

Minutes of the June 28, 2010 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Joe De Freitas, Delbert Cloud, Geneva Gaiko, Richard Bryfogle, 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. The minutes of the June 14, 2010 meeting of the Board of Selectmen were approved by motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried. Two "Animal Bite Reports" from the Health Officer were reviewed and placed on file, these being dated May 12, 2010 and June 12, 2010; no action was required or taken by the Board on the subject "Reports." Under "old business" stemming from the June 14th meeting, notes pertaining to interim financing for construction projects and "end of year" close-out were approved by motion of Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried.

Several committee meeting minutes were reviewed and placed on file: (1) Planning Commission minutes of June 16, 2010; (2) Town Hall Committee minutes of June 21, 2010, inclusive of the job meeting minutes of June 14, 2010; (3) the Development Review Board minutes of May 18, 2010; and (4) the regional planning commission minutes of April 14, May 12, and May 26, 2010.

Regarding business associated with the Town Hall rehabilitation project, the Board asked Delbert Cloud to prepare available information about the provisions for sound and light transmission systems as would be installed for facilitation of meetings and/or theatrical programming. This information will be reviewed at the next Board meeting on July 12, 2010.

Delbert Cloud advised the Board that three individuals whose terms on the Development Review Board expire on June 30th have each agreed to accept re-appointment. Accordingly, motion was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried, to re-appoint Eric Benson, Beverly Washburn, and Kent Batcheller to three-year terms ending June 30, 2013.

The Board made a final review of the Grand List value as prepared by the Board of Listers for fiscal year 2011 tax billing purposes, noting with satisfaction that the necessary tax rate for support of Town services and programs will be a penny less than had been projected at the time of the Annual Town Meeting. Motion was made by Neal Fox, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried, to set the Town Tax Rate at Sixty-nine (\$0.69) cents per one hundred dollars of Grand List value. The State of Vermont has not yet informed the Town of the necessary rate(s) in support of the education budget, but it is anticipated that the information will be available in time for mailing tax bills the prescribed 30 days in advance of the first installment due date, which is August 16, 2010. (Town staff hopes bills can be sent out prior to July 10th.)

Delbert Cloud informed the Board of various details about a highway right-of-way which is located near the intersection of Vermont State routes 12 and 107 in the vicinity of Locust Creek. An abutting property owner has asked if the Town would be willing to discontinue the subject right-of-way, reverting title to the abutting property owners. Motion to take up the matter under the procedure prescribed by Vermont law, with a Public Hearing and site visit to be held on August 9th, was made by Neal Fox, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried.

Chairman Fox welcomed Richard Bryfogle and asked if he had matters he wished to discuss with the Board. Mr. Bryfogle replied that he is launching a candidacy for the Vermont Legislature and wished to make that known to the public and to Town officials. He visited briefly with the Board, prior to the board then returning to the order of the Agenda.

Delbert Cloud updated the Board on the status of the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation projects at bridges on Vermont Route 12 over Locust Creek and on Vermont Routes 12 and 107 (River Street) over the Main Branch of the White River. Pictures of two bridges having similarity to the River Street Bridge have been provided

by the Agency to allow a better impression to be gained of the bridge's design. No action was required or taken by the Board.

The Board then discussed information known to date about the sewer collection system serving the individual homes on Bicentennial Lane. It was agreed that the matter should be taken up again, as has been requested by the property owners, and that the matter should be entered on the Agenda for the meeting of July 12, 2010.

The following items of communication were reviewed under "other business": (1) the summary of "Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring" at the former Bethel-Royalton landfill, this having now been received from Endyne Laboratories, and (2) streamwater monitoring report from the White River Partnership for samplings of June 16, 2010.

At 9:07 PM, the motion was made by Joe De Freitas to enter executive session to discuss potential provisions of a lease as could become applicable to certain Town property, this being seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried. The only person remaining with the Board during the executive session was Delbert Cloud; no minutes were kept. Upon return to open meeting at 9:40 PM, the only motion was that to adjourn, this being made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried.

Neal Fox

Bill Richards

Joe De Freitas