

Minutes of the July 11, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Neal Fox, Bill Richards, Joe De Freitas, Delbert Cloud, Geneva Gaiko, David Aldrighetti, Christie Nicholson, Mark Nicholson, and Amy Danley-White for the "Herald of Randolph."

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Chairman Neal Fox, the Board first reviewing and approving the weekly payroll and payables. The Constable's report of July 5, 2011 was reviewed and placed on file.

Chairman Fox noted that Mark and Christie Nicholson were present, they being scheduled as the first appointment of the evening, and he welcomed them to discuss matters pertaining to honoring American servicemen. Christie Nicholson explained the plan for a fund-raising event as would enable issuance of gift cards at the winter holiday season, which could be redeemed at Post Exchanges. She said the bandshell at the Town Common would be good for a display, and that she would like to know how to coordinate with the local American Legion Chapter. Chairman Fox advised that he could provide the link to the American Legion, and the Board members concurred that the bandshell would be usable if the American Legion agreed to sponsor the effort. This matter was thus concluded, pending input from the local Chapter of the American Legion.

The Board then returned to the order of the agenda. The minutes of the Selectboard meeting of June 27, 2011 were approved by motion of Joe De Freitas, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried. The minutes of the Recreation Committee for June 30, 2011 were also reviewed and placed on file. Regarding fund raising plans for improvements at the Pleasant Street facility, it was agreed that a joint meeting should be scheduled as soon as would be convenient with the Committee, to develop common understandings of the planned improvements and their relative priorities.

A June 30, 2011 letter from the Vermont Department of Taxes re. the fiscal year 2012 tax rates for education was next discussed. Since these rates are set by the State of Vermont, no action was required or taken by the Board. However, it was noted that the Homestead rate has again risen significantly, being driven upward by local spending adjustments.

The Board next examined the General Fund Budget Status Reports, and the list of delinquent taxes for the year ended June 30, 2011. Delbert Cloud explained various line items within the reports, and the status of fund balances at year end. It was also noted that a "single audit" will commence the week of July 18th, and the office staff is preparing information for the auditors' review.

With the time now being 7:00 PM, Chairman Fox welcomed Fire Chief David Aldrighetti. Initial discussion focused around the work of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, Mr. Aldrighetti being the Town's representative. He characterized the work of the Committee as being helpful, in that it assisted in identifying key people in the region who could be called upon in the event of an emergency, and promoted mutual aid efforts. Discussion then turned to the equipment needs of the Fire Department, most specifically with respect to the fleet of response vehicles. It was agreed that all of the trucks are accumulating age to the extent that measures should be taken to keep the fleet from getting to the point wherein repairs become too frequent and function might be inhibited. It was also agreed that the ideal type of vehicle to acquire would be an all-wheel drive pumper/tanker. Since a fund has been established for Fire Department equipment replacement purposes, it was agreed that Mr. Aldrighetti and Mr. Cloud should look into the means by which an acquisition could be done. Motion accordingly was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried.

The Board then returned to the order of the agenda. The budget status reports for the enterprise funds, and the accounts receivable for the same funds, were all examined. Delbert Cloud outlined the financial status of the funds as of June 30, 2011. The Board then considered notes payable, and concurred that three notes should be renewed with Mascoma Savings Bank as were due at this time. Motion accordingly was made by Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried. Budgeted compensation

schedule adjustments of 3% were approved as of July 1, 2011 by motion of Neal Fox, seconded by Bill Richards and unanimously carried.

The following communications were then reviewed and placed on file: (1) letter dated June 29, 2011 from the Vermont Department of Economic Development advising that the Town's "Village Center Designation" has been renewed for an additional 5 years, (2) a memo dated July 6, 2011 from the Town Manager re. solid waste program business, (3) notices from the Springfield Environmental Office re. permits being processed on behalf of RSL, LLC of Royalton for a Family Dollar business and a division of lands on behalf of the Estate of Margaret Brainard.

As a final item of business, the Board members agreed that estimates should be obtained from qualified tradespeople for repair of the fieldstone wall at the intersection of Avon Drive and Main Street.

With no further business to attend, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM by motion of Bill Richards, seconded by Joe De Freitas and unanimously carried.

Neal Fox

Bill Richards

Joe De Freitas