

SELECTBOARD MEETING
March 11, 2010

Present:	John Quinn David Tilton Bob Bancroft		Gary Estus Nanette Rogers
Guests:	Sarah Pinto Erik Brennan Claire Leonard Russell Patterson Billy Heath, III	Joel Fay Julie Potter Naomi Shaw Jack Gallagher	Eric Henshaw Suzanne Blanchard Floyd Sheesley Iverson Sheesley

The meeting was called to order by John Quinn at 7:04 p.m.

REORGANIZATION

Bob Bancroft nominated Dave Tilton as chair, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0.

Bob Bancroft made a motion that the Board meet regularly on the second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Thursday evenings of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at the Town Office, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0.

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the Selectboard's Rules of Procedure, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0.

ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

Julie Potter and Claire Leonard were present to discuss the All Hazards Mitigation Plan draft. With the help of a grant, the Regional Planning Commission updated data and analysis in the existing Plan. The RPC is prepared to submit the draft to FEMA for approval. The current Plan expires in May. It is unclear how long it will take FEMA to approve the draft. The RPC is seeking approval from municipalities.

The Board expressed their concern being committed to something they can't do that is stated in the Plan, and sections of the Mitigation Plan referencing the Town's expired Town Plan. The Board would like the new Town Plan language incorporated; adoption of the new Town Plan is planned for the end of April. It was suggested that a note be included advising that language from the new Town Plan when adopted would substitute language in the Mitigation Plan.

There was a discussion with regard to following up on action items. It was noted that the action plans outlined in the current Mitigation Plan have not been done due to lack of funding and resources. The Board is concerned about the action plans in the draft Plan falling on the wayside as well. Julie advised that Westford is not alone with this. Although approval of the Hazard Mitigation Plan assists Towns with applying for grants, she doesn't think there would be serious repercussions if the action items aren't followed up; for example the Town would still receive aid for emergency situations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Conservation Commissioners Sarah Pinto and Joel Fay were present to discuss closing the town trails during mud season. Sarah does not feel the Town's Trail Ordinance addresses closing the trails. Bob believes the Town has the authority to close any town right of way, including town trails, when deemed appropriate. However, abutting landowners can't be denied access. The Town will seek an opinion from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns regarding language to close the trails. If permissible, a notice will be included on the Front Porch Forum, in the

Newsletter and on the website. The notice will include a statement advising trail users why the Town has closed the trail.

CUB SCOUT REQUEST

Weeblo Pack 631 from Milton was present to request permission to prune apple trees located on a parcel the Town owns on the Westford Milton Road. Their efforts, if approved, would assist their work towards obtaining an Outdoorsman Badge. Only hand tools will be used. They would like to do the pruning at the end of March. The Board approved the request.

COMPOST BINS

Bob Bancroft made a motion to sell the compost bins for \$46.00 each. The price includes tax. Seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

AUDITOR APPLICANT

Naomi Shaw was present to discuss her interest in the Auditor position. She has financial experience and would like to help the community. A brief explanation of the process regarding the Town Report was reviewed. It was noted this is a vacant elected position; compensation is the form of a stipend. The Board will contact Naomi with their decision.

ROAD SCHEDULE

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the Road Schedule for March 12, 2010 through March 25, 2010, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0.

Gary has received a quote of \$1,509.73 for the oil/water separator. The Board approved the amount.

ANNUAL TOWN HIGHWAY FINANCIAL PLAN

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the Annual Town Highway Financial Plan, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Bills were approved and correspondence was read.

Dog Warden Mary Campi submitted a request for reimbursement to a training seminar. The cost of the seminar is not in the current budget. Fletcher may pay up to 50% of the cost. The Board noted that this is not the first time Mary has purchased something without prior approval. They will remind her that prior approval is needed and ask that a budget be submitted for consideration in the fall for the FY'12 budget. All Board members commented on the outstanding job she does.

Dave Tilton made a motion to reimburse Mary Campi 50% of the NACA Training Academy tuition, and request she seek additional reimbursement from the Dog Rescue fund and the Town of Fletcher, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0.

ROAD NAME

John Quinn made a motion to approve Merlo Lane for a private road which is part of the Merlo subdivision off Covey Road, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET

John Quinn advised that Barb Peck and Kaye Alexander are making progress toward obtaining high speed Internet service for the Route 128 corridor. He proposed that Barb and Kaye develop a business analysis and present it to the Board. Jon Fick, John Doty and Martha Heath will be invited to attend.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

John Quinn made a motion to appoint new officers as follows, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

Inspector of Wood & Lumber & Weigher of Coal	1 year term	Kyle Hobart
Fence Viewers	1 year term	Bruce Root, Grant Thomas, Scot Phillips
Tree Warden	1 year term	Ned Meehan
Town Service Officer	1 year term	Helene Jorschick
Land Agent	1 year term	Benjamin Stark
Chemical Coordinator	1 year term	Erik Brennan
Emergency Program Manager	1 year term	Erik Brennan
Development Review Board	3 year term	Jason Hoover, Eric Jacobsen
DRB Alternate Representatives	1 year term	Patrick Haller, Seth Jensen
Conservation Commission	4 years	Joel Fay, Earl Mongeon, Mark Winer
Recreation Committee	3 years	Noel Boutin, Randy Aiken

PENDING AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will decide on PEG Access at their April 22nd meeting.

EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS

The Chair approved Excess Weight Permits for Big Dog Trucking, Hinesburg Sand & Gravel, Edward Brannagan, Dale Percy, Inc., S.D. Ireland, H.A. Manosh, Irick Excavating, Gray's Excavating, Camp Precast Concrete, Ormond Bushey & Sons, Weston Pulpwood Sales, Dana Sweet Trucking, .

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bob Bancroft made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:14 p.m. to discuss personnel, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0. People in attendance were John Quinn, Bob Bancroft, Dave Tilton, Gary Estus and Nanette Rogers.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:16 p.m.

John Quinn made a motion to appoint Naomi Shaw as Auditor, seconded by Bob Bancroft. Motion passed: 3-0.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Tilton, Chair
Westford Selectboard

Nanette Rogers
Town Clerk