

Minutes of the March 10, 2008 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Joe De Freitas, Delbert Cloud, Geneva Gaiko, and Mary Anderson 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 Constables' reports of March 2, 3, and 9, 2008 were reviewed and placed on file. By motion of Bill Richards, seconded by Neal Fox and thus carried, the minutes of the February 25, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen were approved. The Planning Commission minutes of January 16, 2008 and February 20, 2008 were reviewed and placed on file, as were the minutes of the Regional Planning Commission for meetings of January 9 and 23, 2008.

Documents for renewal of a line of credit for the Wastewater Department were unavailable from Mascoma Savings Bank. This item was thus passed over, it being noted that interest has been paid to the date of renewal.

Delbert Cloud relayed a request from the civic service program at Whitcomb Middle/High School, said program requesting ideas for civic projects/activities which could be done by students during early-mid April. The Board suggested that parks and cemeteries might need attention, as would the Recreation Center, but much would depend on weather and ground conditions at that time. Delbert Cloud will coordinate as appropriate with the school representative.

The Board next reviewed a letter from the Vermont Department for Children and Families, this advising that the Town Service Officer appointment will expire on April 15th. Motion was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried, to re-appoint David Allen as the Town Service Officer per 33 VSA Section 2102.

The Board noted that the only other vacancy presently existing in Town Offices and Committees is the unexpired term on the Development Review Board ending July 1, 2010. Motion to appoint Eric Benson to said term on the Development Review Board was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried.

The following projects were then discussed, to confirm plans: (1) the East Central Fiber initiative, it being agreed that legal advice re. the proposed Inter-Local Contract should be obtained, potentially in conjunction with other Towns having interest in that same contract; (2) the "Enhancement Grant" from the Agency of Transportation whereby streetscape improvements will be done in the proximity of the Church Street Bridge; (3) the upgrading of communications equipment for the Fire Department, it being agreed that the project should be advanced as expeditiously as would be prudent to do; (4) the Town Hall Rehabilitation Project, it being agreed that information now requested from the architect will enable plans to be set forth to utilize funding sources which are either available or anticipated; (5) permanent financing for the Church Street Bridge replacement project, hopefully by participation in the Municipal Bond Bank sale in June, preparations for same requiring a single purpose audit; (6) installation of a "dry hydrant" at Lake Ansel; (7) completion of repairs to Town highways and bridges as necessitated by the flood of July 11, 2008; and (8) reconstruction of the deck on the "Ethelyn Adams Bridge."

Delbert Cloud informed the Board that Forcier Aldrich & Associates is prepared to meet with the Board on May 12, 2008 to present recommendations on rate schedules for the Water and Wastewater Departments as a conclusion to the evaluation that company has made. This date was found acceptable by the Board members, it being a regular meeting night.

Various ideas were discussed as might be the basis for a grant application to the Agency of Transportation under either the "Roadway" or "Structures" grant programs. It was agreed that Delbert Cloud should prepare an application under the "Structures" category to address the deteriorating deck conditions on bridges 48 and 49, these both being on Old Route 12.

Two items of correspondence were reviewed and placed on file: (1) notice from the Snelling Center at UVM of a "Leadership" program being offered, and (2) the February 2008 newsletter of the Northern Vermont RC&D Council.

With no further business to attend, the motion to adjourn was made by Bill Richards at 8:40 PM; this motion was seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried.

Neal Fox

Bill Richards

Joe De Freitas