

SELECTBOARD MEETING  
January 10, 2006 – 6:00 p.m.  
Treas/AA Office

Attendance: Dick Rogers                      Robert Sanborn  
                  Andy Pomerantz                Ed Kuban  
                  Carol Olsen                                  Diane Mattoon  
                  Jane Cushman

1. Minutes – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to accept the minutes to the December 20, 2005 meeting as written. So moved.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
  - a. Wellspring Tax Abatement – to New Business
  - b. David & Mary Savidge request to dispose of trash in Chelsea – to New Business
  - c. Robert Sanborn – Concern about use of Brookhaven Well – to Water/Sewer
  - d. Ed Kuban – Lister’s budget – to Old Business
  - e. Ed Kuban – Picture & note in Town Hall foyer – to Public Comments
  - f. Ed Kuban – Solid Waste Issues to Old Business
  - g. Ed Kuban – Kennedy Property to Old Business
3. Public Comments
  - a. The Board discussed with Ed Kuban the complaints received from several citizens about the picture of the Ten Commandments and the note attached in the Town Hall Foyer. Ed advised that the note has been removed and the picture will be removed tomorrow.
  - b. Dwayne Adams has been clearing sidewalks. There are some that have been plowing snow back onto the sidewalks.
4. Water/Sewer
  - a. The Board reviewed the budget for 2006 to be approved at the Jan. 17, 2006 meeting.
  - b. Robert Sanborn presented EPA information re: human consumption of MTBE and expressed his concern for using the Brookhaven Well.
5. Roads
  - a. Budget – Reviewed budget for 2006 to be approved on Jan. 17, 2006.
  - b. Certificate of Highway Mileage – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to sign the annual certificate of highway mileage. So moved.
6. Old Business
  - a. Kennedy Property – Dick moved to enter executive session to discuss the purchase of the Putt Kennedy property at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Carol. So moved. Exited at 8:15 p.m. Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to sign the purchase and sales agreement. So moved. Neil will be asked to stop by the Treasurer’s office to pick up a copy. Ed Kuban expressed his disapproval of the town buying the Kennedy property. Diane suggested the Board ask the Secretary of State’s office about the laws governing a town purchase of property.

- b. Budget – The Lister’s budget of \$15,890 was presented and reviewed. The total budget was reviewed with approval tabled until Jan. 17, 2006.
  - c. Space Requirements for Facility Committee – The facility committee has the Stockbridge municipal building plans. It includes office space for the Treasurer and Listers.
  - d. Town Clerk Compensation – Diane has asked to be paid a salary in lieu of statutory fees. These fees would be submitted to the General Fund on a regular basis and would off set some of her salary. The Selectboard supported her request and placed the wording on the Town Meeting warning asking to pay her \$20,000 per year. Her 3% IRA and agreed health insurance will be budgeted as usual.
  - e. CVSWMD Representative – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to appoint Steve Gould to represent Chelsea on the CVSWMD board for 2 months. So moved.
  - f. Solid Waste Issues – Ed inquired as to the progress in enforcing the solid waste issues. The Board advised him that the enforcement of the worst offenders has been turned over to legal council.
7. New Business
- a. Warning – Signing of warning tabled until Jan. 17, 2006 meeting.
  - b. Line of Credit – Carol moved and Dick seconded the motion to adopt Chittenden Bank’s resolution to borrow \$200,000 in anticipation of taxes at the rate of 3.75% payable by December 30, 2006. So moved.
  - c. Wellspring School – Discussed Wellspring’s request to become exempt from property tax. As a school they meet the criteria. They need to send a letter to the listers advising them of this request.
  - d. Transfer Station – David & Mary Savidge, residents from Washington, asked why they can’t get rid of their trash in Chelsea when they recycle. Because Washington and Chelsea are members of CVSWMD, their recyclables can go to Chelsea. Trash is subsidized by taxes so out of town people can’t leave their trash. Andy will suggest to Mary that residents of South Washington interested in disposing of their trash in Chelsea get a payment proposal together for the Chelsea Selectboard to consider.
8. Correspondence
- a. Cora Brooks - Letter asking Selectboard to hold meetings in a public place large enough to give citizens options of where they sit. She also asked about the Board’s intentions to solve the ongoing leashless dogs on Main Street. Andy will respond to her letter.
  - b. District Environmental Commission – Project Review Sheet for land subdivision by Richard and Roberta Button.
9. Next Meeting Agenda Items
- a. Adopt Budgets
  - b. Approve Warning
  - c. Kennedy Property – executive session
  - d. CVSWMD Representative
  - e. Report on MTBE information
  - f. Solid Waste Issues

10. Adjournment – Dick moved and Carol seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:00o p.m. So moved.

11. Action Items

- a. Andy will work on the Selectboard Report
- b. Andy will communicate with Mary Savidge re: trash disposal
- c. Andy will write to Cora Brooks re: letter of concerns
- d. Andy will have Neil Kennedy stop for a copy of the Purchase and Sales Agreement
- e. Carol will review MTBE information
- f. Dick will take the Purchase and Sales Agreement to Mascoma Bank
- g. Jane will check into requirements for a Municipality to purchase property.