

Minutes of the September 24, 2007 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Eric Benson, Delbert Cloud, Geneva Gaiko, Mary Anderson.

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 September 10, 2008 meeting of the Board of Selectmen were approved by motion of Eric Benson, seconded by Bill Richards, and unanimously carried.

The Constable's reports of September 16 and September 23, 2007 were reviewed and placed on file. Under "old business," the Board renewed a "Municipal Line of Credit" with Mascoma Savings Bank in the ceiling amount of \$250,000.00 at a rate of 3.7125%, having a maturity date of September 7, 2008.

Also under "old business," the Board members again considered the dollar amount payable to White River Valley Ambulance to bring the Town current through September 2007. Since the ambulance program's budget has traditionally been structured on the calendar year, and voters have accordingly approved payment at Annual Town Meetings on that basis, motion was made by Neal Fox to pay on the approved rate for January through December, with the proviso that the Ambulance Board of Directors should be encouraged to change that program's fiscal cycle to July 1 – June 30; this motion was seconded by Eric Benson, and thus carried; Bill Richards abstained.

The Class 4 Road Committee minutes of September 18, 2007 were reviewed and placed on file. It was agreed by the Board members that a Public Hearing should be held on October 22, 2007 at 7:00 PM to receive public comment on the subject matter of class 4 roads.

The Regional Planning Commission minutes of June 13, June 27, July 25, and August 8, 2007 were reviewed and placed on file. No action was required or taken by the Board on this matter.

Financial Statements through August 2007 for the White River Valley Ambulance were reviewed, as was the audit of WRVA for the year ended December 31, 2006. Since some questions were apparent, it was suggested that the Town's representative to the WRVA Board of Directors should be invited to the next Selectboard meeting, which will be on October 9, 2007 (Tuesday) given the Monday of October 8, 2007 is a legal holiday observed by the Town.

Delbert Cloud updated the Board on the progress of work on the Town Hall "roof project." Based on the recommendation from the architect, it was agreed that the metal roof jet and the arched roof on the bell tower (both details of the façade) should not be torn off and replaced with new metal since they are in good condition and well-flashed to the adjoining components. These areas will be cleaned and painted. It was also agreed that the cornice molding on both roof rakes should be replaced with new material having "permanent" color (white) since these moldings are integral to the roofing panels in the manner of installation; both the roof panels and cornice moldings will thus be very low maintenance over time. Various "shop drawings" were briefly examined, no action being required or taken on these. Delbert Cloud related how new supports for a purlin on the northerly side of the roof structure will necessitate modifying the brickwork on the chimney, reducing one flue from a dimension of 16" x 20" to 16" x 14"; this was not considered to be problematic.

With respect to restoration of the eagle weathervane which is now underway, it was agreed that a check in the amount of \$1,250.00 should be advanced to Bruce Cate of "Replicate" for gold leaf material and fabrication of a mold of the historic weathervane.

Delbert Cloud next updated the Board on the status of various highway repair projects being done as a consequence of the July 11 flooding. Although the scopes of work are now known for most of the sites eligible for financial assistance under FEMA, there has not been any formal determination made yet by the Federal Highway Administration re.

financial assistance for repairs to Camp Brook Road. Given uncertainty over the ultimate status of any Federal Highway assistance program, the Board members agreed that it would be prudent to do necessary repairs before winter, using the Town crew to the extent possible. One site requiring extensive riprap and equipment not owned by the Town will be contracted for repair, this being the shoulder washout below the Dartt Hill Road intersection. The low bidder for repair of this site is Don Weston Excavating, Inc. of Williston in the amount of \$31,000.00.

The following miscellaneous communications were then reviewed and placed on file: (1) an invitation re. the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vermont State Police on September 29, 2007; (2) an e-mail dated September 12, 2007 from the VT Department of Housing and Community Affairs re. available grant funds; (3) Information re. a workshop on October 4, 2007 offered by the League of Cities and Towns and Regional Planning Commissions on Preemptions and Limitations in Local Zoning; (4) a Public Notice dated September 5, 2007 from the Town of Barnard re. Recertification of the Recycling and Transfer Station; (5) a memo from the VT Department of Environmental Conservation, Waste Management Division dated July 27, 2007 re. municipalities banned from Vermont landfills; (6) a Wastewater System & Potable Water Supply Permit for property owned by Robert Charz, dated September 17, 2007; (7) a Wastewater System & Potable Water Supply Permit and a Project Review Sheet for property owned by Karen Caparis, dated September 18, 2007.

At 8:20 PM, the motion was made by Eric Benson, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried, to enter executive session to discuss litigation issues in which the Town is a party. Delbert Cloud was the only person remaining with the Board for the executive session. No minutes were kept.

Upon return to open meeting at 9:05 PM, motion was made by Eric Benson, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried, to adjourn to Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 6:00 PM.

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Eric Benson

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Bill Richards