

Minutes of the June 8, 2009 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Joe De Freitas, Delbert Cloud, Geneva Gaiko, Road Foreman Robert Hyde, First Constable James Bennett, Second Constable James Mason, John Duddie, Lee Bohn, Charles Davis, and Paul Buckley. Fire Chief David Aldrighetti, and Derek Aldrighetti were present at the Fire Station when the meeting subsequently reconvened there.

The meeting was called to order at the Bethel Town Office at 6:00 PM by Chairman Neal Fox. The minutes of the May 27, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen were approved by motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried. The Constables' reports of June 1, 2009 and May 31, 2009 were reviewed and placed on file.

The Board reviewed a submittal from Forcier Aldrich & Associates re. the final design and construction phase of the River Street Bridge Water Main Replacement Project. The application for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was signed by the Board members for submittal to the Vermont Water Supply Division.

Robert Hyde and Delbert Cloud presented information pertaining to recent bids from suppliers of equipment needed for the Highway Department. Features of the various items of equipment were discussed and the relative costs compared. After due consideration, motion was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried, to authorize Delbert Cloud to make necessary arrangement for acquisition of the following equipment utilizing the Highway Equipment Fund and other necessary interim financing provisions: a Komatsu WA250-6 wheel loader, a 2010 International plow truck, and a 2010 Ford F550 4 x 4. The following equipment presently owned by the Town will be traded as part of the transactions: the Caterpillar 928G wheel loader, the 2004 Sterling plow truck, and the 2004 F550. The described acquisitions are all as projected on the schedule of equipment trades supported by the Highway Equipment Fund. After this matter of business was completed, Robert Hyde departed.

With the time then being 6:45 PM, Chairman Fox welcomed John Duddie, he having indicated interest in serving on the Town Planning Commission. Mr. Duddie gave a brief resume of his experience, and spoke of conversations he has held with present Planning Commission members. Upon completion of the discussion, Chairman Fox thanked Mr. Duddie for offering his assistance, and said the Board would review the matter further and advise of its conclusion in the very near future. Mr. Duddie departed at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Fox then welcomed James Bennett and James Mason, Town Constables. The ensuing discussion encompassed the need for a Constable to be quite readily available for required duty, and for a visible presence to be frequently made. It was agreed that James Mason should take additional training in order to be qualified for additional duty. Delbert Cloud will ascertain when the training at the Pittsford Police Academy can be scheduled, and the two Constables will look into the available options for getting the corresponding field training completed. The Constables then departed, the time being approximately 7:30 PM.

In independent sequence, the Board then discussed the position of "Clerk of the Works" for the Town Hall rehabilitation project with three applicants for the position. The Board members advised each applicant that a decision would be made during the current week if at all possible; the recommendation of the preferred applicant will need to be approved by the pending financier, Rural Development.

At 8:35 PM, the Board returned to the order of the Agenda, and reviewed a list of pending vacancies/re-appointments in Town offices and committees. No action was taken at this time.

A Form 411 was reviewed, this having been submitted by the Board of Listers as a tentative casting of the Grand List as of June 8, 2009. No action was required or taken.

A June 7, 2009 memo from Dick Adams re. all terrain vehicles usage on State owned lands was then discussed. It was agreed that the local ATV club has been extremely cooperative and proactive in establishing a recreational activity enjoyed by many people, and that a letter of support for the requested use of State lands for connecting trails should be prepared. Motion accordingly was made by Neal Fox, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried.

At 8:45 PM the motion was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried, to adjourn to the Fire Station at 587 Pleasant Street to meet with the Fire Chief for an inspection of the newly acquired first response vehicle, and to inspect the other equipment now within the Department's fleet. It was noted that several pieces of equipment are in need of replacement, and the Board will review a recommendation from the Department on the type of equipment desired as replacement and the timing as might be applicable when such recommendation is available.

Subsequent to the tour of the Station and the inspection of the equipment, the Board took up further matters of business associated with the evening's Agenda. By motion of Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried, John Duddie was appointed to the Planning Commission for a term commencing July 1, 2009 and running to June 30, 2012. It was also agreed that Charles Davis should be offered the position of Clerk of the Works for the Town Hall rehabilitation project subject to concurrence on the rate of compensation and approval of USDA Rural Development.

With no further business to attend, the motion to adjourn was made at 10:45 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