

Minutes of the February 7, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Joe De Freitas, Delbert Cloud, Geneva Gaiko, Fred Dieffenbach, Lucas Buckley-Jamison, and Amy Danley-White for the "Herald of Randolph."

This meeting was held in lieu of the meeting which would have regularly been held on February 14, 2011 in order to eliminate scheduling conflicts. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Neal Fox, the Board first reviewing and approving the weekly payroll and payables. The Constable's report of February 1, 2011 was reviewed and placed on file.

Delbert Cloud introduced Fred Dieffenbach, he being present to speak with the Board about the potential of his serving on the Planning Commission, and the nature of the work involved if he were to accept such an appointment. Mr. Dieffenbach provided information about his background and work experience, and it was agreed that he should attend one or more meetings of the Commission to gain further understanding of the work entailed. The Board thanked Mr. Dieffenbach for his interest in providing service to the Town, and he departed at approximately 6:20 PM.

Cloud then introduced Lucas Buckley-Jamison, he being a student at Vermont Technical College. A course requirement is to attend meetings of Municipal boards/committees and observe how business may be conducted, to be better prepared for occasions in the future when his own career might necessitate doing applications or presentations to such entities. The Board welcomed Mr. Buckley-Jamison and encouraged him to return as often as he might wish.

The Selectboard minutes of January 24, 2011 were then approved by motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried. The minutes of the regional planning commission for December 8, 2010 were also reviewed and placed on file.

The Board then examined a packet of material submitted from the regional commission re. the "Transportation Capital Projects Prioritization List." It was noted that three State bridges in Bethel are high on the priority list. It is anticipated that the Town's representative to the regional Transportation Advisory Committee, Eric Benson, will likely have additional information to share with the Board in the near future. No action was required or taken at this time, this matter being informational only.

The Board next reviewed information available to date on a class 4 road which had been a segment of Vermont State Route 107 prior to a re-alignment project completed in 1958. The State had subsequently conveyed its interest in the corridor to the Town, and the Selectboard had held a site visit and a Public Hearing on August 9, 2010 in accordance with requirements of V.S.A. Title 19 Section 709 to try to decide what should be done with the corridor. At that meeting it had been determined "to discontinue the right-of-way held by the town, subject to determination of an exact description of its course." Since an exact description of the entirety of the subject corridor does not appear to be available, Delbert Cloud asked the Board if it would consider acting upon the portion which can apparently be described as a consequence of survey work done by Richard Lunna, PC on behalf of an abutting property owner, John Durfee. The Board members agreed that this appeared to be a reasonable way to proceed, and confirmed that Delbert Cloud should ask Mr. Durfee to obtain the necessary reference points and description from Mr. Lunna as would allow the Board to take the matter up again.

The Board then reviewed and discussed the "Budget Status Reports" as of January 31, 2011 for the Town General Fund and the Enterprise Funds. No action was required or taken.

The Board briefly discussed the VLCT "Weekly Legislative Report" of January 28, 2011, with particular reference to the Governor's budget recommendations affecting Municipal programs. Notice of a pending interactive TV presentation also offered by VLCT entitled "Public Service Board Proceedings and the Municipal Role" was also acknowledged.

With no further business to attend, the motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 PM by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried.

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Bill Richards

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Joe De Freitas