

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**August 13, 2009**

Present:	John Quinn Bob Bancroft Dave Tilton	Gary Estus Nanette Rogers Charlotte Vincent
Guests:	Lynn Zinger Glenn Rogers	Joan Farmer

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joan Farmer advised the Board that Grant Thomas would like to bring some gravel in to repair the ruts on Covey Trail. The Board explained that he needs to submit a site plan and obtain approval prior to the work being done.

**CLIMATE CHANGE GRANT BIDS**

Building Energy submitted a revised quote, which is \$700 less than the original bid reviewed on July 23, 2009.

Bob Bancroft made a motion to accept the bid submitted by Building Energy pending review by Pat Haller, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

Mero Mechanical submitted a \$1,079.50 bid for a 12 gallon electric water heater.

Bob Bancroft made a motion to accept the bid submitted by Mero Mechanical pending review by Robert Pitalla, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

Vermont Efficiency has enrolled the Town in the Lighting plus program. A contractor will be in contact to review the lighting and submit a bid. The deadline for the lighting was been extended to August 27, 2009.

**TRAILS/CLASS 4 ROAD ORDINANCE**

The Town attorney suggested changes to the draft ordinance. The Board wants the Town attorney to review a revised draft with the changes, check on the Town's authority over Class IV roads and determine if there is a conflict with the language. The Board believes it has the authority to temporarily close roads, including Class IV Roads and Town Trails, if necessary. This could help the Town address the problems occurring on Rogers Road.

**HARVESTING FIREWOOD ON TOWN PROPERTY**

Based on an opinion from the Town's attorney describing several issues that would need to be resolved, the Board will send a letter to Mr. Fitzgerald denying his request to harvest firewood from a town-owned parcel.

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

The Board requested a revised violation notice with changes from the Town attorney for the next meeting. A copy will be given to the Zoning Administrator.

### **TOWN PLAN UPDATE**

Bob attended the Planning Commission meeting regarding the draft Town Plan. The Plan includes a lot of "shalls". There are several areas he is concerned with this language. An example is the need to apply for an energy grant every year. He would like to see the language amended to be more flexible.

### **MARTEL LANE EASEMENT DEED**

Dave Tilton made a motion to approve the draft easement deed to Veda Ritchie Root and authorize John Quinn to sign it on behalf of the Town, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

### **ROAD NAME – WISTORT SUBDIVISION**

Dave Tilton made a motion to approve Treyton Court for a private road which is part of the Wistort subdivision off the Westford Milton Road, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

### **REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Dave Tilton made a motion to appoint Suzanne Blanchard as Westford's representative to the Regional Planning Commission, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

### **COMCAST REQUEST**

The Board received a request for Comcast to set up a table at the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for sales representatives to sign residents up for service. The Board approved set up in the hall outside the gym.

The Board would like to find out if PEG Access subscriptions from Richmond and Milton may be made independent of one another or if it is an all or nothing arrangement.

### **UTILITY LINE REQUEST**

The Board approved two requests submitted by Eustis Cable to install a utility line along Woods Hollow Road (under Muddy Dog Run) and Covey Road. Work to be completed between August 13, 2009 and September 11, 2009.

### **RON FREY PROPERTY – OLD STAGE ROAD**

Based on the site visit and a map from Regional Planning, the Board does not feel any road work performed by the Town caused the wet conditions on Ron Frey's property on Old Stage Road. The Board suspects that the construction of the three new homes has aggravated the situation. A letter will be sent to Mr. Frey along with a copy of the map.

### **SEYMOUR TRAIL**

The Board received a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Seymour Trail as well as an opinion from Jim Ryan, a Watershed Coordinator for the State of Vermont. Permits will be required by the Army Corps of Engineers to rebuild Seymour Trail from the Kilburn Lane entrance. Approval of the permits is questionable. The Town is not prepared to apply for the permits. A letter will be sent to Mr. Pigeon along with a copy of the letter from the Army Corps of Engineers.

### **PAVING QUOTE FOR COMMON ROAD**

The Town received a quote from Premier Paving in the amount of \$2,800 to pave a portion of Common Road due to the reconstruction of the intersection with Route 128. The Town had estimated the project to cost approximately \$1,500. An option would be to pave 2" and do the rest in the future, possibly when the State paves Route 128.

Dave Tilton authorized expenditure of \$2,800 for paving a portion of Common Road, work to be performed by Premier Paving, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

#### **ROAD SCHEDULE**

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the Road Schedule for August 14, 2009 through August 27, 2009, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

#### **BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Bills were approved, correspondence was read.

Dave Tilton made a motion to authorize funds for the Town Clerk to attend the annual business meeting of the Vermont Clerk's and Treasurer's Association in Fairlee, Vermont September 21-22, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 2-0. Bob Bancroft recused himself.

#### **MINUTES**

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2009, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed 3-0.

Dave Tilton made a motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2009 as amended, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the minutes of July 31, 2009 as amended, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

#### **ADJOURN**

Dave Tilton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Quinn, Chair  
Selectboard

Nanette Rogers  
Town Clerk