

## Townshend Selectboard Meeting – December 17, 2007

**Present:**

Alene Evans, Vice chair  
Joseph Juhasz  
Henry Martin, absent

Carole Melis  
Jeffrey Russ,  
Selectboard

**Participating Members:**

Walter Meyer, Richard Lucier, Lister, (E&O), Richard Carusona

The vice chair ***called the Meeting to Order*** at 7:05 PM and recognized Participating Members:

After discussion with Lister, Lucier, *Evans moved to allow the Listers' to change the Grand List on property owners who have notified the State that they are Vermont residents, seconded by Juhasz, carried by those present.* Melis believed the State will notify the Town and assess these late fillers a penalty; accordingly the Town Treasurer will re bill those residents.

Lucier re-reviewed the Town Treasurer's prepared Error & Omissions (E&O) and the Board requested additional clarification, as the Board has already E&O some of them at earlier meetings.

Meyer reported that he had been working with Grace Cottage Hospital (GCH) to obtain those Doctors' who work within the Wolff Clinic. The Board had received a letter, but addressed to the Listers. Steven Brown stated in this letter that everyone in the Wolff Clinic is a GCH employee which indicated to Meyer that the Wolff Clinic would be tax exempt. Melis spoke about the "snap shot" appraisal of property as an April 1<sup>st</sup> asking who was in the Wolff Clinic, as of April 1<sup>st</sup>? Melis wants GCH to sign an affirmation, that as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, the facts expressed in tonight's letter were true. If true this will impact the tax payers to pay additional taxes. Evans will do additional research on this "exemption".

Lucier explained that the State billed Southern Vermont Cable twice. After discussion *Melis moved to remove Southern Vermont Cable's personal property appraisal of 240,690 from the 2007 Grand List, seconded by Evans, carried by those present.* Lucier and Meyer left at 7:35 PM.

Robert Crego, Valley Cares presented their final financial requisition of \$8,460 (Independent Living) and \$155,980 (Assisted Living) thus closing out their available funds from VCD. After discussion *Melis moved to approve Valley Care's last requisition from the VCDP funds, seconded by Evans, carried and signed by all present.* Crego left at 7:40 PM

Richard Carusona presented a properly signed Driveway Access, which he signed as agent. Carusona gave the Board copies of all State generated documents regarding this Class 4 town highway. The Board will write the abutting property owner, Adams, regarding this road. Carusona left at 7:50 PM

**1a. Town Clerk and/or Treasurer:** Town Treasurer had provided financial statements of expenditures thru March 07 (General Fund & Highway) and a copy of VLCT faxed verifying the Treasurer's request for a 1,000,000 bond. The Board took no action on her two page Memo.

After discussing the Equipment Fund *Melis moved to instruct the Town Treasurer to transfer, from the General Fund, to the Town Equipment fund, \$2,852.52, seconded by Juhasz, carried by all present.*

Juhasz will follow up with the State as to why the Town has not yet received its FEMA money.

**1b. Highway** foreman was not present.

Russ, liaison to the Highway Department, announced that the Compactor will not pass inspection. Melis asked that the road crew be reminded to reduce their driving speed when plowing as the force of snow removal shakes those buildings situated close to the town highways.

The Board signed Highway Orders for weeks ending: 12/1, 12/8 regular, last week's adjusted hours and the West Townshend Special Projects, paving over the surface of the stone arch bridge and a section of Windham Hill Rd.

**2.** The Board forgot to take action on the Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> meetings

**3. Evans moved to Pay Bills and Sign the following Orders, seconded by Russ**

SM07-08 #13 \$25,652.76  
SMPR 08 #11 \$ 1,706.17

Evans asked that Davis follow up on Pieciak's Phase #1 bill as the auditor worked reviewing those documents presented only 4 hours and had not completed the work. The Town is willing to pay the appropriate hourly rate for work done.

#### **4. Old Business**

**Insurance quotes** – Evans expressed the need for the Board to revisit the two proposals.

**WCSD** – Evans suggested to wait for the chair's return before setting up a meeting the Sheriff Clark.

**VELCO Line** – Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> is VELCO's pre hearing conference; Townshend property owner, Ferenbach, has appealed VELCO's request to expand construction within their right-of-way.

**Modified Mortgage** – Town received the original, signed West River Valley Assisted Housing Limited Modification to Mortgage

**PowerPlan** – Evans suggested that the Town Treasurer review the changes to this credit agreement.

**5. New Business**

- After discussion *Melis moved to enter the Vermont Municipal Loan Grant for Truck #8, seconded by Russ, signed by vice chair, Evans*
- The State informed the Wolfe Outpatient Clinic of the presence of coliform in their water

**6. Other Business**

- St of VT
- Land Use Permit granted to CVPS; Permits reviewed: Kenney
  - Application from P. Morgan to subdivide

**7. Executive Session** – none at this time

**8. Next Regular Meeting:** January 7, 2008

*Russ moved to **Adjourn at 8:40 PM** and to meet again on Thursday, December 27th, seconded Melis, carried by all present*

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Davis, clerk for the Select Board