

Townshend Select Board Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2006

Present

Berenice Brooks
Alene Evans,
Henry Martin, chair

Jeffrey Russ
Irvin Stowell
Select Board

Participating Members

Trooper Richmond Hopkins, Vermont State Police (VSP)
Michael Charles and Kurt Bostrom, Road Foreman

At 7:05 PM the chair **called *the Meeting to Order*** and recognized ***Participating Members:***

Trooper Hopkins explained that Vermont State Troopers provide everyone with basis police work (DUI, response to accidents, vandalism, etc. including responding to 911 calls) These Statutory duties are paid through State taxes, as the VSP does not solicit business. One contractual difference between hiring the Windham Country Sheriffs Dept. deputy is the trooper focuses on the Town's contractual special needs (speed enforcement), specific location or patrolling. Should the on duty trooper radio for additional law enforcement, the Town is not charged.

Most import is open communication was between communities which has become evident during his Community Advisory Board meetings. Select persons brought up the summer motor cross / cycle rally, where cyclists travel over / destroy Class 4 roads throughout Windham County. His response, this is a sticky wicket, balancing landowners' rights vs. open to the public.

The proposed "Officers Activity & Time Report" and Contract Forms can be modified to Town specific law enforcement duties, explained Trooper Hopkins, these duties can be changed by just a phone call; off duty troopers usually perform the contractual work before / after their shift; detectives could perform weekend duties, even he could be performing the duty. Billing is once a month based on the specific trooper's overtime-hourly rate, plus cost of overhead. He believes he uses an antiquated pencil paper system but it works, after the trooper completes his activity / time report it is entered into a data base; the original hand written report is kept on file, allowing Trooper ~~Hawkins~~ Hopkins to answer citizen questions or complaints.

Martin's asked where should the Town go from here? Trooper ~~Hawkins~~ Hopkins suggested starting out slow, setting aside a specific dollar amount, enter a contract, which can be expanded. Trooper ~~Hawkins~~ Hopkins reminded the Board that they have not had the experience to manage multiple contracts, but he encourages townspeople to call the VSP. Trooper ~~Hawkins~~ Hopkins left at 7:45 PM

Chairman of the Town Hall building committee **Michael Charles** having been appointed by the Planning Commission and charged to look at all alternative uses for the Town Hall, which the committee has just begun the process. Members felt that this Committee was unaware of the work done on the building, this encouraged open discussion on: parking, circular driveway, elevator, renovating / relocating offices, septic, right-of-way behind Dutton Gym building. Charles again reiterated that this Committee has just begun accumulating as many ideas/options. It will take a lot of time and the committee is not at any point to commence on a project. M. Charles left 8:00 PM

Kurt Bostrom, road foreman reported that:

- the culvert, bridge field work inventory has been completed.
- new truck has arrived — purchased an extended warranty; asked about oiling (yes), having it stenciled by Staiats (yes) or magnetic signed; need to add strobe lights and getting it fitted to apply the liquid calcium
 - o he briefly spoke about an available 300 hp truck in Rutland but was discourage to pursue it because it being transistorized, computerized and high torque issues
- Asked if Rte 35 (sugar house special project money) was added to the paving bid (yes). Members expressed concern of not getting much paving for the money, might have to increase paving allotment. Stowell was asked to inquire if 2 for 1 State money is available.
- Will re-visit with Helen Holmes for permission to commence the Back Road Grant Project, clay bank on Plumb Road
- Martin approved the over rail rental contract - Bostrom left at 8:20 PM

Fredrick Hege spoke about Rescue's monthly reports. Stowell had learned that "Keene Mutual Aid" does not charge Rescue radio dispatching services.

Web site: the Planning Commission minutes are finally on line; currently the site has a "search" problem, associated with Google.

Additional information, L&G may be using their "grant" resource police officer for traffic patrol, before and after school starts. Hege ended at 8:25 PM

1a. Liquor Control Board:

The chair read requests for a Cater Malt and Vinous Beverages and Spirituous Liquors from: Tod Inc. and Oonas Restaurant. Martin remains very apprehensive in approving this type of request; the Board may have to rethink approving these applications, as he feels it's sticking the Town's neck in a noose.

