

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE  
SELECTBOARD MEETINGS  
JUNE 23, 2008**

***APPROVED***

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Russell, Chairperson; Jenny Cole, Winslow Ladue, Ed Stone, Frank Thornton.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Dean Bloch.

**OTHERS:** Dorothy Pellett, Ellie Russell, Jeff McDonald, David Miskell, Jon Leinwohl, Brandon Kipp, Ed Merritt, Bill April, Gary Franklin, Ken Upmal, Jim LaBerge, Nancy Wood, Stephen Brooks, Diane Snelling, Tom Moreau, Rachel Gill, Charlotte News.

**5:00 p.m. Site Visit to Route 7 project and underpass – meet at the Town Hall**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Russell called the Selectboard meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Additions: Rocks on Thompson's Point Road Right-of-Way.

**3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None.

**4. ROUTE 7 PROJECT – Presentation and Discussion with Ken Upmal, Project Manager**

Ken Upmal and Brandon Kipp, AOT Roadway Design Division representatives, and Jon Leinwahl, consultant, briefly reviewed a Route 7 under pass project history, project status, and notification of 47 property owners along the 3 mile route. Clearing the title of the right-of-way is a big issue with any project and would be coordinated with the Recreation Committee. The Town has trail easements on the west side of Route 7.

Stephen Brooks, resident, asked Mr. Upmal to make a public presentation of the complete project at the next Board meeting.

Jeff McDonald, Planning Commission Chairperson, asked if funding for the underpass project was secured. Mr. Upmal replied that the project estimate would be updated (July 1st) and he would get back to the Board. There was \$5 million budgeted for construction in 2011. Right-of-Way easements have been acquired.

Gary Franklin, Trails Committee member, asked if shoulder widening would be carried north on Route 7. Mr. Upmal replied yes. It is one of the last remaining sections of Route 7 that doesn't have a full 8' shoulder.

The Selectboard thanked Mr. Upmal for attending the meeting.

**5. CSWD – ANNUAL BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Tom Moreau, CSWD General Manager, and Stephen Brooks, Charlotte CSWD representative, appeared before the Selectboard.

Mr. Moreau explained that the CSWD Board was seeking approval of draft FY08-09 Operating and Capital budgets. The Operating budget was increasing 21 percent to fund a possible taking over of the Interval Composting operation. Four studies funded via the Reserve Fund included an Organics, Bio-solids, and a "Pay As You Throw" franchise for efficiency, and \$150,000 to explore the use of larger recycling bins. Eight million dollars in the Capital Reserve fund has been put aside, of which \$1 million would be retained for the old landfill.

Mr. Stone asked if a drop off center would be located closer to Charlotte once the Hinesburg center was closed. Mr. Moreau explained that Hinesburg was expanded its Town public works location and therefore the CSWD center would need to re-locate. If Charlotte was interested in hosting a drop-off center then a survey would be done to gage Charlotte's interest. A letter should come from the Charlotte Selectboard.

**MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to approve a proposed CSWD FY08-09 Operating Budget of \$9,140,763.00 and a Capital Budget of \$5,199,023.00 as presented.**

**VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.**

**MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to request that CSWD survey the possibility of locating a CSWD Drop-off Center in Charlotte.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**Ms. Cole asked if CSWD would hold a discussion of a local drop-off center that would include neighboring towns as well. Mr. Moreau replied yes.**

**VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.**

**6. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR LOCATION OF A JUNKYARD – Request by Ben Richmond, J & A Enterprises, Valley Auto Parts**

Ben Richmond, J & A Enterprises, and Jason Levine, J & A General Manager, appeared before the Selectboard.

Mr. Levine explained that the J & A Enterprises was seeking approval of a certificate to operate a salvage yard and auto body repair business.

Mr. Stone asked if the state recommendations and the New Hampshire guidelines for junkyard operations would be followed. Mr. Levine replied yes. J & A Auto was eco-friendly. Oil is recycled in-house to heat the building, for example. Salvage is now a sideline due to the high price of metal, which takes salvage cars off the market.

Mr. Ladue clarified that Vermont requirements were posted on the state website. New Hampshire has a self-serve certification guideline booklet.

**MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Ladue, to approve a Certificate of Approval for location of a junkyard as requested by Ben Richmond, J & A Enterprises, Valley Auto Parts, 3573 Hinesburg Road, Charlotte, Vermont, for a period of three years.**

**VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.**

**6b) ROCKS ON THOMPSON'S POINT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Jim LaBerge, resident, explained that people were stopping and using the pull over at the Charlotte Whale historic site to relieve themselves. The pull off was an small access to his sugarbush/property and the issue became the mess and garbage left in my woods by bicyclists. I have posted signage, which they pull out, and have put stones and stumps across the area where my small access into the sugarbush is. The access is now 60' long and 8' wide due to storm run-off. Mr. LaBerge suggested moving the Whale sign down near the rail road tracks, or up further on Greenbush Road.

Mr. Stone suggested that the stones could be pushed further into Mr. LaBerge's access to create space for Town maintenance of the roadway. Mr. LaBerge stated that the stones have worked, and suggested that the Charlotte Road Commissioner dig a ditch along the roadway, put in a 12" culvert and install posts and a gate to keep out people.

There was further discussion regarding the actual whale site (by the Lockhart's house); a suggestion to place a five minute only parking sign; and a suggestion that the Road Commissioner and Mr. LaBerge get together to discuss a solution that would be brought back before the Board for consideration.

**7. SELECTION OF AUDITOR**

Mr. Stone asked if Town staff was satisfied with the current auditor.

Nancy Wood explained that the auditor was organized and got the work done. They did miss the Recreation fund account, however. A third year with the auditor firm makes sense, said Ms. Wood.

Mr. Bloch said staff would ask if the firm was available to start in September.

The Selectboard thanked Ms. Wood for appearing.

**8. USE OF TOWN BEACH FOR PRIVATE FUNCTION**

Deb Stone, Recreation Director, and Carlie Krolick, Recreation Committee member, appeared before the Selectboard. Ms. Krolick handed out copies of a proposed Event Application form for private functions using Town recreation facilities.

There was discussion regarding a recent request by a long time Thompson's Point camp family for a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and pig roast to be held on July 27th; potential beach rules and a draft reservation process, which would need to be reviewed by the Selectboard and the Recreation Committee; concerns related to alcohol consumption at a Town facility (Mr. Thornton suggested that if alcohol was allowed then it should be

served by a caterer/individual licensed to serve alcohol); Board concerns regarding liability issues related to alcohol and enforcement; if outside guests would be charged parking fees, or if use of the beach for private events should be restricted to Charlotte residents only; options that could include no alcohol at the beach, allow wine for those at the beach to watch the sunsets, or parties for 20 or more people that must obey beach rules; and a suggestion that the Town adopt an beach ordinance and guidelines.

Mr. Stone suggested finding a federally funded beach that is used for private events that could be used for a model. Ms. Krolick noted that the draft application form was modeled after a form used at the Mt Philo State Park, and read Title 7, VSA Section 61.

Proposed beach rules were reviewed as follows:

- #1, attendants should call 911.
- #4, eliminate.
- #9, “it is recommended that children under the age of 10 year be accompanied by an adult at the beach”.
- #11, “Charlotte does not employ life guards...for the swimmers safety they are encouraged to stay within the buoys.”
- #15, eliminate.

There was a suggestion that for the July 27<sup>th</sup> party the guests park at the family’s camp and car pool to the beach, and that parking fees should cover the cost of a second beach attendant.

The Board would take action on the request at the next Board meeting.

(NOTE: Mr. Ladue temporarily left the meeting at 9:38 p.m.)

**9. STEVE DAVIS – Request of Fee Waiver for Septic Permit Application for Affordable Housing**

**MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Cole, to waive a \$500 Septic Permit Application fee as requested by Steve Davis for four units of affordable housing on Hinesburg Road.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**Mr. Thornton asked for clarification of why the fee should be waived.**

**VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Thornton); motion carried.**

**10. MINUTES: June 16**

**MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Cole, to approve the minutes of 06/16/2008 as written, with the following correction:**

**Page 2, agenda item 7, motion, delete the words “...if it was for affordable housing...”**

**VOTE: 4 ayes, 1 absent (Mr. Ladue); motion carried.**

(NOTE: Mr. Ladue returned to the meeting at 9:40 p.m.)

**11. BILL AND WARRANTS**

The Selectboard signed Bills and Warrants as presented.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Cole, to adjourn the meeting.**

**VOTE: 5 ayes; motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathlyn Furr, Recording Secretary.

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