

SELECT BOARD  
November 11, 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 meeting of October 14 were approved.

2. Highways

a. Jennifer Matthews, Branch Brook Road, read aloud a letter to the Select Board. The letter described events on October 31 and November 3 when the road crew removed several trees from the town right of way at her property. The Board agreed to meet with Jeff Teter in executive session to review the subject matter of her letter. Ms. Matthews called for a town policy relating to removal of trees in the right of way.

b. Camp Road. The Board agreed to notify David Josselyn in writing that he must remove the gate he is erecting on Camp Road at the intersection with Greendale Road. The gate is located on the property of another landowner. Under State statute, the Select Board cannot give permission for a gate on a town road to anyone but the owner of the land where the gate is located.

c. Highway ordinance. Discussion was tabled until the December meeting.

d. Requests to upgrade town roads. Tabled until the December meeting.

e. Salt shed property. The Board will return to the December School Board meeting to work on finalizing a plan.

3. MHVFD paving bill. Jim Heald, trustee, requested that the town bill for paving materials used in front of the fire station be reduced. The Select Board agreed to share the bill 50:50 with the fire department as financial responsibility for the work had not been made clear at the time it was proposed.

4. Forest Parks & Recreation conservation/public access easement. Nancy Bell of The Conservation Fund was present. FPR is seeking the easement on land owned by The Conservation Fund (formerly the Anderson property) via the Federal Forest Legacy Program. The primary purpose of the easement is the protection of wildlife habitat. Pedestrian public access is also included. The land will remain in private ownership and on the Town tax rolls. Upon motion made and seconded it was VOTED: To support the use of Forest Legacy Program funds for the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation to acquire a Grant of Development Rights, Conservation Restrictions and Public Access Easement on a 516+/- parcel in Mount Holly owned by The Conservation Fund.

5. Vermont State Police Community Advisory Board. Rhonda Rivers and Don Richardson presented information from the latest meeting of the Advisory Board relating to the impact on towns of State Police budget cuts.

6. Planning Commission.

- a. Municipal Planning Grant funds for 2009 have been applied for to support the development of revised subdivision regulations. Upon motion made and seconded it was RESOLVED: (1) that the Select Board enters into and agrees to the requirements and obligations of this grant program; (2) that the Planning Commission has recommended applying for this grant; (3) that the Select Board hereby designates Annette Lynch, Planning Commission, to execute and provide all information necessary for the completion of said application, to execute the Grant Agreement and other documents as may be necessary to secure funds, and to administer the town's performance of the provisions of the Grant Agreement.
- b. Annette presented a job description for Administrative Officer. The Board will review.
- c. Transportation Council. Greg Decker's resignation from the Planning Commission leaves a vacancy on the Council. The Board agreed to defer an appointment as the Council may taking a different form.

#### 7. Report of Treasurer

- a. Union 39 payment schedule. Upon motion made and seconded, it was VOTED: To approve the 2008-2009 Union 39 payment schedule presented to this meeting.
- b. Upon motion made and seconded it was, VOTED: To advance funds to the Mount Holly School as needed.
- c. Delinquent taxes. David reported a 36% increase in delinquent taxes this year, a total of \$264,000.
- d. Income and Expense report was reviewed. David suggested deferring payment to the Rescue Squad equipment fund (for future expenditures) in view of the shortfall in tax collections noted above.
- e. A question about a payment plan for property taxes was noted.

8. Star Lake Beach Parking Area. The Board will consider whether a temporary or permanent barrier is needed between the parking area and the lake.

9. New human service request for Town Meeting funding. The Board agreed to place Maple Leaf Farm's request in the amount of \$150 on the warning. The detox facility served two Mount Holly Residents last year.

10. Other. Russell Desautels submitted his resignation as Constable, effective when a replacement is found. The Board thanked him for his many years of service.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Nexon