

ROAD SCHEDULE

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the Road Schedule for June 28, 2010 through July 10, 2010, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0.

The Board received an email suggesting the Town seek reimbursement from the State for additional costs for maintenance on town roads due to the Route 128 repaving project. The Board will send a letter to the VTrans resident engineer overseeing the project.

MINUTES

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the May 25, 2010 minutes as written, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0.

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the June 10, 2010 minutes as written, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0.

WESTFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUND REQUEST

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve \$250 for the restoration of the theatre curtains, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0.

STATE POLICE CONTRACT

John Quinn made a motion to enter into a \$7,500 contract with the State Police for July 1, 2010 through June 20, 2011, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

PACE PROGRAM

Pat Haller from the Energy Committee was present. The Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN) sent an invite to participate in developing clean assessment information collectively with other Vermont Communities. The Energy Committee feels this is a good opportunity for the Town to get answers to questions and would be beneficial if a district is created. Participation involves in-kind matching funds. The Board decided to participate given that there is no commitment to create a Clean Energy Assessment districts.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST FROM CCSU

Town Clerk, Nanette Rogers, received a request from Mike DeWeese at Chittenden Central Supervisory Union (CCSU) for various information ranging from voter participation statistics for recent school budget votes to town budget information. The Town Clerk answered all the questions with the exception of the ones pertaining to the town budget. The email was forwarded to the Treasurer and Selectboard for their response.

Bob Bancroft feels requests of this nature should come from the School Board not CCSU and should be sent to the Selectboard not the Town Clerk. Some of the requested information can be found in the Town Report.

Bob expressed particular concern over a request made to Nanette Rogers, Town Clerk, seeking observations of why the budget was defeated and suggestions on how to achieve passage of a budget. He feels this request is inappropriate given that a Town Clerk should remain impartial. Several people at the meeting agreed. Nanette said she suggested Mike and the School Board refer to posts on the Front Porch Forum and to solicit comments from members of the Group of Concerned Citizens in response to the request.

The Board will advise that the FY'10 and FY'11 budgets approved by the voters can be found in the Town Report, as well as the additional articles passed by the voters; the current tax rate and estimated tax rate for FY'11 will be provided; the average pay change is 2%; and health benefits are paid 100% for full time town employees only (single person policy).

Bob Bancroft made a motion to send the above answers to Mike DeWeese and request that future requests for information come from the School Board. A copy of the letter will be sent to the School Board, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

TOWN REPORT & TOWN BUDGET TIMELINE

Auditors Maurice Rathbun and Lois Reynolds met with the Treasurer, Town Clerk and Selectboard to discuss deadlines for the Town Report. Financial reports based on a fiscal year, are due by September 30th. All others, mostly school related reports, are due no later than January 20th. The Auditors and Town Clerk will have fiscal year reports ready for the printer by November 30th. All other reports will be proofed and sent to the printer as soon as possible but no later than when the town and school warnings are sent. The goal is to have town reports in the mail 14 days before Town Meeting.

The Board will begin budget discussions in October. A request will be made for anyone on a calendar year to submit a fiscal year budget.

ACCESS PERMIT

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve Vassily Crettol's access permit application for property on Allen Irish Road, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS RESERVE FUND

Bob Bancroft made a motion to fund the Municipal Records Reserve Fund \$4.00 per page from recording fees received for documents recorded in the Land Records, seconded by John Quinn. Motion passed: 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE TOWN COMMON

A request to use the Town Common on July 6th by obedience competition dogs and their owners to practice for upcoming shows was received. The Town Common Committee has approved the use as long as the dog's owners clean up the area.

Bob Bancroft made a motion to approve the request as approved by the Common Committee, seconded by Dave Tilton. Motion passed: 3-0.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

A resident submitted an article for the newsletter regarding invasive species. The article will be forwarded to the Conservation Commission for their consideration. Only Town sanctioned organizations or businesses that provide Town services are allowed to publish articles in the Town Newsletter.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE

Bills were approved and correspondence was read.

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ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Tilton, Chair
Westford Selectboard

Nanette Rogers
Town Clerk