

## **Approved**

Middlesex Select board Meeting

1/13/2009

**Present:** Bill Callnan, Cindy Carlson, Peter Hood, Eric Young, Dick Alderman, Shaun Fielder, Mary Alexander, Karen Greenwood, Abe Lewis, Chris McVeigh, Paul Zabriski, Margaret Harmen, Dave Shepard, Bill Rossmassler

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm

**Listers** –Dick reports to the Board that the newest Lister, Eric Young, has done a great job. His past experience with inspections is a big asset and he has learned the computer system used by the Listers. The Listers have not used Gloria Hobson as an administrative assistant to date. The Listers will discuss her position with her further.

The proposed 2009-2010 budget presented by the Listers for \$10,700 is reviewed and discussed. The line item for wages has increased due to the reappraisal project that will be underway.

Bourne's Energy has submitted an estimate to replace the furnace at the Town Hall. The amount of the estimate is \$10,016.45. Cindy will follow up and see if temporary repairs can be made on the furnace to get through this heating season.

**Motion:** Bill moves to approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage year ending February 10, 2009 as reviewed and recommended by Gary Lamell, Road Commissioner. Mary Just Skinner seconds, motion carries.

The Board signs the letter from The State of Vermont Operations Division District 6 concerning the Town Highway Class 2 Roadway Grant Program. The letter states once the funding request is received by the State it will take 2-3 weeks to receive reimbursement in the amount of \$173,433.05.

The Board meeting adjourns at 7:10 pm to conduct a Board of Abatement Meeting.

Select Board meeting reconvenes at 7:40 pm.

**Chris McVeigh and Paul Zabriski** – The Rumney School Board is asking the Board to support a grant application for funding to upgrade insulation and to do a weatherization project at Rumney School. They are applying for a \$12,000 grant with no match requirement. The school has budgeted \$5,000 towards weatherization prior to knowing about the grant. If the grant is received, Paul states the school will have \$17,000 that can be used in conjunction with volunteers and contributions. If the school does not receive the grant, they will only spend the budgeted \$5,000. Peter remembers that there is a structural problem with adding insulation to the roof. Paul states this problem is in the

roofing of the original building and they will not work in that area. This area will be sealed to constrict airflow to the newer roof, but no additional insulation would be added.

**Motion:** Bill moves that the Board support the grant application for the Vermont Community Climate Change Grants for Rumney School in the amount of \$12,000. Mary Just Skinner seconds, motion carries.

Paul is asked if he knows whether there is any grant money available for construction of the fire station. He doesn't believe that this grant program has funding available but will keep it in mind. Paul discusses the insulation package for the new fire station and states that if proper floor insulation is not done the roof insulation will not work. This is the highest place for heating loss and is the most important insulation work to do.

**Margaret Harman, Central VT Counsel on Aging** - Margaret states that last year the Town of Middlesex gave \$1,000 for funding to the Central VT Council on Aging. She is here to ask if the Board would waive the requirement for a petition for the 2009-2010 budget period. In 2006 the Counsel served six Middlesex clients. In 2008 they served twenty-six clients. Margaret feels it is very hard to obtain signatures in Middlesex for the petition. She stood at the general store for 1 hour and no Middlesex residents came into the store. Their Board does not have any residents in Middlesex. She states there are 54 towns allowing joint petitions. Other towns do not reduce the amount requested. Berlin has just agreed to accept joint petitions. Deb Markowitz, Secretary of State, has advised her that there is a law requiring towns to accept joint petitions, which allows several organizations to collect signatures as one. One petition is used. If the town gives to the Council on aging \$1,000 as they did in 2007, the cost of services per client would be \$36.00. The Board states if they announce that a petition is not required every organization would ask to have this requirement waived. The Board will check on state requirements for joint petitions.

**Dave Shepard, Bill Rossmassler – Conservation Commission**

The closing for the Ott/Steed property is scheduled for 1/22/09. Peter has set a tentative meeting on 1/21/09 with Charlie Merriman to review the closing documents. Dave states it is the Conservation Commissions understanding that the present landowners does not want to include the use of ATVs on this property. Bill has spoken with the landowners and he believes they would not go through with the sale if the Town wants to include ATV use. Peter wants to know if the present landowners know that the town is looking for a window so in the future if there is an organized plan for ATV use the Town can look at opening up the land. The town is not interested in having free use of ATVs only controlled use, perhaps a boundary area would be alternative. The stipulation "forever" is very limiting to the Town; no one has any idea what future motorized vehicles will be. Bill Rossmassler will have further conversations with the current property owners.

It appears there is enough funding for the purchase of the land with the sale of prints, although the final accounting is not complete yet. The Conservation Commission would like to know how the Board would like to present the project at Town Meeting. Ideas discussed included: a map on the wall, copy of a draft management plan, and a sign up

for volunteers for management of the property and a project to mark where the town land is.

The Conservation Commission has been asked to sponsor a mapping project for a recreations trails grant application to create an online data repository to store and disperse information on recreation trails in the Central VT area. The Conservation Commission will not be asking for any funding this year for the Conservation Fund.

The Conservation Commission asks that the Board appoint Aaron Moore as a new member and his letter of interest is read.

**Motion:** Mary Alexander moves to appoint Aaron Moore to the Conservation Commission. Mary Just Skinner seconds, motion carries.

**Motion:** Bill moves to approve the minutes of 12/22/08. Mary Alexander seconds, motion carries.

All orders signed.

### **Correspondence**

Solicitation from Comcast for Voice & Internet Package

A letter from Thomas N. Weis concerning his 2008 tax payment. The Board will ask their attorney to respond to the letter.

Notice of Budget Meeting for Washington County Residents 1/22/2009 at 2:00 pm at the Washington County Court House

Copy of letter from State of Vermont Agency of Transportation concerning Stormwater Mitigation Program Grant request – notice that the funding was not approved.

Notice from United States Department of Commerce – worksheet for providing service locations for 2010 Census

Chart from Medigap Plans A through L Cover from L Samuel Miller, MA LUCF

Notice of late payment from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

Meeting adjourns at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Carlson  
Assistant to the Select Board