

Minutes of the May 24, 2010 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Joe De Freitas, Delbert Cloud, Geneva Gaiko, Rosella Leonard, Gregory Fedak, Susan Fedak, 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. A letter dated May 18, 2010 from Janie Huntley re. cemeteries was reviewed and placed on file. The Board members unanimously endorsed a "Dog Warrant" submitted from the Town Clerk, this authorizing the Town Constable to enforce State laws with respect to the licensing of dogs and wolf-hybrids.

The minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting of the Board of Selectmen were then approved by motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried. Delbert Cloud conveyed a suggestion from Ellen Nobile with respect to placement of a smaller tree for holiday decorating, this being to place such a tree at the upper end of the Church Street Bridge on property formerly owned by the Blow family. The Board members concurred, and Delbert Cloud will confirm with the supplier (Dandelion Acres) as to availability of the tree for planting. The motion to formalize this was made by Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried.

The Board next reviewed and placed on file the minutes of the May 19, 2010 meeting of the Planning Commission. Board members noted that portions of the Town Plan revisions are now available for review and comment.

Recreation Committee minutes for meetings of May 11, 2010 and May 18, 2010 were reviewed and placed on file. A new format for the "Bethel Recreation Center Rules" was reviewed, this having been prepared by the Committee. A pamphlet entitled "Bethel, Vermont Parks & Recreation" was also reviewed, the Board being very favorably impressed with both the appearance and content of this.

The "Basic Emergency Operations Plan" which provides methodology for dealing with local emergencies was reviewed, this being updated at least annually. Minor changes have been made to provide for current data. Finding the updated Plan acceptable, motion was made by Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried to approve the Plan and to authorize Neal Fox to sign same on behalf of the full Board.

The Board next reviewed the regional planning commission minutes of April 28, 2010, and the Transportation Advisory Commission minutes of May 6, 2010. Both of these were placed on file with no action being required or taken by the Board.

A "Petition and Order for Pole and Wire Locations" was then taken up, this having been submitted by Fairpoint Communications for relocations of apparatus in association with replacement of Town Bridge #48 on "Old Route 12." A representative of Fairpoint has assured that property owners have issued approval for the work intended. After review of the associated plans, motion was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried to approve the "Petition and Order" as submitted.

The Board reviewed a copy of a bill the Town Clerk recently received from Paini Monuments which shows greater expense for setting cemetery corner markers, the cost having risen from \$125 to \$150. The motion was made by Neal Fox, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried, to update the rate schedule for lot purchases accordingly in the Town's "Cemetery Rules & Regulations."

The Board then took up business associated with the Town Hall Rehabilitation project. Delbert Cloud provided the Board with copies of the project costs spreadsheet to date of May 25, 2010. The basis for, and costs of, each Change Order to the original contract were reviewed. Details of the heating system for the main floor meeting level were discussed. It was agreed that the radiator heat level should run at a maximum of 180 degrees thus allowing use of 59.5 inch radiator units, these not requiring as much structural work to install as larger units would require. The higher water temperature

would be off-set by acquiring covers which are available in a wide variety of materials, styles and colors; the covers would also eliminate the need for painting the radiators.

The Board members expressed pleasure over the amount of feed-back which had been received re. renting a portion of the lower level of the Hall, and hoped that more would be forthcoming. Susan Fedak commented that the public should be well-aware of both the Selectboard meeting times and Committee meeting times, and that there has been ample opportunity for people to offer their thoughts. Rosella Leonard concurred, noting that there has already been a great deal of publicity about potential rental of a portion of the basement level. Neal Fox indicated his wish that a decision could be made on the concept prior to completion of the rehabilitation work, noting that the involved area being considered for a rental is not the only space available for meetings in the building, and that the space is less than half of the lower level (45%). Susan Fedak asked if a professional office space might be considered for rental; the Board reiterated its preference that the Town should not be in competition with the private sector for rental space. It was left that the Town would place a notice in the Bethel section of the "Herald" to inform the public that tenants are being considered for the involved space and that interested parties should immediately let the Town know of their interest; a target date for resolution on the course of action was set as June 28, 2010. The "Job Meeting Minutes" for May 11, 2010 were then reviewed and placed on file. It was agreed that the Board members would look at markings set by CVPS at the Main Street Parking Lot which show pole locations requested in order to upgrade the electrical service to the Town Hall; comments or concerns will be routed back to the Town Office.

The Board then reviewed the training attained by the Town Constable, noting with satisfaction that he has now become fully certified as a "Part-time Police Professional."

A letter dated May 4, 2010 from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources was next reviewed, this being relevant to the spillage of a small quantity of diesel fuel from the dispensing hose at the Town Garage in 2002. This letter in essence provides that the Town does not have to do "any additional work in response to the 2002 diesel pump leak." No contamination of continuing concern has been detected.

The motion to enter executive session to discuss legal issues in which the Town is a party was then made by Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried. Delbert Cloud was the only person remaining with the Board during the executive session. No minutes were kept.

Upon return to open meeting, the Board considered a response to a May 20, 2010 letter from Frank F. Berk, Esq. re. the issue with a dog owned by Glen and Kristen Strong. It was agreed that the letter held several inaccuracies, and that the action requested is unfounded. Delbert Cloud was instructed to draft a response accordingly and to advise that the "Order" of the Selectboard issued May 10, 2010 shall remain in effect.

With no further business to attend, motion to adjourn was made at 9:15 PM by Bill Richards, this being seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried.

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Bill Richards

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Joe De Freitas