Business
3. Public Comments
  - a. The Board reviewed email re: plowing and sanding of roads – this issue will be referred to Rick.
  - b. Phillip Milligan advised the Selectboard that the Planning Board would not make the deadline for renewing the Town Plan. The Selectboard is in agreement that the existing Town Plan will be adopted again with the new plan being adopted when it's ready.
  - c. Phillip discussed the possibility of creating an energy committee that would be responsible for researching ways to save energy and in turn money.
  - d. Phillip asked the Board to consider adding an article to the Town Meeting warning asking the State and Federal government to simplify permitting to allow for more rapid development of environmentally sound small-scale hydroelectric projects. The Selectboard agreed to this request.
4. Water/Sewer
  - a. Loan Closing – The loan closing is tabled until further information is available re: interest rate.
5. Roads
  - a. Burbank Crossroad – The board discussed pros and cons of reclassifying the road.
6. Old Business
  - a. Animal Control Officer – Jane explained the difference between the 2 quotes for magnetic signs for the animal control officer's vehicle. One is reflective and the other is not. Peg was given the authority to decide which sign she preferred.
  - b. Auditor – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to appoint Dwayne Adams as auditor until March. So moved.
  - c. Budget – After a final review of the budget, Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to approve the Selectboard Budget at \$257,299.63. So moved. This does not include the appropriation requests that will be added after they are voted at Town Meeting. The total budget including the highway budget is \$436,265.38, which is a 1.5% decrease from last year.

- d. CVSWMD – Andy received a letter from Dave Evans, CVSWMD Program Oversight Committee Chair, asking to meet with the Selectboard on February 6<sup>th</sup>. He hopes to establish clear lines of communication between the selectboards of Chelsea, Tunbridge and Strafford to build a stronger working relationship re: the issue of the CVSWMD financial support to these towns with town-operated recycling depots. Jane will invite Dave to the Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:00 p.m.
  - e. Selectboard Report – The Board added the final touches to the report for the Town Report.
  - f. Junkyard Issues – The ordinance regulating outdoor storage of junk will become effective February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Various sites were discussed. Jane will send Mr. Gallo a copy of the ordinance along with a reminder of his deadline to clean up his property.
  - g. Law Enforcement – The recent bill from Orange County Sheriff's Dept. was reviewed. The Sheriff will be invited to a meeting to discuss our budget and issues on the bills.
7. New Business
- a. Tractor Club – Hale Mattoon explained that 20 years ago the Northeast 2 Cylinder Club started in Chelsea. For their anniversary, they would like to return to Chelsea on July 22, 2007. Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to authorize the tractor club to travel some of our back roads on that date. So moved.
  - b. Warning – The warning for town meeting was signed.
8. Correspondence
- a. Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission – Minutes
  - b. LEPC #12 – Agenda for 1/18/07 meeting
  - c. Richard Brick – Letter of concern for missing road signs.
  - d. VT Coalition of Municipalities – Invitation to become a member of coalition.
  - e. Orange Superior Court – Notice of 1/22/07 budget hearing
9. Adjournment – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. So moved.