

SELECTBOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 1, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
Treas/AA Office

Attendance:	Carol Olsen	Nolan LaFrancis	Cynthia Masterman
	Mike Kuban	Mike Whipple	Dave Button
	Mike Button	Rick Ackerman	Tim Buess
	Jane Cushman	Heidi Allen Goodrich	Lisa Allard
			Doug Lyford

Carol called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

1. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - a. Executive Session was first on the agenda.

Kuban moved to enter executive session at 6:38 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Button seconded the motion. So moved. Button moved and Kuban seconded the motion to leave executive session at 7:20 p.m. So moved.

It was agreed that the Water/Sewer operators would work 5:a.m. – 11:00 a.m. accumulating between 70 and 72 hours between the 2 employees with exceptions for emergencies. They will change their answering machine message to give their contact numbers for emergencies. This issue will be re-evaluated in 3 months.
 - b. Park Commission was second on the agenda
Tim Buess attended the meeting representing the Park Commission. History of the work of the Park Commission including the Streetscape Master Plan compiled in 2001 and activity since that time were discussed. In light of trees needing attention and other work needing to be done, the Selectboard encouraged the Park Commission to plan a meeting within the next couple of months to reorganize and reappoint new members if necessary. This is necessary to keep our Commons, which are focal points within the town, vibrant and healthy.
 - c. Myers Container Service was third on the agenda as posted
Lisa Allard, Myers Container Service, presented the Selectboard with their proposal for solid waste hauling. Myers is trying to be cost effective and still meet upcoming guidelines of Act 148 as imposed by ANR. Lisa is going to check to see if the fuel surcharge is included in their proposal.
 - d. Treasurer's Office Lease – New Business
 - e. FEMA Regulations – Doug Lyford – New Business

2. Minutes – Kuban moved and Button seconded the motion to approve the minutes to the June 17, 2014 meeting as written. So moved.
3. Public Concerns
 - a. Flood Plain – Since none of the Selectboard was able to attend the Flood Plain info meeting presented by Two Rivers Ottauquechee Planning Commission, Heidi wanted to make sure the Board was aware that there are 75% matching grants to mitigate for hazards. Prior to being eligible, Chelsea's Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be up to date. Two Rivers is working on the Mitigation Plan but Chelsea people need to be involved with specific Chelsea problems and plans to mitigate these issues. Statutes will be checked to see if there is anyone specific to write this plan.
 - b. A letter from a property owner was read. They were unhappy about the listers re-appraisal and lowering of their property value with no evidence to substantiate this calculation. An informational meeting would have been helpful prior to the re-appraisal of flood plain properties.
 - c. Doug Lyford has been in contact with Peter Welch's office. He is trying to set up a meeting to discuss Chelsea's flood plain issues. Button is willing to represent the Selectboard. See 8. (c)
 - d. Scope of work on bridges 9 & 11 on VT Rte 110 needs to be reviewed.
 - e. The compliance with the court order for Heath Field needs to be reviewed.
4. Water Department
 - a. Formal Policy for Temporary Shut Offs – Tabled
 - b. Personnel Executive Session – See above
 - c. Bench Sheets – Reviewed and signed.
5. Roads
 - a. Bridges – Rick is getting bids for work on the Maple Avenue Bridge and Moxley Bridge.
 - b. Guardrails are installed on the bridge on Jenkins Brook Rd.
 - c. Spike McCullough is willing to do ground work on Garrow Property in preparation of creating a sandpile pad. Once the town has bid documents, there will be an idea what is needed and the Board will consider sole sourcing the ground work out.
 - d. Other
6. Town Clerk
7. Old Business
 - a. Generator – Tabled
 - b. Personnel Policy Update – Tabled

- c. Bonding – Button and Cynthia attended an Auditing seminar and both came from the seminar feeling it would be in the town’s best interest to secure local funding for the garage.
 - d. Garage
 - i. Site Plan/Garage Design – Dubois & King still promising bid documents on July 17th. Kuban is meeting with Washington Electric for a walk-thru prior to moving poles. Kuban has reviewed some drawings presented by D&K, which show the same type of heat that Strafford has. Kuban instructed D&K to re-do with modines.
 - ii. Notice will be placed in The Herald on July 10 and July 17, notifying of a July 19, 2014 walk thru of the house remaining on the site for the garage. This will be followed by an auction.
 - e. Recycle Container Repair – Rick & Kuban both reported rotting on the container. Kuban will check to see what it would cost to repair and will also check scrap value before making a decision to repair.
 - f. Drainage Update – Rick is going to see if the Fire Department will flush the culvert.
 - g. Park Commission – 7:15 p.m. – See above.
 - h. Politics at the Transfer Station – Tabled
 - i. Solid Waste RFP – Myers @ 7:30 p.m. – See above. Comparing Myers and Casella RFPs will be tabled until a special meeting on July 7.
 - j. Open Meeting Law – After talking with various committees, Mike does not recommend sending letters advising them of the new law. They all seem to be informed.
 - k. Rec Committee – Button reported that he had attended a Rec Committee meeting. They were discussing the playground structure, camps that they will offer, future uses of Heath Field and the Open Meeting Law.
8. New Business
- a. Treasurer’s Lease – Tabled until July 8 meeting
 - b. Blondin Condolence – Carol moved and Button seconded the motion to send a gift in memory of Edith once arrangements have been made. So moved.
 - c. FEMA Regulations – Doug Lyford attended the meeting to discuss the organization of a meeting with Trish Coates from Peter Welch’s office to look at the implications of the new Federal laws regarding flooding. Doug pointed out 6 sites that contribute to the Town incurring water problems and may increase the risk of flooding. Alleviating these risks may reduce the risk of flood damage, but it would not change the floodplain. Changes to the floodplain require action by FEMA. Since 1978 there has been \$132,000 payback to private landowners by FEMA. Doug would like an accounting of

this, the changes made to the Grandlist after reappraising property in the floodplain and a copy of FEMA's floodplain map for Chelsea for the meeting. The Board endorses this meeting with Ms. Coates with Button participating.

- d. Kuban moved and Button seconded the motion to hold a special meeting on July 7, 2014 at 6:30 in the Treas/AA office to review the Treasurer's lease, RFPs or solid waste and the legal ad to put in The Herald warning of the auction of the building on Garrow Property on July 19, 2014. So moved.

- 9. Adjournment – Button moved and Kuban seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. So moved