

Selectboard members: Jay Barrett, Tim Cramer (Chair), Ken Gulick  
Administrative Assistant: Ann Fenton

Guests: Bruce Drewett (7:00-8:00), John Larrabee (7:00-8:15)

At 7:00 p.m., Chair Tim Cramer called the meeting to order.

7:02: Review of Minutes: Jay Barrett moved to accept the minutes of January 12, 2010. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

7:05: ORDERS SIGNED AND CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWED:

1. EMAIL FROM DON WEAVER, AND REQUEST FROM JOHN LARRABEE RE: RELEASE OF MILFOIL RELATED INFORMATION: Jay Barrett moved to authorize the Lake Morey Commission to release any information regarding the Lake Morey milfoil eradication project to any other lake groups in order to be helpful. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
2. NORTHEAST RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFERENCE: June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in Manchester, NH.
3. NRRA NOTICE OF EARTHDAY '10 BACKYARD COMPOSTING CAMPAIGN: AA will post information on Town Hall bulletin board.
4. NOTICE OF U.S. CENSUS 2010 ENTRANCE EXAMS FOR EMPLOYMENT: To be held at Fairlee Public Library January 26, February 2, and February 9.
5. LETTER FROM VERMONT WATER SUPPLY DIVISION RE: PERMIT RENEWAL: Lance Colby is following up.
6. ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: Signed copy of contract received back from OCSD. AA will file.
7. LETTER FROM CENTER FOR RURAL STUDIES, RE: VERMONT BROADBAND MAPPING INITIATIVE, USING FUNDING FROM ERRA, AND REQUESTING INFORMATION FROM TOWN: AA will research and follow-up.
8. REGIONAL NOTIFICATION OF PERSONAL WIRELESS SERVICE FACILITIES APPLICATION FROM THE HANOVER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Public Hearing January 28, 7:00 p.m., Hanover Town Hall, re: "Special Exceptions" to permit the installation of a wireless communication facility within a steeple, at property 40 College Street.
9. REQUEST FROM NORTHSTAR FIREWORKS TO PREPAY FOR FIREWORKS TO RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL 5-10% IN FREE FIREWORKS ADDED TO UPCOMING DISPLAY: Jay Barrett moved to decline the offer to prepay. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
10. AQUATIC NUISANCE GRANT PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY DON WEAVER: Jay Barrett moved to authorize the chair to sign the grant application. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
11. CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATES, INC. – MUNICIPAL MAPPING, ANNUAL CONTRACT: Jay Barrett moved that the Selectboard sign the Cartographic contract. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
12. EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS: Jay Barrett moved for the chair to sign the Excess Weight Permit. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

7:15: PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7:20: BUDGET REVIEW:

- REVIEW OF BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:  
Bruce Drewett reported that the Budget Committee recommends approval of the budget as read.
- REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET UPDATES:
  1. STATE OF VERMONT HIGHWAY FUNDS: Received information of actual amount, which is \$1,429.00 over estimated amount.
  2. ORANGE COUNTY TOWN TAX: All towns' taxes increased. Fairlee's tax is \$6,714.00 higher than last year. Changes entered on draft budget.
  3. OXBOW SENIOR INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM APPROPRIATION REQUEST: Received after budget hearing. Amount of \$300.00, same as last year.
  4. REVISED DRAFT BUDGET SHEETS REVIEWED: Tax rate not impacted.

Jay Barrett moved to approve the revised budget, including the addition of the Oxbow Senior Center request. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

7:40: OTHER BUSINESS:

- RAILROAD STATION RENTAL SHOP: The AA reported that there is a potential renter, interested in starting a shop, and inquiring if it is possible to use all year. The potential renter noted that she would be willing to contact the town's heating company and to pay associated costs. The Selectboard noted that there is an old hot air furnace that should be checked out by the heating company. The questions are: 1.) Is it oil or gas? 2.) Is it operable? 3.) Is the tank above ground? It was discussed that a propane heater would be another option to consider. It was also noted that there is probably no insulation in the building, and there is no plumbing. The Selectboard commented that the renter would need to contact the State regarding regulations.

REVIEW/SCHEDULE OF FUTURE SELECTBOARD MEETINGS AND AGENDAS:

Next meeting: January 25, Agenda: Review of Town Meeting Warning.

At 8:52, Jay Barrett made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ken Gulick, the vote passed unanimously.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Ann Fenton, Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard

Date approved: January 25, 2010