

Minutes of the September 8, 2008 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Joe DeFreitas, Delbert Cloud, First Constable James Bennett, and Geneva Gaiko.

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. Chairman Fox asked if Constable Bennett had particular matters he wished to discuss with the Board. Constable Bennett replied that he had a brief report on costs associated with equipping the new cruiser which he wanted to share with the Board, to make sure everyone were acquainted with the status. He passed out a copy to each member, and a brief discussion ensued; the Board members indicated that the matter appeared to be progressing satisfactorily. Mr. Bennett departed at this time, and the Board turned to the agenda for the evening.

The minutes of the August 25, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen were approved by motion of Bill Richards, seconded by Joe DeFreitas and unanimously carried. The Constables' reports of August 31, 2008 and September 1, 2008 were reviewed and placed on file. Memoranda re. the facility needs of ECFiber were discussed briefly, it being left that more information regarding the specific needs would have to be determined before locations, perhaps on private property, could be identified. The Planning Commission minutes of August 20, 2008 were also discussed since these had not been available at the previous meeting; it was agreed that a time should be scheduled for the Planning Commission and the Selectboard to talk about the current and future tasks of the Planning Commission, and that a discussion of the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance would be helpful to have prior to scheduling a Public Hearing. Such scheduling will be taken up as part of agenda item #6.

The Town Hall Finance Committee minutes of 7-31-08 were next reviewed, as were two e-mails from the architect, Laz Scangas, re. renovation details. These were discussed at length, and it was agreed that additional information is necessary from the architect regarding some of the findings made at a recent walk-through of the building. The revised anticipated cost for the renovation work will be essential in order to plan for the intended bond question to be presented to the voters. Delbert Cloud will seek further input from Mr. Scangas and report back to the Board.

Two sets of minutes from the Class 4 Road Committee were then reviewed and placed on file, these being for meetings of 8-25-08 and 9-2-08. Budget Status Reports for the Town General Fund, the Water Department, the Wastewater Department, and the Solid Waste Program were also discussed and placed on file. These matters were informational only at this time, no action being required or taken by the Board.

Several items of pending business were then taken up, for purposes of scheduling them for attention at forthcoming meetings. It was agreed that formal action to warn for a bond vote for November 4, 2008 to obtain funds for rehabilitation of the Town Hall would be addressed at the next Board meeting on September 22nd, with the intent being to secure the voters' approval to do the complete renovation of the building rather than to only match presently available grants in aid. It was further agreed that financing for highway and bridge repairs necessitated by the July 2007 flood event would not be included for a bond vote in November. Prior to the September 22nd meeting, Delbert Cloud will also research matters relevant to certain delinquent tax accounts for inclusion in that meeting's agenda. Within the October meetings, the Board will intend to up-date water and wastewater rates in support of the current year's budgets, complete the revision and adoption of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations, and determine what will be done re. up-dating speed limits under the Town's Traffic Ordinance. The first meeting in November will hopefully be dedicated in part to discussions with the Planning Commission members about proposed Zoning amendments and further planning tasks.

The Windsor Superior Court's recent decision and order in the Dunham Road litigation was discussed briefly, but it was agreed that no action is necessary at this immediate time.

Under miscellaneous business: (1) motion was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe DeFreitas and unanimously carried, to authorize Neal Fox to renew the license agreement for use of the Marshall and Swift Cost Tables by the Board of Listers for the ensuing year, and (2) a Line of Credit for tax anticipation borrowing was renewed with Mascoma Savings Bank in the principal amount of \$250,000.00 for a term of one year at the rate of 2.55%.

The following communications were reviewed and placed on file: (1) a memo from the law office of Stitzel, Page and Fletcher re. the "Old Stage Road to Rochester," (2) a stream water quality report from the White River Partnership, and (3) a Water Quality Update Report on the Pleasant Street aquifer from Environmental Products and Services of Vermont.

A 9-5-08 letter from David Allen was reviewed by the Board, this being Mr. Allen's resignation as Town Service Officer. Mr. Allen offered a recommendation for successor to the office, and Delbert Cloud will ascertain if the person recommended will be willing to accept appointment.

Delbert Cloud explained how a particular property owner wished to build improvements which may be in close proximity to a class 4 road right-of-way. The Board suggested that Cloud should discuss the siting of the proposed building with the landowner to see if both the building and the right-of-way can be accommodated.

At 10:20 PM with no further business to attend, the motion to adjourn was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe DeFreitas and unanimously carried.

Neal Fox

Bill Richards

Joe DeFreitas