

Town of Townshend Selectboard Meeting Minutes - June 18, 2007

Present:

R. Michael Donahue Carole Melis
Alene Evans, absent Jeffrey Russ,
Henry Martin Selectboard

Participating Members:

Irvin Stowell & Charles Marchant, Ancient Roads; Robert Anderson and Mark Donahue from Kindle Farm School, Michalina Wasung, Town Treasurer and Fredrick Hege

At 7:10 PM the chair ***called the Meeting to Order*** and everyone introduced themselves to ***Participating Members:***

Robert Anderson and Mark Donahue from Kindle Farm welcomed the project for their students to find and plot old/ancient roads for the Town. Getting them involved will add to their education studies and provide community service. Anderson spoke of his association with Windham Regional Commission and surveying using GPS to assist in the location of old roads. Everyone agreed that this joint project should not overwhelm the students and will be successful.

Evans will be asked to set up a meeting of the two entities to become familiar with the work. Anderson, Mark Donahue, Marchant and Stowell left at 7:35 PM

Stowell asked if the Town road crew could checkout the culverts, near his property, which was flooded during the last storm.

1a. Town Clerk and/or Treasurer: The Board created a Memo to remind the Town Treasurer of the upcoming July 1st changes to pay rates and deducting 20% from their wage for their health insurance and applying this money toward the August bill.

Townshend Elementary School Board presented their prepared report of bus fuel usage. The Town Treasurer will be asked when she will be sending them a fuel bill.

Around 8:00 PM the Town Treasurer, Michalina Wasung appeared and presented her hand written memo. Wasung spoke of her issues and addressed problems with the State sending residents' pre bates to the Town. The Board offered suggestions to lessen her interruption of answering repeated questions. Wasung left at 8:25 PM

1b. Highway foreman: Bostrom phoned Russ to tell him that he would not be attending tonight's meeting.

- crushing has started
- this Wednesday he will be meeting with FEMA and riding the roads

The chair received correspondence from Matt Mann, Windham Regional Commission, stating that the Windham Road Foreman network will be buying culverts in bulk. *Melis moved to authorize Bostrom to enter and maximize Windham Regional Commission bulk purchases, seconded by Russ, unanimously carried by the Board*

Martin and Bostrom need to get the Feds & State VTrans and local residents involved in getting Windham Hill Rd. repaired.

*Martin moved to accept the **Minutes of June 4, 2007**, seconded by Russ, unanimously carried by the Board.*

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

SM06-07 - #24 \$14,474.81 plus B&B \$4,564.
SM06-07 - 23 \$ 1,697.64

SM- vtcommgrant #1
West River Housing - \$100,000

unanimously carried and signed by the Board.

4. Old Business

No board action taken on the following Carlos Otis Health Care Center correspondence.

- o St of VT — District of Environmental — re: Carlos Otis' renovations to their existing garage/barn requesting additional information needed
- o Copy of 6/6 letter to K. Tietz

- The Board addressed Melis' request to continue addressing the renovations at the Town Garage by setting July 23rd as a workshop with the "past land committee" to review and understand their work in creating a Town Garage site.

- Lt. Hopkins, Vermont State Police, e-mailed three contracts, noting the difference only in payment plans. *Martin moved to enter into the monthly billing contract with the Vermont State Police, not to exceed \$12,000., seconded by Donahue, unanimously carried by the Board.*

5. New Business

- *The chair moved to accept Robert Works', resignation dated June 10th as Library Trustee, seconded by Russ, unanimously carried by the Board. Their clerk was instructed to advertise this position, accepting letters of interest.*

- *Martin moved to appoint Fredrick Hege, rep to RESCUE, and to sign RESCUE's appointment verification, seconded by Russ, unanimously carried and signed by the Board.*

- Martin said he would review VELCO's initiative to "increase their power line".

6. Other Business — no Board action taken

- Robert Crego provided copies of all West River Housing's grant application
- Mary Meyer copy "of the source protection area for their water system"

- VLTC News
- Certificate of Insurance — Lynde Well Drilling Inc
- WW System WW-2-2144-2 to Brian & Carol Young (Camperama)

*At 9:30 PM Martin made a motion to move into **Executive Session** under Title 1, section 313 to discuss personnel, seconded by Donahue, unanimously carried by the Board.*

*At 10:00 PM Martin made a motion to move out of **Executive Session**, and to **adjourn** the meeting seconded by Russ, unanimously carried by the Board.*

As the result of Executive Session no decision was made.

The Board will meet Thursday, June 28th to sign year end Pay orders at 5:00 PM.

8. Time of Next Meeting — July 2, 2007

Respectfully submitted

Cynthia Davis, clerk for the Selectboard