

**Town of West Rutland
Selectboard Meeting
Monday, April 24, 2006
6:00 p.m., Town Hall**

Present: Sean Barrows, Peter Bianchi, Chris Mathewson, John Harvey and Richard Daley.

Also Present: Tom Yenerrell, Elizabeth Perkins, Amy Loomis, Leo Tyminski, Frances Flynn, Murphy Higgins, and Judi McCullough

PUBLIC HEARING

Town Plan and Flood Plain Regulations in the Zoning Regulations

The Hearing was called to Order at 6:01 p.m. Amy Loomis stated that the Planning Commission would like to see the entire Plan adopted that was written in 2000. Dick pointed out that on the map presented with the Plan shows his land and some land on Boardman Hill and Clark Hill are designated differently than currently zoned. Tom stated that the Zoning regulations were completed after the 2000 plan and the 2000 map has not been updated. The old plan needs to be adopted in order to have a plan in place until the new 2006 plan is adopted. The Hearing was closed at 6:07 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to Order at 6:08 p.m. by Sean Barrows.

Item 2) Approve Minutes from the April 10, 2006 Meeting: Add for clarification that the split of costs for the excavator is Highway \$4,000 annually, sewer and water departments each \$3,000 annually. Payments will continue for 5 years. A Motion was made by Pete Bianchi to adopt the Minutes of April 10, 2006 with the correction. The Motion was seconded by Chris Mathewson. The Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3) Public Concerns: Leo Tyminski asked when it changed that the townspeople don't vote on the purchase of equipment. Pete explained that there is an amount set aside in the budget (which is voted on) each year for the replacement of equipment. Leo claims he was promised some fill at the Town barn and he didn't get it. Tom stated that it was his understanding that what fill was there did not meet Mr. Tyminski's specifications. Leo did not appreciate the road sweeper, either. He wants the river looked at where the water is coming into the meadow. Asked a question about the water bills and paying for 2 usages, when 1 apartment isn't even rented. It is billed according to what it is zoned for, if you are permitted as a rental unit you will be charged as 2 units.

Item 4) Action Items:

A) Meet with Lister Appointment Candidate: Elizabeth S. Perkins. Ms. Perkins was asked why she wanted the job? Ms. Perkins noticed it in the Town portion of the school bulletin, and is looking for a part time job. She lives in Town, and has a business in Town. Mrs. Flynn explained that they do assessments and log the grand list. Hours are generally 8:00 to 12:00. Need to enjoy working with the public. The Town may be coming into a reappraisal soon. Sean asked what their procedures are: transfers, sales, new construction. Ms. Perkins would have to run in September, but would have to be appointed from now until September. It was suggested that she come into the office and see first hand what the job entails. Elizabeth does not have extensive computer skills, and no experience with property appraisals. It was suggested that Elizabeth run for the office

rather than appointing her for such a short period of time, and that she stop in and see how the office works. The Board members agreed by consensus that this suggestion is the way to go at this time.

Tom explained his idea for expanding the Listers' Office and the Board did a walk through of the office. The board was agreeable.

B) Town Hall Hydrant: The Board went out to look at possible places for placing the fire hydrant. A suggestion was made to move the fire hydrant from the corner of Chapel and Main Streets to the corner of the Town Hall sidewalk and the sidewalk on Marble Street. Tom will run this by the fire department.

C) Appoint Regional Recreation Rep. Alternate: This will be placed in the newsletter to see if anyone is interested. Dick stated that he did not receive notice of the last meeting in time to attend due to plans to be out-of-town.

D) Review of Liquor License Applications: (by consensus this item was added to the Agenda) Fitz Vogt Enterprises has requested to cater malt and vinous beverages and spirituous liquors for a Chamber of Commerce "After Hours" Mixer. Pete Bianchi made a Motion to approve the request from Fitz Vogt Enterprises for May 9, 2006 beginning at 16:50 and ending at 19:50. Chris seconded. The Motion carried unanimously. Pete Bianchi made a Motion to approve a 1st class liquor license for the Crow's Nest. John Harvey seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously.

Item 5) Discussion Items:

A) Summer Recreation Program: Kathie Byrne sent a letter of resignation from the 3 to 6 year old program. Ms. Byrne also suggested that this age group be eliminated. Tom further stated that the program created a deficit last year and suggested that the fee be raised by \$5.00 to \$35.00 (resident) and \$40.00 (non-resident). Board members discussed the need for an improved program. Pete Bianchi made a Motion to cancel the 3 to 6 year old group and add the 6 year olds to the 7 to 12 year old program. Dick Daley seconded the Motion and it carried unanimously. John made a Motion to raise the program fees by \$5.00. Chris Mathewson seconded. The Motion was approved by all.

B) Budget Review: The Board reviewed the financials as of March 31, 2006. Tom had noted some items that will be over budget; i.e. fuel costs, repairs, etc. The bottom line is projected to not exceed the overall budget. The Board would like to look it over and discuss next week.

C) Manager's Report:

Tom asked whether the Board was going to act on the Town Plan and Flood Plain Regulations in the Zoning Regulations. Peter Bianchi made a Motion to adopt the 2000 Town Plan and Flood Plain Regulations in the Zoning Regulations as presented. John Harvey seconded. The Motion carried unanimously.

The excavator looked at previously was sold. There is a Cat excavator coming tomorrow to be looked at; this one is going for \$36,500, had two buckets, 1900 hours of use, and flexible boom. Nortrax has one also and they are asking \$31,750. Both figures are with the trade. A trailer was purchased last Friday for \$3,000.

Tom found an alternative funding source for the fire station, Rural Development. There will be a need for interim funding, because they don't fund until the project is complete. The payment structure will stay about the same with semi-annual payments. This funding will save about \$30,000 overall. The project is still on schedule for a June start date.

The bids went out for the sidewalks. A pre-bid meeting is to be held on May 3rd and bids are due May 17th.

Tom would like the Board members to go down to Smith Street and look around. There are 3 or 4 patches of dirt where parking has been taking place because there was no curb put in. The Town may need to consider putting curb in.

An email was received from Ed Jones stating that he would like to become the Emergency Management Director. Ed is a former EMT and on the Planning Commission for the Town. The Board would like to talk with him. Tom will see if he can come in to the next meeting.

Tom had a copy of the accidents that the fire department has responded to between the Town lines on Route 4. The Board reviewed the report. The Board would like to look at the ordinance for charging for responding to accidents such as these.

Item 8) Board Member Concerns:

Pete Bianchi - There are trees on Clark Hill leaning.

Dick Daley - There was a break-in at one of his apartments. When called the Sheriff stated they didn't have anyone at that time and should call the State Police. Tom said that the sheriff is on for 8 hours and then state police cover. Laurie Pilch complained about the tree in her yard again. Tom has had trouble getting someone to come in and do the trimming. Can we finance anything beyond one year? Yes as long as for highway. Sheila Loso asked if 2 feet could be added to their parking area. The foot or so being taken for the project is within the right-of-way.

Chris Mathewson - The carving studio is looking for housing for interns at the studio this summer.

John Harvey - none.

Sean Barrows – was an access approved for Clark Hill? No. There is a question on a new house being put in and the size of the culvert needed.

Item 7) Approve Orders: The Orders were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Item 8) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. by Motion from Pete Bianchi and second by John Harvey. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi McCullough