

AGENDA AND MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING – JULY 11, 2011

1. Call the meeting to order.

Meeting opened at 6:10 p.m.

Present were: Yves Daigle, Richard Degree, Jacques Couture, Scott Dunn, Lynn Danforth, LaDonna Dunn, Mike Piper, Mary Lou Jacobs, Richard Shover, Connie LaPlume and Joanna Cummings.

2. Read minutes of the last meeting.

Minutes were read and accepted as read. Motion by Richard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Yves and Jacques was in agreement.

3. Website for Westfield – Joanna Cummings E-Vermont Community Coordinator.

Joanna Cummings was present to explain how her company could assist the town to get financial assistance to set up a website. Joanna suggested a strategic plan and policy be put into place prior to setting up a website. There are grants available that will assist in the financial set up but must be submitted by May 2012 when E-Vermont ceases its funding.

4. Set the 2011 tax rate.

The tax rate for 2011 was set at .3448 by the Selectboard and Town Treasurer. A motion was made by Jacques, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard and Yves agreed.

5. Update on sidewalk in Westfield Village.

Yves read a letter from Amy Gamble stating it is unlikely a crosswalk could be put in Westfield. Connie will send a copy of this letter to Doug Morton at NVDA and request a site meeting between the town, NVDA and Amy to further discuss the sidewalk concept.

6. Speed Limit change on Route 242 in Westfield Section.

Yves read a support letter he drafted regarding lowering the speed limit on Route 242. It passed and will be recorded in the town land records.

7. Westfield Property surveys and building values.

Yves read a letter from VLCT & reviewed the new values placed on the town buildings. Due to the increased values the policy cost will be increasing \$3,300 at renewal time. The Selectboard felt the values were fair replacement costs. Mary Lou stated this increase will need to be added to the 2012 budget.

8. Fence between the playground and Danforth's

Lynn Danforth was present to request the town pay ½ the costs of purchasing a fence between her property and the playground due to privacy issues. A motion was made by Jacques to pay ½ the cost of the fence with the Danforth's installing at no charge. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was by Richard with Yves being in agreement. After Lynn left the meeting, the selectmen discussed having the Danforth's return to the next selectmen's meeting to discuss ownership of the fence.

9. Asbestos mines – Super fund.

Yves read a letter about an informational meeting July 26 at the Lowell School Gym at 7 p.m. The Eden & Lowell Selectboards are looking for input from other towns.

10. Frontier Animal Society – Dog Ordinance.

Legalize our dog ordinance.

According to the Frontier Animal Society our current dog ordinance is not legal because it does not state how long dogs are to be held. Connie will call NVDA to see how to make an amendment to our current ordinance.

11. E-Waste collection.

Effective July 1, 2011 our recycling center now accepts electronic devices at no charge to residents.

12. Other business.

The recycling flyer needs modifying. Yves will make the changes and bring to Connie for updating. The updated flyer will be included in the property tax mailing.

13. To adjourn.

Motion by Richard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jacques and Yves agreed to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes taken by: LaDonna Dunn, Ass't Town Clerk

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Yves Daigle –Chair

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Jacques Couture

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Richard Degre  
Westfield Board of Selectmen