

Minutes of the July 9, 2007 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Delbert Cloud, Amy Bergamo, Geneva Gaiko, and James Bennett.

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 Constable's reports of July 1 and July 8, 2007 were reviewed and placed on file. The minutes of the June 25, 2007 meeting of the Board of Selectmen were approved by motion of Neal Fox, seconded by Bill Richards and thus carried. Stemming from past business, a letter to Raymond Forrest was endorsed by the Board members, this being to acknowledge the public service done by Mr. Forrest during his tenure as Fire Chief. A Line of Credit with Mascoma Savings Bank (#64017147) was renewed, per motion of Neal Fox, seconded by Bill Richards.

The minutes of the June 28, 2007 meeting of the Town Hall Finance Committee were then discussed. Amy Bergamo asked for direction as to what projects would be given priority for restoration work after completion of the roof repair/replacement. It was agreed that any work remaining in the "Prospectus, Phase I" should be addressed, particularly if any foundation/drainage work is found to be needed. It was noted that bids for the roof project will be received on July 18th, and that the Selectboard will publicly open them at 5:00 PM.

The Planning Commission minutes of June 20, 2007 were next reviewed, along with the accompanying "Emergency Response Card" which has been prepared for public use. It was agreed that the "Emergency Response Card" should be discussed when the full Selectboard is present.

The June 21, 2007 meeting minutes of the Class 4 Roads Committee were reviewed and placed on file. Delbert Cloud will check with Committee Chair Tim Mills to discuss the schedule for completion of the work that Committee has been assigned.

The Board next discussed a communication from the Vermont Department of Taxes pertaining to Fiscal Year 2008 Education tax rates. It was noted that the "Homestead" rate will be \$1.2571, and the "Non-residential" rate will be \$1.1515.

At the request of the Town Clerk, who had received a July 2, 2007 letter from the Executrix of the estate of Donald Kubeck, the Board members considered whether, or not, the amount of \$105.70 should be abated from the tax obligation of the estate. Given the facts set forth, the Board members concurred that the requested amount be abated.

The Board reviewed a letter recently received from "Last Mile Ride '-07'" which is an event in support of "end-of-life" care. The annual event is to be held on August 25, 2007. No action was required or taken by the Board, this being an informational item only.

Delbert Cloud advised the Board that he hopes to have bids received for resurfacing of Christian Hill Road from Route 107 to the vicinity of Ansel Pond prior to the next regular meeting of the Board. The final approval of financial assistance under the "Town Highway Class 2 Roadway Program" has now been received.

A June 25, 2007 letter from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Waste Management Division re. the "Alliance Solid Waste Implementation Plan" was discussed. Delbert Cloud will make response to the two questions outstanding prior to the 15th of September, after which the member Towns will need to hold public hearings and take action to adopt the revised "Plan."

The following communications were then reviewed and placed on file: (1) a June 25, 2007 letter from the Act 250 Coordinator re. the Town's application for development of a gravel pit on the Placy/Pratt property on Sand Hill Road, (2) data from the White River Partnership re. regional stream water quality, (3) a June 20, 2007 letter from the Vermont Department of Health re. support services for Town Health Officers, (4) a June 19, 2007 letter from the Brattleboro Area Community Land Trust re. availability of affordable funding for homeowner rehabilitation loans, (5) notices from both the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the regional planning commission that Municipal Planning Grants can now be applied for, and (6) two notices of state permit review procedures at property of Barbara Piper on Route 14, and Mary and William Floyd on Main Street.

First Constable James Bennett then arrived. The Board discussed various matters of business pertaining to the Constable's office, in particular the matter of fees within the "Dog Control Ordinance." This matter will be taken up in the near future when all members of the Board are present.

At 8:30 PM the motion was made by Bill Richards to continue the meeting to 5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at the Town Offices to review construction bids for the Town Hall roof project; this motion was seconded by Neal Fox and thus carried.

Neal Fox

Bill Richards

Eric Benson