

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**April 23, 2009**

Present:	John Quinn Dave Tilton Sue Adams	Gary Estus Charlotte Vincent
Guests:	Pat Haller Tom Moreau	Michelle DaVia

The meeting was called to order by John Quinn at 7:01 p.m.

**GEORGIA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY WIND PROJECT**

Pat Haller informed the Board of a Georgia Mountain Community Wind Project presentation in Fairfax on May 11 at 7:45pm at BFA. Pat asked the Board if they would like to invite this organization to hold a presentation in Westford. The Board inquired whether there are any particular concerns Westford residents should be aware of in light of this wind project. Pat thinks there are two potential concerns: visual impact and distribution of power lines through Westford. Michelle DaVia added that Vermont Electric Coop plans to survey their customers regarding concerns over this wind project. The Board decided not to invite the Wind group to host a presentation in Westford. Notice of the Fairfax presentation will be posted on Front Porch Forum and in the May town newsletter.

**CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT FY'10 BUDGET**

Tom Morrow, General Manager of CSWD, asked the Board to approve the FY 2010 Budget. Tom explained that the budget went down almost 1% due to a decrease in litigation fees. He mentioned that management fees will increase but may be offset by a future recycling credit. Dave Tilton made a motion to pass the CSWD FY 2010 Budget, seconded by John Quinn. The motion passed 2-0.

**ENERGY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The Board appointed Pat Haller as Chair of the Energy Committee and the following as members: John Doane, Julie Elmore, Ross Hughes, Steve Willard, Marilyn McConnell, Dave Adams, Jeff LaBossiere, Eva Paquin.

**MOWING QUOTES**

The Board reviewed mowing quotes for the Town Common, Town Office, Town Library, the area near the statue, the triangle area at the intersection of Common Road and Route 128, and the small area known as the KP lot. Dave Tilton made a motion to accept Dave Bartley of Little Dave's Mowing, John Quinn seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

**ROAD SCHEDULE**

Gary presented the Board with a list of areas that need restoring after the recent mud season: Sections of Osgood Hill, Cambridge Road, Old Stage Road, Woods Hollow Road and Old # 11 Road. The Board reiterated soliciting those people that posted comments on Front Porch Forum regarding road maintenance to serve on the Road Committee.

Dave Tilton made a motion to approve the Road Schedule for April 24, 2009 through May 14, 2009, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed 2-0.

### **BADMINTON TOURNAMENT**

The Board discussed a request by Pete Chapman to host a Badminton Tournament on the town common this summer. John reported that the Town Common Committee would like the Board to decline the request because they contend that such a tournament may set a precedent for other organizations requesting summer events on the common. It is their feeling that heavy traffic on the common during summer months poses a risk for damage to the grounds. Because this is an event benefiting a school group, the Board suggested Pete Chapman contact the Westford School Board about hosting the tournament on school grounds. John Quinn made a motion to deny the request, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed 2-0.

### **ACCESS PERMIT REQUEST**

The Board discussed a request by Leslie Moore for an Access Permit. They questioned whether the Moores have a different interpretation of the proposed culvert extension length. Dave recommended that Gary speak with Leslie to confirm the length before a decision is made. John agreed. Gary took the Access Permit Application and will visit with Leslie in the near future.

### **MINUTES**

John Quinn made a motion to amend the minutes of April 9, 2009. Dave seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

John Quinn made a motion to hold off approving the minutes of April 16, 2009, because Dave Tilton was not present for April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and Bob Bancroft is currently on vacation. Dave seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

### **BILLS**

Bills were approved.

### **FAIRPOINT PETITION FOR POLE REPLACEMENT**

The Board approved a revised petition for one pole replacement on Old #11 Road.

### **EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS**

The Chair signed excess weight permits for Roger Mann, Jr.; G.W. Tatro Construction Inc.; Ron Weston Excavating Company Inc.; Cardinal Logistics Management Corporation; Rice Lumber Company Inc.; Edward Brannagan; Dan Girard.

### **REVIEW OF PENDING AGENDA ITEMS LIST**

John asked that the Ancient Roads agenda item be taken off the list and that Sarah Pinto's name be added to the 'by whom' column for the Seymour Trail Improvements agenda item. He will call Cherie Dunkley regarding the Sign Location Meeting.

### **INSURANCE OPT-OUT POLICY**

Charlotte asked the board whether the personnel policy to compensate eligible employees who obtain health insurance from an outside source 25% of their premium extends to part time employees who do not take insurance from the town. John suggested that the Board revisit this issue and asked to put it on the agenda for the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dave Tilton requested that a town employee review Milton's Personnel Policy and highlight relevant sections.

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**ADJOURN**

Dave Tilton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 2-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Quinn  
Selectboard Chair

Susan Adams  
Assistant Town Clerk