

June 13, 2011

## AGENDA AND SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order.

Meeting opened at 6:05 p.m.

Present were Yves Daigle, Scott Dunn, Mike Piper, Richard Degre, MaryLou Jacobs, LaDonna Dunn, Doug Morton from NVDA, Jacques Couture, Lynn Limoges and Connie LaPlume.

2. Review minutes of last meeting.

Minutes were read and accepted as read. Motion by Jacques Couture, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Degre.

3. Update of wind project Lowell.

a. David and Kathleen Rowe's, Brent Benson, Sally D. Caron and Cedar Cowles estate petition against Green Mountain power and the so-called Kingdom Community Wind Project  
Yves had a letter stating that in addition to \$100,000 the Town will receive over a 10 year period, a 20% increase will be added to that. He also stated that in the letter was information that Dr Holland from Irasburg was incorrect in his assessments that he (Dr. Holland) has been using as an argument against the Kingdom Wind project.

The select board received a petition from attorneys Primmer, Piper, Eggleston and Cramer regarding a petition against Green Mountain Power and The Kingdom Wind Project. The fore-mentioned attorneys are representing Benson, Rowe, Caron and Cowles Estate.

4. Update of playground.

A check for \$39,614.79 was received as part of the grant matching funds.

Yves said Craig Racenet is planning on starting the tennis court/basketball court soon. The total cost due Craig will be \$59,000.

Larry needs to come and fix the edges that have washed away during the winter and spring rains.

The trees in the back will be cut by Mike Piper and Yves to clear an area for the walking path.

5. Adopt and sign the speed ordinance.

The road ordinance was reviewed, corrected and signed. It will be posted around town in 5 places and posted in the chronicle on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June as required.

6. Recycling update.

Recycling continues to grow. Although there are still some residents that are not recycling. Richard Degre suggested placing a notice in the same envelope as the tax bill, in order to send it to all residents and tax payers.

We need to be re-certified by April 1, 2012. Yves will contact Paul Tomasi to see what needs to be done.

7. Doug Morton N.V.D. A.

High risk roads.

Doug Morton was present to explain what NVDA does for the communities. He left flyers He stated that if they could do anything to help the town with any project, to let them know.

Lynn Limoges was also present to discuss sidewalks, or street crossing areas. Doug said there is grant money out there for that, and that he would be happy to work with her toward that goal.

Step one is to talk with Scott Keyser from the AOT. Jacques will talk with him and see what has to be done.

Doug also spoke about the signage on Buck Hill. The board said they are happy with the results, but are not pleased with the lack of communication.

Doug recommended that a letter go out to the contractor of the job stating the work is satisfactory, but the communication was not. The clerk is to write a letter for the board to sign.

8. Scott Dunn – Westfield representative for NVDA

Scott stated he has read the manual and it was very informative.

There is a director's meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the East Side. He would like a letter from the town to NVDA stating a Selectboard member will represent the town.

Motion by Richard and seconded by Yves to appoint Jacques to the position. Jacques will try to attend the meetings with Scott.

The Town will pay Scott's mileage to the meetings. A motion to pay mileage was made by Yves, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard and Jacques agreed.

9. Vt Humane Federation.

Yves had a letter from the Cruelty Coalition.

If an animal is not claimed it is to go to the Frontier Animal Society. The Town will hold the animal for three days.

If an animal is to be destroyed, it has to go to a professional.

10. Decide how to purge the checklist.

The board will hold a meeting on Monday June 27<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of purging the check list.

11. Efficiency VT.

Jacques will contact Efficiency VT and set up a meeting with Rondeau and the select board to see what is needed for an oil furnace that will meet efficiency requirements the furnace in question is for the Town garage.

12. Green Mt Power leasing a "pole yard" from  
Richard Degre. (auction house lot.)

The board signed a letter that will go to Green Mt Power stating they are in agreement with a corner of Richard Degre's auction house property being used as a pole yard.

13. Clerk request of 2 weeks sick leave.

Connie has requested up to 2 weeks sick leave to be used this year. The board wants an office policy put in place. A policy is currently being worked on. Motion by Jacques, second by Richard and Yves agreed for 2 weeks to be allowed.

14. Other business

a. A quit claim deed was signed for a cemetery lot that was sold.

b. Yves read what is required in minutes taken.

c. The Friday night Jam Session held on the third Friday of the month is being cancelled until further notice. John and Sandy Veer have asked if they can run it. The board felt it would be good to give a couple of months rest on the session. There will be no session in the

month of June. The session has been held and run by Yves Daigle for seven years.

15. To adjourn

Motion by Richard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacques and Yves agreed to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

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Yves Daigle – chair

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Jacques Couture

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Richard Degre  
Westfield Board of Select men