

Townshend Selectboard Meeting – June 23, 2008

Attending:

Carole Melis, Henry Martin, chair &
Brud Sanderson, Selectboard

Participating member:

Leon Mowrey, Janet Stowell, Kurt Tietz
Gregg Morrow, TES board member and
Nicole Oren, Brattleboro Reformer correspondent

The chair called this **meeting to order** at 7:00 PM and explained the purpose of these meetings is to receive as much public input as possible on the turning off Street lights, etc. The June 30th meeting is rescheduled next meeting to July 7th

Melis explained her map street lights to be removed and its legend. The Chair proceeded to recognize all present who wanted to discuss the turning off of street lights (Townshend & West Townshend). Citizen's comments included:

Not to turn off: safety reason, increased walker on Grafton Rd near Valley Cares, should have light when no sidewalks, save money in other places, Efficiency Vermont explained that Townshend is located in an electrical log jam

To turn off: Trier's letter received; yearly cost savings of \$2,400+/-; possible (winter) test in turning them off for a week; shining in one home; property owner would be responsible for cost of street light, consider turning off lights in fall when the days have shortened daylight

This portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM All left except Tietz and Oren

Other business:

- *Melis moved to accept the resignation of Michalina Wasung, Town Treasurer, seconded by Sanderson, carried by all present.* Martin will set up an agreeable date and time for executive session meeting to discuss personnel - appointing a new Town Treasurer.
- Instructed their clerk to invite State Forest & Park rep Aaron Hurst to their next meeting to discuss: the Chamberlin's transferring their land to State Forest (Park). Martin will consult with Atty Fisher regarding the Town's involvement and the consequence the land being taken off tax role.
- Add prepaid diesel from Town Hall to Town Barn as not enough was allocated.
- Who would read the Common's electrical meter in order to charge the any organization/person for electrical usage? The Common policy needs to be revisited to include charging meter usage or a flat fee.
- Received one Letter of Interest for Appointment posted. *Melis moved to appoint Susan Lecours to fill the unexpired term of Scott Chase, Planning Commission, seconded by Martin, carried by those present*
- NEMRC's Laurie Boyd will conduct a workshop at 4:00 PM, July 1st for all to attend.

Melis met with Michael Marquis, engineer at the Town Garage site. She reported that the covered polluted pit needs to be cleaned up or prove it is not leaching; need to acquire storm water permits; he could prepare a complete set of plans for \$5,000. Martin indicated that the entire Board should have input and discussion regarding her proposed time table to allow for a bond vote at this November's Presidential Election.

At 7:50 PM *Melis moved to Adjourn, seconded by Sanderson, carried by those present.*

Respectively submitted, Cynthia Davis, clerk for the Selectboard

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