

Minutes of the November 23, 2009 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Joe De Freitas, Delbert Cloud, 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. The minutes of the November 9, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen were approved by motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried. The following committee minutes were also reviewed and placed on file: (1) the Planning Commission minutes of November 18, 2009, (2) the Recreation Committee minutes of November 10, 2009, and (3) the Transportation Advisory Committee minutes of November 5, 2009.

Delbert Cloud provided the Board with an update on projects which are anticipated to be funded through the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act." These projects and their current status are: (1) Bridge Deck Replacement for Bridge 48 on Town Highway 79 – specifications are still being developed by the Vermont Agency of Transportation with the expectation that the project will be released for bidding on or about February 2010; (2) Removal of Water Main from River Street Bridge – work is now complete for all phase 1 work and phase 2 work is on hold pending confirmation that ARRA funding will be available to the project (the water main suspended from the bridge is now not functioning and can be removed at any time whenever the State may commence the bridge replacement); (3) Placement of New Truck Scales at the solid waste facility – conceptual plans are complete and funding is secured through USDA Rural Development; (4) Town Hall Rehabilitation Project – although funding is secured through Rural Development, the bid invitations have not yet been sent to the pre-qualified bidders. It was agreed that a meeting should be scheduled with the architect to see if this project can be advanced to construction in the immediate future.

The Board next reviewed the listing of Town Officers and Committees as is customarily published in the Annual Town Report. Committee membership(s) were confirmed and the listing was approved for the subject publication.

A proposal for sale of certain equipment to the Town for use on the "cruiser" was reviewed, this having been submitted by Second Constable James Mason. The Board members agreed that Delbert Cloud should confirm the suitability of the equipment, and if deemed appropriate to proceed with the acquisition.

The Board next examined and discussed drafts of the General Fund Anticipated Revenue Summary for fiscal year 2011, and drafts of budgets for the Water Department, the Wastewater Department and the Solid Waste Program. The drafts will be examined further as current year status reports are available for reference. Final castings will be done in early January 2010.

The following communications were then reviewed and placed on file: (1) a November 17, 2009 memo from the law office of Stitzel, Page and Fletcher re. animal control issues, (2) notice from the Vermont Agency of Transportation re. a pending sign replacement project on Interstate 89, (3) two newsletters from Assistant Judge William Boardman dated November 8 and November 15, 2009, (4) a November 10, 2009 memo from the law office of Stitzel, Page and Fletcher re. litigation of a class 4 road issue, (5) the White River Natural Resources Conservation District newsletter for Fall 2009, and (6) a "Town Energy And Climate Action Guide" submitted by the regional planning commission.

The traditional holiday bonus schedule was approved by motion of Neal Fox, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried.

With no further business to attend, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM by motion of Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried.

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Bill Richards

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Joe De Freitas