

## Townshend Select Board Meeting Minutes - March 6, 2006

### Present

Berenice Brooks  
Alene Evans,  
Henry Martin, chair

Jeffrey Russ  
Irvin Stowell  
Select Board

### Participating Members

Fredrick Hege, web

The chair ***called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 PM recognizing the Participating Members:***

Hege needed Board direction to allow him to assist the Planning Commission in getting their minutes on the “site”. After minimal discussion *Martin moved to allow Fredrick Hege to perform the necessary work for the Planning Commission to get their minutes on line and to reimburse his expenses, seconded by Russ, unanimously carried by the Board.*

The Board’s clerk, Davis spoke to him after the Town received a statement from RESCUE requesting February’s payment, which was found on the Feb 5th order for payment. He did find that RESCUE had not been paid; he then reported that to with the chair, who instructed him to speak directly to Miki. Hege continued, Miki said she had the check written but was waiting until after Town Meeting before sending, assuming there was a special article, but she’d mail it right out. Martin added that today he was in Townshend all day and had no time, before tonight’s meeting, to return her phone call. Arthur Monette, who answered her phone call, insisted that she should give her message of what he believed, trying to explain her particular circumstances surrounding this payment, directly to Martin.

**1a. Town Clerk and/or Treasurer:** none at this time

**1b. Highway foreman:** Truck proposal

Stowell had picked up the necessary paperwork to post roads. *Martin moved to post the roads this week, seconded by Stowell, unanimously carried by the Board.*

**1c. Board of Health:** none at this time

*The chair moved to approve the **Minutes - Feb. 20 and 21, 2006** seconded by Stowell accepted with clarifications, unanimously by the Board.*

### 3. Old Business

**Better Back Roads 2005**—Paperwork given to Stowell showed Townshend receiving a Better Back Road Grant in 2005. After finally contacting a representative of the Better Back Roads and explaining the Town never received this Grant. The representative assured him that the Town would be receiving the necessary papers for receipt of this grant — sectional stabilization of the Plumb Hill bank.

**WCSD** —At their meeting with the Deputy, Evans and Brooks were shown what information could be provided from the computer by the push of a button but not the specific information that has been requested, specific to deputy time, incident and location, Evans did not receive an answer to her question, why not? Evans had nothing new to report that the Board has not already heard before, she was frustrated and her personal opinion was to continue not to vote for payment of their outstanding invoices.

Since receiving copies of computer generated logs, Brooks had spent many hours trying to match our invoices to deputy's logged hours, incidents, with out a lot of success. The last invoice, continued Brooks, does contain explanations, requested by the Town, on the deputy's action, duties performed and where.

The Board drafted the Treasurer, Wasung, and a note requesting the 2005 detail transactions on the Windham County Sheriff Dept.

**Dept of Taxes** — **PVR** ↯ Boyle of B&B appraisers called Davis requesting that the letter frm the State, establishing Townshend's new re determined CLA be signed and faxed back. She explained that the Board needed to hear from B&B and the Listers on how to proceed — Boyle response, he wished it was lowered more, but to accept it for now. After minimal discussion *the chair was instructed by motion of Stowell to sign the Stipulation Petition of Re determination, seconded by Brooks, carried by the Board.* (Town Clerk Bean will be asked to fax to a phone number provided by Boyle)

- Discussion focused on Evans' question, shouldn't B&B's additional hired staff wages come out of the Listers budget, as they are doing Lister work.

Stowell feared this could cause a deficit and questioned how this could affect the reappraisal process? Most agreed that B&B's hired staff is performing Listers work and this expenditure should be shown in the Listers' budget. Martin remembered his suggestion to the Listers, during the contractual process with B&B, of having B&B doing the entire reappraisal, which was not accepted by the Listers. *Martin moved to instruct the Town Treasurer to pay the hourly wages of the additional staff hired by B&B to complete the duties of the Listers from the Lister budget (wages), seconded by Evans, carried by the Board.* Stowell abstained.

**BCA Abatement** —Received a copy of Jesse Lynn Gentlewolf's second request to consider abating her delinquent taxes. The Board assumes the Town Clerk received the original to call a hearing.

**State Emergency** —Had been sending messages and information on shelters for those who were without electricity or who's property was damaged during the strong windstorms.

West River Watershed Alliance 2005 Report

Valley Care's applied to the State Environment and ANR a Project Review Sheet to construct a 28-unit Assisted Living Facility.

On Friday the chair reported that was too busy to speak to the Reformer correspondent and suggested that he call Evans. Martin expressed his concern on the numbers reported. And stressed that the Board review all numbers for appropriations and taxes to be raised now; which was done in detail, finding and locating associated facts, figures to support the numbers.

#### **4. New Business**

The chair had the 2/3<sup>rd</sup> signed and approved 5 year renewal with Grace Cottage Hospital ANR-permit ID-9-0152 indirect discharge which contained a signed agreement between the School District and Grace Cottage Hospital. This permit required the Town's signature. *Russ moved that the chair sign this 5-year renewal indirect discharge permit, seconded by Brooks, unanimously carried by the Board.*

- VTrans sent a letter, received Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, insisting that Towns notify the State for "striping" of the centerline, only, on our roads. Stowell will so advise the State of Townshend's striping, as the Grafton Rd hasn't been striped in over two years. The Town would have to "hire out" to get the side/shoulder of the roads lined.
- Stowell conformed and signed Excess Weight Permits for (2) Carroll Concrete; Arthur Whitcomb

No action taken on

- Geo Aiken Rural Fire Protection Tax Force — dry hydrant grant program
- Estimated FY2007 Education tax stuff and impact; errata

*Martin moved to **Pay Bills and to Sign the following Orders**, seconded by Evans*

SM06 — \$9571.91 plus BB contract \$5772.00 and staff \$3512. State Hwy statement  
SMPR06 - \$2245.51 Road Com Ords wk/end 2/18 & 2/25

*unanimously carried by the Board.*

#### **6. Other Business**

- Stevens Roofing System PR consider construction: Fire Sta & Hwy Garage
- VLCT News - March

#### **7. Executive Session** - none at this time

*Martin moved to **Recess this meeting until** after Town Meeting to organize, seconded by Evans, unanimously carried by the Board.*

Tuesday, March 7, 2006 3:15 PM — recessed Select Board Meeting begins; previous Select Board remained in tact:

Names for Chair: Henry Martin nominated; Stowell moved that nominations be closed, and to instruct the clerk to cast one vote for Henry Martin, chair, seconded by Evans.

The chair continued:

Vice Chair: Irvin Stowell nominated; Brooks moved that nominations be closed, and to instruct the clerk to cast one vote for Irvin Stowell, vice chair, seconded by Russ.

Clerk: Alene Evans nominated; Martin moved that nominations be closed, and to instruct the clerk to cast one vote for Alene Evans, clerk, seconded by Stowell.

Time/date of Meeting — starting the meeting earlier was not embraced by Board members  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evenings, beginning at 7:00 PM at Town Hall

Newspaper of Record: Brattleboro Reformer

Stowell reminded everyone that the Select Board requests other departments, commission to advertise a position and asked that the Board's clerk position be advertised/posted, letters of interest to be opened at their April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Evans addressed a new order in the agenda and creating a log of requests made of other public officials, offices, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Davis, clerk for the Select Board.