

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 01, 2000

PRESENT: Don Anderson, Steve Leach, Brian Greenia-Chair, Jim Paige (for executive session only), Lee Sturtevant

ABSENT:

DEPT. HEADS: Wally Reeves, Bill Moulton, Bud Geary, MaryAnn Wilson, Ken Sweetser

GUESTS: Bill Bourne, Scott Corse, Kurt Salvas, Everett Rowell, Mac Manning, Mike Roussell

An EXECUTIVE Session was held from 5:30pm to 6:05pm to discuss personnel issues. The regular meeting of the Selectboard began at 6:14pm.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

The crews have been sweeping streets and grading roads. They will mow the soccer field this weekend if weather permits. They will also start washing bridges. The pickup is now fixed. The final payment of \$55,000 for TH2 should be received within the next 2 weeks. Bids for the 1982 dumptruck were opened at 6:30pm. There was one bid received from Kurt Salvas of Specialized Excavation & Trucking Inc. in the amount of \$4,700. Lee made the motion seconded by Don to award the bid to Kurt Salvas in the amount of \$4,700. Passed.

POLICE:

The department received about 180 calls – 2 detox – expectations are for calls to start increasing. The department participated in the "Take Back the Night" march as well as the March of Dimes walk. Ryan B. and Cindy S. will be attending a death notification workshop on May 4th. Eric D. will be going to Idaho for National Guard training from May 6th through May 26th. The COPS Grant was discussed. The Board feels it is necessary to have dialogue with the SchoolBoard before filing the application. The SchoolBoard will be invited to the next Selectboard meeting to discuss the grant. Richard requested approval to purchase the following equipment:

Night Vision Goggles	\$2,595
Digital hand-held video system	\$1,299

The dept. has to call other towns for assistance when this equipment is needed. There would be an estimated life-use of 5 to 6 years for the above equipment. The cost of equipment would come out of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. Lee made the motion seconded by Steve to authorize purchase of the above mentioned equipment not to exceed \$3,940. Passed.

AA REPORT:

The Board received a request to reconsider previous decision of denying permission to place a dead end sign at West High Street. Brian made the motion seconded by Lee to allow a dead end sign for West High Street to be placed on the stop sign. Opposed unanimously. The tree in the park needs to be moved – Ken stated the Downtown Group will be taking care of it.

GUESTS:

Mike Roussell from the Bishop Marshall School was present to request a waiver of planning fee. The school paid a fee a couple of years ago for the new school. The building has now been redesigned and significantly downsized. Since the fees have already been paid for the larger size plans the school is requesting a waiver of additional fees for the smaller plans. The school did pay a renewal fee of \$100 last year to keep permits valid. Don made the motion seconded by Lee to transfer previous fees to the plans with no additional charges. Passed.

Scott Corse was present. He stated there is a new line item on Village W & L bills for the EEU charge, however the W & L has reduced their rates by this amount so the charge will not differ. This agency has requested W & L transfer all customer information to them. W & L will not send customer history to any agencies – there will be a Public Service Board hearing on Wednesday 5/3/00 at 1:00pm in Montpelier to discuss this issue. The Board supports W & L in retaining all customer history information.

Ken Sweetser represented the Downtown Group. He stated the Army Core of Engineers do not want any buildings within 2000' of any highway changes without going through the Act 250 process. Their concern is SPRAWL. Ken Sweetser will be out of the office from June 19 – June 22 to attend a conference in Utah. We also have a grant of \$200 for the purchase of a Sugar Maple tree to plant at the Oxbow. Lee made the motion seconded by Don to have the highway department purchase and plant a sugar maple tree at the Oxbow with this grant money. Passed.

MaryAnn presented a visual concept for the green near the Union Bank in the Village. The Bank has a concern of the location the berm will be planted due to plowing. After discussion it was decided Bill will attempt to pile snow in the back of the parking lot rather than the front row to avoid damaging the berm.

Bill Bourne was present to request permission to dig across the Cote Hill road to bury utility lines for his new house. There was discussion stating concerns of liability if there are any problems later in time. Lee made the motion seconded by Brian to allow Bill Bourne to install his power line across the road if he buries the cable 10 feet below the top of the road. Passed. SL-opposed.