

A regular meeting of the Hardwick Select Board was held on Thursday, February 19, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room of the Hardwick Memorial Building.

Members Present:

Sherry Lussier  
M. Tod Delaricheliere  
Patricia Coultas  
Charles Volk  
Todd Deuso

Others Present:

Daniel Hill, Lynda Brochu,  
Roger LeCours, Nathan Meunier  
Susan Hirshmugl, Eileen Bolland,

6:05 P.M. Meeting called to order.

6:06 P.M. Charles Volk moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2004 regular Select Board meeting.

Patricia Coultas seconded

Lynda Brochu told the Board that Eric Werner from the Hardwick Electric Department called her to correct the top of page two. The bond that was being approved was for twenty years, not thirty years.

Charles - Yes  
Patricia - Yes  
Todd - Abstained  
M. Tod Delaricheliere - Yes  
Sherry Lussier - Yes

Communications From Audience: None

Manager's Report

Dan reminded the Board that there was a retirement open house for Gerald Hall the next afternoon from 3 P.M. to 6 P.M.

Teen Center Update

Dan introduced Eileen Bolland and Susan Hirschmugl. Susan introduced herself and explained that she was present to discuss the teen center appropriation request and ask for advice in how she should prepare for town meeting. Eileen gave some background information to the Board on how the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Grant, Americorp Volunteers and Northeast Kingdom Youth Service have worked together to reopen the teen center. Eileen explained that she has met with the Hardwick Recreation Department and hopes to strengthen their connection with them. Susan explained that the appropriation request this year in the amount of \$7,500 is strictly for operational expenses - rent, electricity, etc. The Board questioned both ladies about the client group using the teen center, the adults who are supervising them, the fiscal agent of the

teen center, grant writing and the rules of the teen center. Susan told the Board that her position ends in August. Eileen explained that in order to continue funding the teen center, through grants and other sources, the Town of Hardwick has to show support through the appropriation request passing. The Board gave Susan some suggestions for speaking on behalf of this appropriation at Town Meeting.

#### Pre Town Meeting Discussion

The Board discussed the protocol for speaking at Town Meeting. No one was present to ask any questions.

#### Smith Farm Road Grant Request

Dan explained that he has completed the grant request form for the new box culvert that will be installed on Smith Farm Road. Dan said that the Town is going to ask for 90% of the construction costs through the State of Vermont's bridge and culvert program. Dubois & King have projected the cost to be approximately \$118,000. In order to proceed with this grant request, Dan was looking for Board approval.

6:35 P.M. M. Tod moved to apply for the Agency of Transportation structures grant in the amount of \$108,000.00.

Todd seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

#### Liquor Licenses

Dan told the Board that he had one liquor license which need to be renewed.

6:37 P.M. M. Tod moved to approve a first class liquor license for Hardwick House of Pizza.

Todd seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Dan told the Board that he and Alan has discussed the condition of the road side mower and tractor. The tractor is getting very old and the mower is no longer usable. Rather than purchase a newer tractor and mower, Dan and Alan feel that they could hire someone to come in and do all the road side mowing for \$3,500 to \$4,000. It would also free up one road crew member to work elsewhere in the summer. The board agreed that Dan and Alan should pursue hiring an outside person to mow.

Dan handed the Board the Library Report and the January Police Activity Report. Dan was contacted by Ron Sanville, from the Hardwick Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber would like to relocate their welcome booth to the area currently being used by the Farmer's Market on Wolcott Street. Dan said that he would speak to someone from the Farmer's Market and look into parking and booth location. The Board agreed that

Dan should go forward with this in the Spring.

Old Business: Todd told the Board that the Central Vermont Solid Waste District is moving forward on the "Fast Trash" location in the Industrial Park. It should be up and running within the next couple of months. Todd told the Board that they are still looking for a permanent site. If one is not found in Hardwick, they will locate the permanent site in Woodbury or Walden.

New Business: None

Select Board Reports:

6:46 P.M. M. Tod moved to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Patricia seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Open Session 6:48 P.M. No action taken.

6:49 P.M. M. Tod moved to go into Executive Session to discuss revolving loan fund.

Patricia seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Open Session 6:53 P.M. No action taken.

6:54 P. M. M. Tod moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the Manager's review.

Patricia seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Open Session 7:12 P.M.

7:13 P.M. Patti moved to adjourn.

Todd seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Minutes approved by:

Todd Deuso, Chair

Minutes taken by: Lynda N. Brochu