

## **Approved**

Minutes of the 10/4/11 Select Board Meeting

**Present:** Peter Hood, Bill Callnan, Matt Dwire, Mary Alexander, Cindy Carlson, Paul Ceminara, Steve Martin, Jennifer Evans, Pam Fecteau, Angelo Napolitano, Nancy & Gene Kennedy, Gloria and Gary Field.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

### **Steve Martin, Planning Commission**

Steve discusses the "Old Fire Station" Planning Grant. A pre-application was been submitted to the Vermont Community Development Program. The Town was advised if there is any municipal use of the building then the project does not qualify for funding under this program. There are ways to proceed. The Board could state that the building will not be used for municipal use and continue with the application process. Second, the Town could submit an application through USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Program. Under the grant program there is a minimum match of 25%. Grant recipients can receive anywhere from 15-75% of the cost of their project. The determination is based on income sensitivity and population. The third option would be to follow a similar route as Barre City. Barre City sent out an RFP to see what interest there might be in their building. The Board does not have an identified need for this building and does not have any funding to put into the building. The Board sees a potential problem with selling the building to another party with parking, septic and sewer. The Board agrees an RFP should be put together and move in this direction. The RFP should include potential abutting land. The Board does not want to jeopardize the town hall lot and building in this process.

### **Jerry & Mary Sklon**

Jerry submitted a petition from the residents from the neighborhood. Jerry reads a written statement from residents on three Mile Bridge Road and Cross Roads. The residents are concerned about a ditch in the field near this area. The residents are asking for the Town's help to correct a problem with this ditch that has filled in and has trees are growing in it. The Board understands that this ditch in question is on several different property owners' lots and is not in the Town's right-of-way. It is not the Town's practice or policy to correct drainage issues on private land. The Board feels the State of Vermont has some obligation to assist in correcting this problem since some of the water is coming from Route 2 and the Interstate. If there is any ditching near the town road, in the Town's right-of-way, the Town can correct it and it will be put on the work list. The Board will look into this further and reach out to the State. This situation has been a problem for many years and the residents would like to be corrected as quickly as possible.

**Paul Ceminara, Road Foreman**

**Steve Martin, Road Commissioner**

Paul and Steve report that they conducted interviews for the road crew position and they recommend the Town hire James E. Files. James is well qualified for the position.

**Motion:** Matt moves to approve their recommendation to hire James E. Files with a start date of 10/17/2011 for a rate of pay of \$15.00 per hour. Bill seconds, motion carries.

The State has confirmed that the Town has been approved for reimbursement for work on two roads damaged in the spring floods. The Shady Rill culvert is still up in the air. Steve is working with the State concerning the Shady Rill culvert. The kiosk will be installed soon at the Red Hen Bakery complex.

Jennifer Evans asks the Board if there is any assistance that the Town did for the flood victims. The Town did remove some debris for residents on the Three Mile Bridge Road. The Board agrees to remove no more than one truck load per household for residents who didn't participate in the original debris removal. The Town will support a FEMA buy-out if she wants to pursue that option.

**Pam Fecteau, Larry Smith - VLCT**

VLCT asked why the Town decided to go out to bid this year. The Board wanted to do its due diligence with its insurance coverage. The Town has been very happy with the Leagues service and coverage. Pam reports that the rates will be the same as last year for the 2012 - 2013 renewal.

**Other Business**

Angelo Napolitano discusses the speeding problem in the village. Angelo wants the Board to ask AOT for a traffic study for speed enforcement. There will be no cost to the Town for this study. There are people travelling at least 50-60 miles per hour through town. If the State study warrants it, the Town can ask the State to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph through Town. The Board will ask the Sheriff's Department to patrol the village area. The Enhancement Grant the Town is working on is designed to slow traffic through the Village area. Angelo discusses the residence owned in the village by Billeados. The Board will have the Health Officer investigate the property again.

Anita Krauth has resigned as the Solid Waste Management Representative.

Charles Evens will be submitting information about public school choice. Charles is asking for support from the Town to send his son to another school. The Board believes he has to go through U-32 to determine the process.

Information from Listers concerning the number of households affected by the flood on the Three Mile Bridge Road. There are 8 properties, with a total listed value of \$125,000. One house has been

removed. These properties may be eligible for property tax abatement. No one has asked for an abatement hearing at this time.

All orders are signed.

Peter reports that the Board needs to take a look the towns policy on special article petitions. Cindy has done some research on what other towns are doing in the area. This will be taken up at the next Board meeting.

**Motion:** Bill moves approval of the revised personnel policy. Matt seconds, motion carries. The Board agrees that the health benefits are effective the first of the month after hire. The personnel policy will go into effective January 1, 2012.

### **Correspondence**

Notice Hearing from Vermont Department of Liquor Control regarding Suspension or Revocation of the Second Class License granted to Middlesex Country Store.

Copy of notice of Cross Appeal, Sandrettos' Statement of Questions and Certificate of Service concerning the Moretown Landfill, Inc., appeal from Waste Management Division.

Meeting adjourns at 7: 50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Carlson  
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