

Minutes of the February 8, 2010 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Joe De Freitas, Delbert Cloud, Geneva Gaiko, David Eddy, Mark Langevin, and Amy Danley-White for the "Herald of Randolph."

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Neal Fox, the Board first reviewing and approving the weekly payroll and payables, and the Constable's report of February 1, 2010. The minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting of the Board of Selectmen were approved by motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried.

The subject of the Town Hall Rehabilitation project was then taken up. The minutes of the Town Hall Restoration Committee were first reviewed and placed on file. Several items were noted as being present within the building; these will be used by the contractor to replicate new pieces for installation, or in some cases actually used if the condition of the item may allow. (Examples of these being doors, stone lentils, wood moulding, etc.) The "Notice of Award" has now been issued to E. F. Wall and Associates, and it is still hoped that a "Notice to Proceed" can be issued the week of February 8<sup>th</sup>; the contractor has indicated a wish to start work at the site early in the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried, to authorize Delbert Cloud to sign the construction contract and any associated documents when they become available. The Board discussed the options for heating both floors of the building, and it was agreed that Joe De Freitas would obtain more specifics from a source of information he has available regarding the heating options. David Eddy suggested that there might be logic in using more than one type of system, to work in conjunction with each other. A decision on the heating system will be made in the near future. The Board reviewed documents submitted by Mascoma Savings Bank re. the provision of interim financing for the project; a Promissory Note in the amount of \$1,300,000.00 and associated documents pertaining to said loan (which is a Line of Credit to be drawn piecemeal as need requires) were then unanimously approved and endorsed by the Board members. Information re. the Food Shelf transmitted by Email from Janet Burnham as of February 1, 2010 was also reviewed, no action being required by the Board at this time on this matter.

Delbert Cloud provided the Board with information recently received from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank re. "Recovery Zone" financing. It was agreed that Cloud should learn more about the potential of the matter as it might also be relevant in consideration of the need for an annual audit in lieu of utilizing annual certifications issued by an elected Board of Auditors.

The minutes of the Local Emergency Planning Committee for December 17, 2009 were next reviewed and placed on file. It was agreed that David Aldrighetti should be asked to attend a forthcoming meeting to update the Board on his perceptions as the Town's representative to that Committee.

The Board then examined a draft of the "Certificate of Highway Mileage for the Year Ending February 10, 2010," this document being annually submitted to the Vermont Agency of Transportation as the basis for calculation of the amount of State Aid for Highways due the Town. In recent years, this document has also listed the Class 4 roads being held or added, for which State Aid is not provided. The Board made final review of recommendations submitted by the appointed Class 4 Road Committee, these addressing the status of fourteen roadways, and agreed that five of the roadways are legally existent Town Highways which should be added on the referenced "Certificate". The subject five highways collectively represent 5.81 miles of class 4 highway, and are described as follows:

- (1) A road commencing at the southerly end of Hooper Hollow Road (TH #32) and running in a southerly direction 0.94 mile to the Stockbridge Town Line.
- (2) A road commencing at the southerly side of Byam Road (TH #22) approximately 0.93 mile westerly from the intersection with Gilead Brook

Road (TH #7) and running in a southerly direction 1.71 miles to intersect with Camp Brook Road (TH #2).

- (3) A road commencing at the southerly side of Byam Road (TH #22) approximately 0.41 mile westerly from the intersection with Gilead Brook Road (TH #7) and running in a southerly direction 1.70 miles to intersect with Pond Road (TH #80).
- (4) A road commencing at the westerly side of Christian Hill Road (TH #6) approximately 0.1 mile southerly from the intersection with Scammel Lane (TH #30) and running in a northwesterly direction 1.09 miles to intersect with Wilson Hill Road (TH #28) at approximately 0.30 miles from its southeasterly intersection with Sanders Road.
- (5) A road commencing at the southerly end of Pinello Road (TH #93) and continuing in a southerly direction 0.37 miles to intersect with the northwesterly boundary of property currently owned by William & Carol Tufts Family Trust.

With this addition provided for, motion to approve the "Certificate" was made by Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried. The Board members then endorsed the "Certificate" and instructed Delbert Cloud to forward it to the Town Clerk per statutory requirements, and to ensure that it will be forwarded to the Agency of Transportation prior to February 20, 2010.

Chairman Fox welcomed Mark Langevin who said he has concerns regarding a class 4 highway that has already been mapped in the vicinity of his house in the Lilliesville area. The road appears to be very close to his buildings, and the buildings of others. He also has not been able to correlate the lay-out description to GPS coordinates. It was agreed that Mr. Langevin would stop at the Town Office to review the complete file, which would hopefully answer certain of his questions, or identify further questions.

The Board next reviewed budget status reports dated February 3, 2010 for the Town General Fund and the enterprise funds (Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste.) Discussion ensued on various line items of revenue and expenditure, much of this focusing on how best to record the activity of the "Highway Equipment Trust Fund." No action was required or taken, these reports being informational at this time.

Considering scheduling of business which needs to be taken up at forthcoming meetings, the Board made the following provisions: (1) at the meeting of February 22, 2010, the agenda will include discussion of the Town Meeting Warning, and the planning work associated with the regional Transportation Advisory Committee, (2) the agenda of March 8, 2010 will include an evaluation of the Cemetery Rules & Regulations, and (3) the agenda of March 22, 2010 will include a review of the water and wastewater services and mains on Bicentennial Lane, to consider if any portion of the wastewater collection system that is now private should be taken over as a public system.

Regarding a development project proposed by Peter Nikolaidis at 245 Main Street, the motion was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried, to approve additional water and sewage capacity for the project, based on the following parameters:

"That an increase in capacity of 200 gallons/per day for wastewater and 225 gallons/per day for water will have no adverse impacts on the wastewater system with respect to downstream sewer lines and pump stations, and the increased flow from the subject sewer connections will not cause an overload of, or increased overflows from, the sewer system."

By motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried, it was agreed that a dish antennae could be placed on Town-owned land on Church Street

subject to the customary provisions by which such installations have been provided for on other Town property.

At 8:40 PM, the motion was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried, to enter executive session to discuss negotiations of conditions to be incorporated in a contract for services associated with the Town Hall, premature public knowledge of which would not be in the best interest of the Town. Delbert Cloud was the only person remaining with the Board during the executive session. No minutes were kept. Upon return to open meeting, the only motion was to adjourn, this being made at 9:40 PM by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried.

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Bill Richards

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Joe De Freitas