

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
July 23, 2009**

Present:	John Quinn David Tilton Charlotte Vincent	Gary Estus Susan Adams	
Guests:	Lisa Birmingham Kevin Christopher Joan Farmer Lois Reynolds	Rick Landof Chuck McGill Jon Fick Linda Martin	Ron Stotyn Ted Horton Lynn Zinger Gary Matton

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

COMCAST

Lisa Birmingham and Rick Landof gave an update of the construction and activation progress for various areas in Westford. Construction should be complete for most of Westford by the end of August/beginning of September. Route 15 is slightly behind schedule as is Kings Hill Homeowners Association. The delay to the KHHA is due to the underground wires being out of the town ROW, which requires easements in place before work can be done. Comcast will activate areas when ready, as opposed to waiting until all lines are set for activation. Lisa provided a map to post in the foyer of the Town Office. Some residents near red areas may be eligible for hook-up (fee involved). Residents should call Lisa for specific questions regarding E911 address hook-up. Lisa informed the Board that the Westford School, Westford School Library, Town Library and Town Office would be eligible for courtesy internet and video service. The Town Garage would be eligible for courtesy video. All we need to do is provide her with the E911 addresses for these buildings.

Kevin Christopher and Ron Stotyn of Lake Champlain Access Television gave an overview presentation of the PEG Access (Public-at-large, Education, Government) services LCAT could provide to Westford residents. These services would be administered by Comcast. This is an 'all or nothing' service. If the Town decides to get PEG access, residents who sign on with Comcast will be charged a 5% surcharge on their Comcast bill.

John Quinn made a motion to schedule a public meeting at the school with Comcast, LCAT and the Westford High Speed Internet Research Group on either September 10th or 24th. Dave Tilton seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – STONEY RIDGE ROAD DISTURBANCES

Gary Matton, Linda Martin, Lois Reynolds and Lynn Zinger asked the Board to do a site visit for potential zoning and health issues of the Howard property. Maurice Rathbun and Dave will arrange to do this next week.

CLIMATE CHANGE GRANT BID

Dave proposed to accept Pat Haller's suggestion: Accept Building Energy's bid on the condition that they reduce it by \$1000 by eliminating the 4" of insulation in attic; rent a cellulose blower; have Pat blow in the attic insulation. John seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

TRAILS/CLASS 4 ROAD ORDINANCES

Joan Farmer and Lynn Zinger requested barriers be placed at beginning of Covey trail (both ends) along with new signage. John noted that Richard Bouffard will most likely need access to his property so suggested the barrier on that end be placed immediately after his driveway while

the trail sign be placed at end of Lynn's driveway. He will check with VLCT for exact sign language and pass this on to the Town Office. He also noted that VLCT advised the Town to keep policies and ordinances separate. Dave shared amendments to Travel on Trails Policy. John proposed that the SB Assistant include the state statute language where noted; have the VLCT review the changes; bring a clean, amended copy to the next Board Meeting for approval. Dave seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

VILLAGE CENTER DESIGNATION

Dave Tilton made a motion to grant Melissa Manka permission to enroll the Town of Westford in the Downtown Program as a Designated Village Center. John Quinn seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

GRAND LIST ERROR AND OMISSION

Dave Tilton made a motion to approve a correction to the Grand List for property owned by Carol Kilburn (06KL005). John seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

ROAD SCHEDULE

Dave Tilton made a motion to approve the Road Schedule for July 23, 2009 through August 13, 2009, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed 2-0.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Bills were approved, correspondence was read.

MINUTES

John Quinn made a motion to approve the amended minutes of July 9, 2009, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed 2-0.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:12p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Quinn, Chair
Selectboard

Susan G. Adams
Asst. Town Clerk