Stowell moved to approve Tod Inc. (Chelsea Royal) requests to cater malt and vinous beverages and spirituous liquors June 17th class reunion, seconded by Russ, unanimously carried by the Board.

Stowell moved to approve Oonas Restaurant request to cater malt and vinous beverages and spirituous liquors wedding on June 24th, seconded by Russ, unanimously carried by the Board.

1b. Town Clerk and/or Treasurer: treasurer had prepared the Town's 4-month revenue report which appears to be on target and copies of an attachment to the 6-month tax bill, which she had prepared.

1d. Board of Health: no report at this time

*The chair moved to approve the **Minutes of May 15, 2006**, seconded by Evans, unanimously carried by the Board.*

*The chair then moved to approve the **Minutes of May 22, 2006**, seconded by Russ, Russ asked that the following be added for clarification (page 2, top middle paragraph) *because of the nature of the sale. . . before. . . can't look like cutting Gould slack, minutes were unanimously carried by the Board.**

*The chair moved to **Pay Bills and Sign the following Orders**, seconded by Russ,*

SM06 — 11 \$17,800.69

SMPR06 - 11 \$ 5,977.17

Road Com Ords wk/ending 5/27& 7/4

*NEMRC'S invoice, with a written comment to reduce payment, was added to prepared pay order **unanimously carried and signed by the Board.***

4. Old Business

Fountain —Russ reported the fountain is secured, in place; spraying water; basin not yet painted

GCH septic system —Kathleen Hege, chair of the Townshend Elementary School Board had spoken to Stowell inviting the Board to meet and be updated on the latest State approved (sewer) permit with Grace Cottage Hospital, etc.

Disposing Waste —Members approved, for circulation, announcing the increased cost to dispose of household waste into the compactor.

Striping Grafton Rd —Stephen McConnel's May 26th letter requested line striping the edge of Grafton Rd was discussed and answered; Stowell's phone calls, to those companies who do private road striping, have not been returned.

Land Committee —Land Committee's May 15th minutes, contain their motion not to purchase Janos building.

Vacancies/Roof —Davis asked if vacant positions should be publicized in the newspaper along with fixing the Town Hall roof.

Martin responded on his conversations with Cutts and Phoenix roofers who couldn't make sense of the bid. Phoenix has always done the repairs for \$200, why should he have to quote on what he believes to just repairing the slate roof.

Planning Commission liaison —No response to Martin's announcement for the need to fill the Board's liaison to the Planning Commission.

VSP contract —The Board's consensus was to revisit contracting with the Vermont State Police. Discussion pursued as town meeting minutes and budgeted figures were examined. After

discussion *Martin moved to offer the Vermont State Police a \$9,000 contract, seconded by Russ, unanimously carried by the Board.* Evans was appointed liaison with VSP and to present this offer.

Evans asked that everyone review, for financial resolution, the prepared data summarizing Windham Country Sheriff's Dept. outstanding invoices. She had spoken of Sheriff Prue's as she called at work Sheriff Prue was inquiring when the Dept. would receive payment for outstanding invoices. And she informed Evans should the Town have any billing questions, it will be charged to speak to the newly hired employee.

5. New Business

- Kingdom County Production requested to show the movie *Disappearances*, July 15th at the Town Hall, charging admission. Evans will call Bess O'Brien, Producer for additional information and Town Hall: rental fee of \$300.
- No Board action was taken on correspondence: United Nurses & Allied Professionals, Local 5051 read by Martin.

6. Other Business

- St of VT:
- ANR request to post "Public Comment" (storm water drain) May 18-28th
 - Housing & Comm. Affairs — Designated Village Center reps invited to Retreat 6/19-20
 - Amended Permit Yancey's (Townshend Country Inn) (4 pieces)
 - Permit WW-2-2229 Wilson's subdividing Potable Water Supply & Wastewater Disposal plan
- For Board Information: Frank Whitcomb's fuel cost
Windham Solid Waste Management letter — notification on correcting our payment

7. Executive Session — none at this time

8. Time of Next Meeting — June 19, 2006

*At 9:50 PM Brooks moved to **Adjourn**, seconded by Russ, unanimously carried by the Board.*

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Davis, clerk for the Select Board