

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

Guests: Tim Danen (7:02-8:05), Catharine Haehnel (7:05-8:05), Ruth Hook (7:00-7:40), Stephen Hook (7:00-7:40),
Georgette Wolf-Ludwig (7:00-8:30)

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

7:01: Review of Minutes: Jay Barrett moved to accept the minutes of January 19, 2010. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

7:02: ORDERS SIGNED AND CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWED:

1. MEMO FROM TOWN TREASURER MELISSA GAHAGAN, RE: STREET LIGHTS: Update regarding request made to CVPS last Fall to turn off four street lights. The Treasurer also requested from CVPS a list of all town street lights. A list was received, showing 48 street lights paid for by the Town, including the 4 that are being shut off. In discussion it was suggested to further reduce the number, and to start by mapping the locations. It was suggested that Lee Marsh might be able to survey and map the lighting. Motion by Jay Barrett to initially seek Lee Marsh's help in reviewing the street lights. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
2. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: Reviewed.
3. TRANSPORTATION UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT: Jay Barrett moved to have the Chair sign the Excess Weight Permit. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
4. ANR PROJECT REVIEW SHEETS:
 - PETERBUILT HOLDING COMPANY; RE: FAIRLEE MOTEL AND DRIVE-IN THEATER:
 - ACT 250: Permit not required
 - WASTEWATER: Permit/Approval required
 - GAYWALDEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP:
 - ACT 250: Permit not required.
 - WASTEWATER: Permit/Approval required
5. MEMO FROM VLCT RE: FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION SPENDING AUTHORIZATION: The Selectboard discussed potential projects, and noted that the Bridge on Lake Morey Road West at the North End near Camp Lanakila has been discussed before as a potential project. The AA will research the town files and contact the State Transportation District Office for input.
6. EMAILS FROM SKIP BROWN, LAKE FAIRLEE ASSOCIATION, RE:
 - LAKE FAIRLEE ASSOCIATION FUNDING REQUEST: Skip Brown offered for next year (2011 budget) to request to the LFA to reapportion its requests to towns. He noted that he agrees that based on grand list, shoreline, and population Thetford should be paying more than Fairlee. Skip Brown also asked, in follow-up to his meeting with the Fairlee Selectboard on November 16th, if they might have a recommendation of a Fairlee representative to the LFA. Ken Gulick will follow-up with two potential candidates.
 - LAKE FAIRLEE HERBICIDE TREATMENT: Notice that the LFA is asking Selectboard members to give their individual support for the proposed milfoil treatment. No action taken by Selectboard.
7. COPY OF 2010 ANNUAL REPORT, FROM DIVISION OF PROPERTY VALUATION AND REVIEW, VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF TAXES: The Selectboard reviewed the report, with relevant sections highlighted by Lister Noel Walker. The report will be filed in the Listers office. Jay Barrett noted a Valley

News Article of January 23, 2010, re: Vermont Common Level of Appraisal, which included a list of local towns 2009 and 2010 CLA. Jay Barrett commented again of the great job the Fairlee Listers Office does.

7:15: PUBLIC COMMENT:

- RUTH AND STEPHEN HOOK, RE: RAILROAD STATION SHOP RENTAL: The Hooks asked the Selectboard if they would allow them to rent the shop year round for a vegetable store business. The Selectboard agreed to consider the proposal with the following concerns:
 1. Water: Currently there is no running water. (The water line is old, and would be complicated to update): Ruth Hook reported that the State does not require running water for a business selling produce, and not doing food preparation. She noted that currently the portable toilet is paid with an arrangement of 1/2 Flea Market, and 1/2 Town. She recommended one of the following options instead: a.) 1/4 Flea Market, 1/4 shop rental, 1/2 town; or b.) 1/3 Flea Market, 1/3 Shop Rental, 1/3 Town.
 2. Heating: Stephen Hook reported that there is an existing propane tank, not an oil tank. The Selectboard agreed that the Hooks could pursue use of heating with propane, on the condition that a certified heating technician looks at the system.
 3. Electricity: Stephen Hook asked if they could add to the capacity in the breaker box for the walk-in cooler and add outlets in the shop: The Selectboard agreed, on the condition that a licensed electrician is used.
 4. Repair work: Stephen Hook reported that some repair work is needed. The Selectboard noted that there is no money available in the 2010 Railroad Station budget for Property Improvements and Maintenance, because the money is already allocated for an outside lighting upgrade, however the Selectboard would consider a reduction in rent for certain repair work done by the Hooks.
 5. Storage of furniture: The Selectboard and Town Clerk discussed storage of items of historical relevance to the train station. Other items would be reviewed by the historic society and some items would be recycled. It was agreed that built in furniture must be left in place and preserved.
 6. Signage: The Selectboard referred the Hooks to the Zoning Administrator regarding signs and to inquire if there are any other zoning issues which could potentially require DRB review.

Jay Barrett moved to request the parties interested to properly evaluate the heating system, compile a list of repair work, and come back to the Selectboard with a proposal. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

7:40: TOWN MEETING WARNING REVIEW:

- TIM DANEN AND CATHARINE HAEHNEL, RECREATION COUNCIL BOARD, RE: REQUEST FOR ARTICLE ON TOWN MEETING WARNING: Requested an article to allow non-resident swimming lesson participants to use the beach during the weeks of their lessons, for an additional fee. In follow up, the Recreation Council will draft the language for the Article, for the Selectboard to review.
- TOWN CLERK GEORGETTE WOLF-LUDWIG, RE: RESTORATION FUNDS:
 - Restoration project: The Town Clerk explained the map digitizing project that she is having done, with the Restoration Fees Reserve Fund. She hired a company to digitize and restore town property maps. The project resulted in 340 digitized maps, including 26 repaired maps; for a total of \$3,300. In discussion, it was noted that the project could continue with other town maps, including roads, water lines, and town property blueprints. Jay Barrett commended the shape of the town's records.
 - Two Articles proposed for the Town Meeting Warning, which are on the posted draft, as follows: To ask the Town to establish a Town Clerk Restoration Fees Reserve Fund, and to ask the Town to close out the Restoration Fees Reserve Fund and allocate the money in that fund to the Town

Clerk Restoration Fees Reserve Fund. The Selectboard agreed with the inclusion of the Articles as posted on the Warning draft.

In further discussion, the Selectboard agreed that it is important for the Town to continue records restoration, as they have been, with money being designated for the fund each year.

Jay Barrett moved to approve the Town Meeting Warning as posted, with the addition of the Recreation Council's Article, to be posted in the next few days. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

REVIEW/SCHEDULE OF FUTURE SELECTBOARD MEETINGS AND AGENDAS:

Next meeting: February 1st: Public Hearing: 7:30 p.m., re: Interim Waiver Ordinance; and Update on Railroad Station Shop Rental Proposal.

Future meeting agenda items: Water Department update meeting re: rules, and mapping; Power across railroad tracks at Transfer Station, and water line; Budget Committee process/how to schedule meetings in the next budget year to give the committee the opportunity to get involved in the budget earlier in the process.

At 8:30, 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: February 1, 2010