

SELECT BOARD
October 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 meeting of September 8 were approved.
2. Mount Holly Community Association. Francis and Carol DeVine presented the plans for renovation of the lower level of the town-owned building in Belmont. MHCA has begun a fund raising campaign with a goal of \$125,000 to provide facilities for meetings, including a bathroom and kitchen. Individual donations and grant funding are being sought. The Board approved a letter sent in support of a grant application to the Vermont Arts Council.
3. Craig Hutt Vater, Mount Holly School principal, asked whether the Town could help the School janitor with recyclable disposal since winter transfer station hours do not coincide with the janitor's schedule. The Board agreed to do so and discussed possible solutions.
4. Highways
 - a. Salt Shed Property. The School Board is agreeable to some kind of lease arrangement. Paul will attend the next meeting to follow up.
 - b. Class 4 driveway permits. Jeff Teter had asked for clarification of the requirements relating to access permits outlined in the Highway Ordinance. Permits are required for driveways on Class 4 roads so that (a) the access is done correctly, and (b) the permit creates a Town record of the access.
5. Report of Treasurer
 - a. David Johnson presented an income and expense statement as of September 30, 2009. \$3.2 million in property taxes have been collected of \$4.6 million billed. September tax collections were low. It was agreed to advertise the November deadline in the Rutland Herald, Vermont Journal, as well as the Chit Chat.
 - b. Union 39 payment schedule. David reported that the figures provided by the U39 Treasurer are incorrect. He has requested a quarterly payment schedule. The Board agreed that because of tax collection issues, a monthly payment schedule is preferable. Upon motion made and seconded, it was
VOTED: To advance a sum not to exceed \$160,000 to the Union 39 School District by October 15 and to ask the U39 Treasurer to review his figures and provide a monthly payment schedule for the balance of the year.
 - c. David reviewed a property tax discount adjustment made for late filers for homestead declarations.
 - d. Outside audit. A final visit by Jerry Osterman will take place in the next two weeks. It may be possible to schedule the auditor's report to the Board on November 10, just prior to the Select Board meeting.

6. Town Clerk

- a. Microfilming. The State no longer microfilms town land records. Sue has arranged with a private company to do the microfilming on site. The records will likely be stored with that company as well. The Town Clerk's records fund will cover the expense.
- b. The State increased dog license fees on July 1, adding \$1.00 to the license fee.

7. Other

- a. The Listers provided a copy of an error and omission to the Grand List related to a reclassification, for the information of the Board.
- b. Raymond reported that the Town changed and turned a culvert on Beaver Meadow Road, following Peter Lackey's complaint of water at his property. The culvert could not be relocated as he requested. There are 155 feet of steep terrain between the culvert and his house.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Nexon