

SELECT BOARD

January 13, 2009

Paul Nevin, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Linda Nexon and Raymond Tarbell were present.

1. The minutes of the Select Board meeting of December 9, 2008 were approved.
2. Presentation to Russell Desautels. Russ was honored with a certificate honoring his more than 30 years as constable.
3. Highways
 - a. Extended warranties for 2007 and 2003 trucks. Following discussion and upon motion made and seconded, it was
VOTED: To purchase extended warranties (84 months/125,000 miles/6,500 hours) for the 2007 truck at a cost of \$4,524 and the 2005 truck at a cost of \$1,434.
An extended warranty (84 months/85,000 miles/3,060 hours) was purchased with the 2005 truck but not with the 2007.
 - b. Sand pile. Concerns about utilization by and safety of the public at the Town sand pile were discussed. It was agreed that a location would be found outside of the Town storage area for a small pile for use by the public. Once that pile is in place, the gate at the driveway to the Town area will be locked when the road crew is off duty.
 - c. Certificate of Highway Mileage. The Board signed the Certificate of Highway Mileage for the year ending February 10, 2009, certifying to the State the Town's Class 2 and Class 3 highway mileage.
 - d. Highway ordinance. The Board signed the ordinance adopted December 9, 2009.
 - e. Salt shed property. A joint committee of School Board and Select Board members will be formed to look into the matter.
 - f. Hortonville Road-Old Turnpike Road intersection. Snowbanks at the intersection and at a nearby driveway are blocking sight lines. The road crew will see whether the banks can be cut down.

3. Planning Commission

- a. Upon motion made and seconded, it was
VOTED: To appoint Annette Lynch and Dennis Deiters to the Planning Commission, term ending November 2011.
- b. Vacancy. A vacancy in the term ending 2010 will be posted and published.
- c. Administrative Officer. It was agreed to defer consideration of an appointment as no member of the Planning Commission was present.
- d. Mileage reimbursement. It was agreed that mileage to and from RRPC meetings would be a reimbursable expense for the Mount Holly representative. It was noted that the IRS mileage rate dropped to 55 cents/mile as of January 1.

4. The resignation of Jennifer Matthews, auditor, was noted. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To appoint Mary Desautels an auditor until the March election.
Mary agreed to run for auditor (term ending 2011) in the March 2009 election.

5. Mount Holly Cemetery. Upon recommendation of the Cemetery Commissioners, and upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To set the per plot cost at the Mount Holly Cemetery at \$500.

6. Star Lake Dam. At the suggestion of the State Dam Safety Office, the Star Lake Dam has been added to the list of infrastructure projects potentially eligible for federal stimulus money, with a project cost estimate of \$500,000.

7. Paul Faenza, first constable, has completed Phase I of Vermont Police Academy Basic Training.

8. Treasurer's Report. The outside auditor has begun. The Board reviewed income and expense accounts at the half-year mark.

9. Correspondence. The Division of Property Valuation and Review and notified the Town that the equalized education property value at 1/1/09 is \$288,107,000, with a coefficient of dispersion of 23.85% and a common level of appraisal of 62.39%.

10. Other

a. The Board set January 22 at 7 pm to review and sign the Town Meeting warning.

b. A budget session has been scheduled on January 14 at 7 pm.

11. The Board reviewed and signed the December orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Nexon