

Minutes of the June 13, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Joe De Freitas, Delbert Cloud, Geneva Gaiko, 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. The minutes of the Selectboard meetings of May 23, 2011 and June 7, 2011 were both approved by motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Neal Fox and thus carried. The Constable's report of May 31, 2011 was also reviewed and placed on file.

Several items of business which had recently been transmitted for the Board's information and consideration were taken up first, prior to following the order of the agenda. (1) A June 8, 2011 letter from the Vermont Department of Taxes was discussed, this pertaining to the Town's appeal of the State's calculation of the coefficient of dispersion; this matter will be taken up again at the next Board meeting on June 27, 2011; (2) a June 7, 2011 letter with attachments from William and Carol Tufts re. their application to the Vermont Public Service Board for a "Certificate of Public Good" for a solar installation they plan to make at their Sugar Hill Road property; (3) a June 10, 2011 letter from Carolyn Boone re. the offer by the Church of Latter Day Saints to assist the Town with any necessary mapping and data recording at public cemeteries; and (4) a copy of the "Recreation Center Rules" for the current season, as prepared by the Recreation Committee. By motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Neal Fox and thus carried, the Board approved the "Recreation Center Rules." With regard to assistance and assembling data for public cemeteries, the Board suggested Delbert Cloud should discuss with Ms. Boone the possibility of help in recording data at the Lympus Cemetery since limited information is presently on file for that cemetery.

The Board then turned to the order of the agenda, the first item being the Planning Commission's agenda and notice for a public hearing to be held on June 22, 2011 re. the adoption of an updated Town Plan. A related communication from Peter Gregory of the regional planning commission was reviewed, this pertaining to "legislation on new planning requirements." It was agreed that the latter matter would be taken up subsequent to re-adoption of the Town Plan, when the Planning Commission would be able to take the matter into consideration.

A May 27, 2011 memo from Christine Hadsel, Director of the "Curtains Without Borders" project was discussed next. It is hoped that the communication in response to Ms. Hadsel's memo may assist in defraying the cost of displaying the Town's historic theater curtain at the Town Hall.

A May 20, 2011 letter with attachments from the Vermont League of Cities & Towns was reviewed, this pertaining to insurance valuations on Town properties. No action was required or taken as the Board members found the data to be reasonable.

The Board then examined a "Form 411" as of June 7, 2011 provided by the Board of Listers, and calculations provided by the Manager's Office to estimate the municipal tax rate which would be applicable to fiscal 2012. Given a slight decline in the Town's Grand List, and the value of "money articles" approved by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting, the anticipated tax rate will be in the magnitude of \$0.663 per one hundred dollars of assessment.

The Board next discussed the "Budget Status Reports" as of June 1st for the Town General Fund and the "Enterprise" funds (water, wastewater, and solid waste). An examination was also made of "receivables" for all departments, to estimate year-end standings for June 30, 2011. No action was required or taken as these matters were informational only at this time.

The following communications were then reviewed and placed on file: (1) a May 24, 2011 letter from the Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation advising that the Town was not awarded funds to assist in developing a trail system in the Branliere Town Forest; (2) a May 23, 2011 informational memo from the Local Emergency Planning

Committee re. a proposed Bylaw change; (3) a May 26, 2011 letter from the U.S. Census Bureau re. the 2010 census; (4) a May 23, 2011 letter from the regional planning commission re. a "Brownfields Reuse Workbook;" and (5) a June 6, 2011 letter from The Johnson Company re. the annual evaluation of the closed Bethel/Royalton landfill (all installations being in good repair and functioning as intended).

Motion was then made at 8:20 PM by Joe De Freitas, seconded by Neal Fox and thus carried, to enter executive session for purpose of discussing an application for funding from the Economic Revolving Loan Fund. Delbert Cloud was the only person remaining with the Board during the executive session. No minutes were kept. Upon return to open meeting at 8:50 PM, motion was made by Joe De Freitas, seconded by Neal Fox and thus carried, to approve a loan requested by the Applicant, subject to certain conditions of security which Delbert Cloud will discuss with the Applicant.

The Board then briefly discussed a workshop being held by the Vermont League of Cities & Towns in conjunction with the Agency of Natural Resources re. junk accumulations and salvage yard operations. Discussion will continue, subsequent to this workshop, to determine if current laws and regulations are of sufficient assistance to warrant action by the Town on various sites which appear to meet the set of definitions which have been developed.

With no further business to attend, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM by motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Neal Fox and thus carried.

Neal Fox

Bill Richards

Joe De Freitas