

SELECT BOARD  
September 16, 2008

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 August 12 were approved.

2. Highways

a. Request to upgrade Yale Road. The Szumilaks were present. The Board informed them that, if they and/or their neighbors were to upgrade the Class 4 portion of Yale Road to Town Class 3 Road Standards, the Town would consider assuming year-round maintenance.

b. Salt shed property. Deb Daniels presented sketches of four possible configurations of the salt shed area that is the property of the School. The Board will present a request to the School Board.

c. MHVFD coin drop. Wes Hupp requested the Board's approval for the fire department to conduct a coin drop on Church Street and on Belmont Road on Saturday, October 11 to coincide with the Cider Days event. The Board approved the request.

d. R-O-W agreements – VTel buried cable. Upon motion made and seconded it was VOTED: That the Vermont Telephone Company may enter upon and bury a telephone cable along Russellville Road to the Shrewsbury Town Line as noted in VTel work order 5238NT and along Hortonville Road and Little Lane as noted in VTel work order 523P8MF.

e. Snowmobile trail, Belmont. Curt Marechoux reported that two landowners in Belmont village may deny permission for the trail to cross their lands. Should that occur, unless permission is granted for limited use of town highways by snowmobiles, access to the Belmont Store and gasoline would not be possible. The Board agreed to the use of Lake Street, Belmont Road and Maple Hill Road to provide a link from Star Lake to the existing trail and access to the store, should the trail be interrupted as noted, with the condition that the Board will re-evaluate the route should problems develop in the village. Signage will indicate that the Star Lake route is for store traffic only and that, as the store closes at 8 pm, there is an 8 pm curfew on the use of the town roads. Chris and Lisa Kelley have agreed to provide the signs. Curt agreed to keep the Board informed and to advise if negotiations with the landowners are not successful.

f. The Board will write to a landowner who has created an access onto Old Turnpike Road without a permit, requiring a 15 inch culvert and 100 feet of gravel.

g. Jeff Teter reported that winter sand is coming in.

3. Solid Waste

a. The Board agreed that fall/winter hours would begin on Saturday, October 4.

b. HHW collection is on Saturday, September 27, 8 am to noon.

4. Planning Commission. Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To accept the resignation of Gregory Decker from the Planning Commission.

5. Listers

a. Mileage reimbursement. Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To increase the mileage reimbursement for operating a private vehicle on Town business from 40 cents/mile to 58 cents/mile.

b. The Board signed Errors and Omissions to the grand list.

6. Report of Treasurer

a. Income and expense report. Property tax discounts were about \$118,000; \$115,000 was budgeted. About 70% of taxes were paid by the discount date. With fuel prices fluctuating, the town will bill the school, fire department and rescue squad at least quarterly, rather than once a year as in the past.

b. Outside Audit. Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To engage G.W. Osterman to perform the FY 2008 outside audits for the town, fire department, and rescue squad.

c. David reported that both Mount Holly School and Union 39 had to borrow funds to begin the school year as State figures are not finalized and payments have not been made. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To advance funds to Mount Holly School and Union 39 to carry over until State funds are paid. The Union 39 advance will be based on prior years' payment schedules.

d. David will attend a Citizens Bank class on September 19 relating to the equipment that will enable deposits to be made directly from the Town Office.

e. The Board agreed to turn over one-third of the FY 09 funds raised for the Fire Department (\$23,400).

7. Other. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve a contract with Irving Oil to pre-buy 1,025 gallons of heating oil for the Town Office at \$3.65.9/gallon.

8. The Board reviewed and signed the August orders for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Nexon