

Minutes of the April 25, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Joe De Freitas, Delbert Cloud, Geneva Gaiko, Chuck Lyman, Dick Adams, Eric Benson, Second Constable Greg Timmins, Health Officer Erin Boettcher, and Amy Danley-White for the "Herald of Randolph."

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. It was noted that Krister Adams of the Housing Foundation Inc. was not able to attend the evening's meeting as had been anticipated, but that both the Health Officer and the Second Constable were in attendance. It was thus agreed to set the order of the Agenda aside in order to take up other necessary business.

Chairman Fox welcomed Erin Boettcher and asked if she had any update on the status of Lester Howard's circumstances, which had been heard by the Board at its last meeting. Ms. Boettcher said she had not heard from the social worker and thus had no new information. Bill Richards advised that he had attended an emergency hearing on April 22, 2011 which had been held at Washington County Court in Barre wherein it had been decided that Mr. Howard would be allowed to return to his property in Bethel, subject to certain provisions being satisfied. Although it was questioned if this would be the best solution for Mr. Howard, the requirements for support services were a part of the determination that he be allowed to return.

Chairman Fox then welcomed Constable Timmins, and the Board members reviewed a report from him dated April 22, 2011 regarding an incident associated with a dog named Cardea owned by Tara Bent. A considerable amount of history is available about problems involving the particular dog. Vermont statutes were reviewed as well as the Town's Ordinance to determine options available to address the complaint most recently filed. Mr. Timmins will utilize provisions of the Town's Ordinance to respond to the matter.

The scheduled appointment with representatives of the Central Vermont Quad Runners ATV Club was then taken up, Chuck Lyman and Dick Adams being present for that matter. Discussion ensued re. the Club's activities, trail improvement work, and the recent denial by the State of Vermont of the right to cross State owned lands. The Club representatives asked if approval could be given for use of the same Town highways as last year starting on May 15<sup>th</sup> if weather and trail conditions are suitable in the Club's estimate, this use being subject to the same set of conditions as customarily have been issued by the Selectboard. Motion accordingly to approve use of the subject highways was made by Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried.

Chairman Fox then welcomed Eric Benson, he being present to discuss with the Board matters associated with the regional Transportation Advisory Committee, he being the Town's representative to that committee. Mr. Benson spoke of information he has recently obtained about Agency of Transportation "Enhancement Grants", and suggested the Town might wish to seek additional funds for work on Church Street and North Main Street which is to be done under this grant program. He referenced various types of projects which are eligible for the program, and also suggested that a future application might be submitted for financial assistance to construct sidewalks on River Street. Mr. Benson then spoke of the "High Risk Rural Roads" program, the Transportation Advisory Committee having identified Camp Brook Road as its highest priority for safety evaluations to be done under that program, subject to the Town's approval to participate. After due consideration, motion for the Town to participate in the subject program was made by Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried.

The Board then returned to the order of the Agenda. The minutes of the Board of Selectmen for its meeting of April 11, 2011 were approved by motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried. The Planning Commission minutes of April 13, 2011 were reviewed and placed on file.

A "Petition and Order" from FairPoint Communications was then examined, this requesting permission from the Selectboard to slightly relocate a single utility pole on

Camp Brook Road. The relocated pole would be at the same distance from the centerline of the road as the existing pole and would not compromise road maintenance considerations. The "Petition" was thus approved by motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried.

Municipal projects being performed/developed during the current construction season were then discussed. This review was for purpose of sharing relevant information on the status of the projects, and to provide input in the planning process, no formal action being required or taken by the Board.

With respect to other business, the Board reviewed an April 22, 2011 memo from Martha Evans-Mongeon re. the State Agency of Transportation's hope to have the River Street Bridge replacement project released for bidding in the near future. In response to the question posed by Ms. Evans-Mongeon, the Board members agreed that lighting on the bridge and the approaches should be of the same type as installed on the Church Street Bridge, except that LED fixtures should be used; a letter will be sent to confirm these points.

The Board members noted with pleasure that a \$1,000.00 grant has been received from the Vermont Department of Public Safety "Governor's Highway Safety Program" to help defray the cost of additional lights for the Town's cruiser.

Joe De Freitas advised that a citizen has asked about accumulations of junk vehicles. It was agreed that Delbert Cloud should consult with the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources to discuss that Agency's authority to address problem sites.

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

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