

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

Guests: Cameron Buster (7:35-8:50), Mary Daly (7:35-8:50), Bruce Drewett (7:35-8:50), Cicely Richardson (7:05-8:55), Georgette Wolf-Ludwig (7:35-8:55)

At 7:03 p.m., Chair Tim Cramer called the meeting to order.

7:05: Review of Minutes: Jay Barrett moved to accept the minutes of December 28, 2009. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

7:05: ORDERS SIGNED AND CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWED:

1. MONTHLY WATER TESTS: Ken Gulick moved to approve the monthly water report. Jay Barrett seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
2. MEMO FROM VLCT, RE: LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: The Selectboard reviewed the memo.
3. NOTE FROM PEG COUTERMARSH, RE: VERMONT PILOT PROGRAM TO REDUCE HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC IN VERMONT DOWNTOWNS: It was noted that the pilot program is for one year only, and that individuals could call their state representatives to give input. It was suggested by the Selectboard to invite the town's legislative representatives to a Selectboard meeting to discuss legislative priorities.
4. ZONING UPDATE: Received from Zoning Administrator.
5. ANR PROJECT REVIEW SHEET, RE: BLOOMBERG: No action taken.
6. MEMO FROM TREASURER MELISSA GAHAGAN, RE: HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTIONS FOR 2009 AND 2010: No action taken.

7:15: PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

7:16: BUDGET REVIEW:

- QUESTION FROM CICELY RICHARDSON, RE: BUDGET DRAFT, RE: EMPLOYEE SALARIES AND WAGES 2010: Cicely Richardson asked for clarification of why a 3% pay increase is not being proposed for employees, except for the Listers; and why a bonus is being proposed for some other employees instead. The Selectboard explained that due to the economy, they are not proposing a pay raise for employees, except for the Listers, because their pay is significantly lower. A bonus payment is being proposed instead of a pay raise, for some other employees, in appreciation of their work in 2009.
- EMERGENCY BUILDING: Building Repairs: Increase from \$7,500.00 to \$9,000.00 to reflect the quote received for new vinyl flooring in dining area and hall, which is \$1,500 higher than estimated.

7:30: BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING WITH SELECTBOARD: The Budget Committee, Cameron Buster, Mary Daly, and Bruce Drewett, reported on their meeting in which they reviewed the draft budget. The following points were made:

- Lake Fairlee Association request: It was commented that Fairlee is paying too much as compared to Thetford, based on grand list, shoreline and population on Lake Fairlee. AA will follow-up with LFA.
- Emergency Building: Why is the 2010 Electric budget down from 2009 actual spent? AA will follow-up.
- Fire and Rescue: Why are the supplies for 2010 budgeted higher than 2009 actual? AA will follow-up.
- Highway: Why is the "miscellaneous" 2010 budget higher than 2009 actual?
- Listers: Are number of hours budgeted high enough? AA will follow-up.
- Fireworks: Ask for additional donations, to supplement Fairlee's sponsorship. AA will follow-up.
- Milfoil: Why is 2009 grant income lower than budgeted? AA will follow-up.

- Planning Commission, Economic Development Intern Grant and grant expense: Is the grant necessary? It was noted that the proposed intern would be looking specifically at Fairlee, in contrast to regional planning.
- Recreation Council: Salary and Wages increase: What is the breakdown of hours and wages proposed?
Beach Buildings and Grounds: Why is 2010 budget higher than 2009 actual? AA will follow-up.
- Water Department: "Other expenses": Why is 2009 actual a negative amount? What is the purpose of the account?

REVIEW/SCHEDULE OF FUTURE SELECTBOARD MEETINGS AND AGENDAS:

Next meeting: January 11, Brief Selectboard Meeting 7:00 – 7:30 p.m., Budget Hearing: 7:30 p.m.

At 8:55, 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 11, 2010