

## Townshend Selectboard Meeting Minutes - September 3, 2008

**Present:**

Alene Evans,  
Carole Melis  
Brud Sanderson, Selectboard

**Participating members:**

Andrea Royce, Lister; Dale Davis, Town Barn, Town Hall  
maintenance applicants; John Muise; Jeff Russ; Richard  
Carusona

**1. Acting chair, Evans called the *Meeting to Order* at 7:04 and recognized *Participating Members*:**

Lister, **Andrea Royce** informed the Board that L&G is purchasing a piece of property which will come off the tax roll. Evans believed that the Selectboard has no jurisdiction in L&G's venture. Royce continued, on another matter, that the RV mentioned at the Board's last meeting was in the computer but did not appear on the lodged Grand List. Royce left at 7:10 PM

Richard Carusona wanted a **curb cut** permit the Dept of the Army had approved the installation of under ground chamber, etc. Evans asked him provide the Board with a copy of Consent No. 08-13 signed by both(?) parties. She stated that Bostrom would following up on the status of the roads. Carusona left at 7:20 PM.

A resident on Crane Road, John Muise, wanted Board input on the idea to create a **community garden**. Those present liked the idea so *Evans moved to allow John Muise to initiate a community garden committee, seconded by Sanderson, unanimously carried by the Board*. Muise left at 7:30 PM.

Dale Davis reported on the progress that the **Town Barn Committee** has made. Sanderson advised Davis on the many types of storm water permits which may include the Town Barn. Davis left at 7:40 PM

Jeff Russ met with a Falvey pool representative regarding the condition of the **Fountain's** basin. He quoted \$9,800 to repair the entire project (excluding purchasing the tank) which could be started soon. Evans asked Russ to bring to the next Selectboard meeting, Falvey's specific sketches/concept and contract, etc for review. *Evans moved that Jeff Russ supervise the removal of the Fountain with Bostrom, seconded by Sanderson, carried by all those present*. Russ left at 7:50 PM

**1a. Town Clerk and/or Treasurer:**

Town Clerk's memo reminded Board members of counting the ballots after the Primary Election September 9, 2008

**1b. Bookkeeper:** no report

**1c. Highway foreman:** did not attend

2. The Board tabled taking any action on *all* of the outstanding *Minutes* waiting for a full Board in attendance.

**3. Warrants:**

*Evans moved to approve and sign the warrants in the amounts of \$3,915.60 general fund and \$6,144.63 payroll, dated September 3, 2008, seconded by Sanderson, unanimously carried and signed by those present.*

**4. Old Business**

**Valley Care's Taxes** – Melis (having laryngitis) informed everyone that Attorney Fisher would be available now for a conference call to discuss his response to Melis' letter re: taxation of Valley Cares (West River Assisted Living and Low Income Housing). Sanderson read aloud Fisher's letter. After discussing the Town's options everyone agreed to invite Atty Ginsberg and others to a meeting. *Evans moved to invite Atty Gensberg, Crego, Listers, B&B Associates, Atty. Fisher and Selectboard* (not limited to), *seconded by Melis, unanimously carried by those present.* VLCT will be contacted regarding our Errors and Omissions policy. As I was preparing of these minutes, I was told the above meeting will be September 29, 2008 at 4:00 PM.

**2006 Certificate of No appeal or Suit Pending** – was signed by selectperson Evans.

**Town Hall grant** – Evans announced that the Town had received a grant of \$5,000.00 from their last application to renovate the Town Hall. The Committee will be meeting on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>

**Mommy's Market** – The Board asked their clerk to notify Lori Staib that their request that the Mommy's Market at the Town Hall must be approved each y and that it is approved in that year.

**5. New Business**

- Martin gave Davis permission to give the Town's Health Officer, Dr. Shafer a copy of the Dam Diner's second State request to correct their water quality.
- Banknorth provided a sample letter to be rewritten on Selectboard stationary, with copies of the taking of Oath and Selectboard minutes, verifying that Daigneault was legally appointed as Treasurer and he appointed Bean assistant Treasurer, and that they are authorized to sign cards on Town accounts at Banknorth.
- WRC copied town of Richmond's Energy Conservation Policy – No Board action taken.

- Elizabeth Jones called Selectpersons Evans about the unsightly graffiti in West Townshend in the vicinity of Back Windham Road. The Board agreed to see about removal of the graffiti.
- Davis announced to those present that she was quitting the job as their clerk, effective before their 1<sup>st</sup> October meeting. She will post the vacancy inviting perspective applicants to the Board's September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**6. Other Business**

- VLCT's notice switched from Jon Jay Associates unemployment claims to TALX UC express.
- DRM – Southern loop continued correspondence, no board action taken

State of VT - Project review: Kenneth & Christine Cathcart (new water storage)

**7. Executive Session** – none at this time

**8. Next meeting** –Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

**9. At 8:30 PM Melis whispered to *Adjourn*, seconded by Sanderson, unanimously carried by those present.** Melis communicated through writing notes.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Davis, clerk for the Selectboard