

SELECTBOARD MEETING
February 11, 2010

Present:	John Quinn David Tilton Bob Bancroft	Nanette Rogers Charlotte Vincent
Guests:	Melissa Manka Robert Pittala	Mary Campi

The meeting was called to order by John Quinn at 6:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dave Tilton made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0. People in attendance were John Quinn, Bob Bancroft, Dave Tilton and Melissa Manka.

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Pittala asked if the Board has followed up on his suggestion of consolidating public hearings to a specific period of the year. The Board hasn't been able to discuss this yet. Rob will follow up again at a later date.

Mary Campi, Dog Warden, met with the Board to discuss whether a hearing should be held due to multiple nuisance complaints filed against the same dogs. After a brief discussion of the events the Board asked Mary to send a letter to the dogs' owners to advise that a hearing with the Selectboard will be held if she receives another substantiated complaint.

TOWN PLAN DRAFT

The Planning Commission has finished their work on the draft Town Plan. The Selectboard can make changes to the plan before warning the public hearing. The Planning Commission made almost all the changes that were suggested at their public hearing. Usage of the school as a community center should be mentioned in the Plan. Work sessions are scheduled for February 25th and March 25th.

CAPITAL BUDGET

Bob presented a worksheet to reflect potential reserves for purchases exceeding \$50,000 with a 10% down payment. The Board feels they are ready to adopt the Capital Budget however it cannot be adopted until after the Town Plan is adopted.

FEE SCHEDULE

The Board reviewed the revised Fee Schedule. They decided there should be a fee for a Certificate of Occupancy due to staff time involved in inspection(s). If an appellant prevails in an appeal of a decision of the Zoning Administrator, the fee will be refunded. If a WRO conditional use hearing is held in conjunction with a subdivision hearing, the conditional use application fee is reduced. The Board feels the revised fees are more in line with neighboring towns and more adequately covers the Town's expenses. The Board is ready to adopt the schedule at their next meeting.

FISH PASSAGE PROJECT

The Winooski NRCD is seeking support from the Town for a grant they are pursuing. The proposed project would improve upstream fish passage involving the box culvert located at the intersection of Osgood Hill Road and Machia Hill Road. The support would be in-kind services

to help them meet the matching funds requirement. The Town is willing to provide in-kind services in the amount of \$100 for public outreach.

ROAD SCHEDULE

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the Road Schedule for January 29, 2010 through February 11, 2010, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE

The Board signed the highway mileage certificate. There were no changes.

GRAND LIST CERTIFICATION

The Board signed a certificate stating that there are no appeals or suits pending with regard to the 2009 Grand List.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Bills were approved and correspondence was read.

MINUTES

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2010 as amended, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

Dave Tilton made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2010 as amended, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS

The Chair approved an Excess Weight Permit for G.W. Tatro and Edward Perron Trucking.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dave Tilton made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss personnel, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0. People in attendance were John Quinn, Bob Bancroft, Dave Tilton and Charlotte Vincent.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Quinn, Chair
Westford Selectboard

Nanette Rogers
Town Clerk