

A regular meeting of the Hardwick Select Board was held on Thursday, November 3, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Hardwick Memorial Building.

Members Present:

Todd Deuso
Patricia Coultas
Charles Volk
Brad Ferland

Others Present:

Daniel Hill, Lynda Brochu
Nathan Menuer, Roger LeCours,
Alberta Miller, Marcus Brown,
Sue Cross, George Hemmons,
Kristina Michelsen, Toni May,
Karen Shaw, Wendell Shepard,
Michael Miller, Averill Brown,
Lise Hamel, Lawrence Hamel

6:00 P.M. Todd Deuso called the meeting called to order.

6:01 P.M. Brad Ferland moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2005.

Charles Volk seconded

Patricia Coultas asked Lynda to change the wording on page 4 to read “the Lemays” and strike “Cindy Burnham.”

Brad moved to approve as amended. Charles seconded.
Motion passed unanimously

Approval of Agenda: Hardwick Electric monthly report and appointment to recreation committee were added by Dan Hill. Patti asked that the Planning Discussion (item #4) be moved in front of the Public Hearing for Proposed Zoning Bylaw Changes (item #3).

6:03 P.M. Patti moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Brad seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Communications from audience: None

Manager’s Report:

Acceptance of Petition

Alberta Miller was present to have the Select Board formally receive Bert Smith’s petition to amend the Town charter. Alberta told the Board that there will be two public hearings to discuss this issue, one scheduled for February 2, 2006 and one scheduled for February 9, 2006. Alberta will be at these meetings to answer any questions the voters may have, but she told the Board that they should also be at these meetings. The Board discussed where the meetings would be held and whether Bert would be

attending. They asked Alberta if Bert's petition was a legal petition. She answered that it was. The Board also discussed the ramifications of whether petitions would be needed for elected officials such as fence viewers. The Board and Alberta also discussed voting machines.

6:15 P.M. Patti moved to accept Bert Smith's petition.

Brad seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Planning Discussion

Kristina Michelson, chair of the Planning Commission, was present to discuss the report on cell towers. The Board asked her where the town was in terms of cell towers. Kristina said that the new study would have no affect on the cell tower appeal currently in the environmental court. She said that it could play a part in future applications and perhaps planning commission decisions. They asked that Kristina advise them when the next planning commission meeting takes place. Brad asked Kristina what was new in the study that the Zoning Board didn't have when they considered Rinker's application. Kristina answered that it provided quite a bit more information than the hearings did. The Board and Kristina discussed the cell tower study. George Hemmons joined the discussion as a member of the Zoning Board. George handed out a paper showing where cell coverage would be, should there be two towers in Hardwick.

6:30 P.M. Patti moved to recess the Select Board meeting and open a public hearing for proposed Zoning bylaw changes.

Brad seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Public Hearing for Proposed Zoning Bylaw Changes

Dan explained that the Planning Commission has held its required Public Hearing regarding changes to our Zoning Bylaws. This Public Hearing has been warned to take testimony from the public concerning the new bylaws. Kristina and Michael Miller explained that most of the changes were statutory requirement changes. Brad asked Kristina and Michael to clear up a few items for him:

1) Page 29 - Section 4.7 add "commercial" before the word extraction and delete the word "for" at the end of that line.

2) Page 1 - Section 1.3 C - there was a typo on line 39 and change "is" to "are."

3) Section 4.14 - salvage yards - Brad asked whether junk cars are addressed. Mike and Dan Hill answered that the town follows state statute on junk cars.

4) Page 38 - line 27 - Brad asked Kristina and Mike to better define the word residence.

The Board and the people in the room discussed permits issued by the Select Board or Chief of Police, wind towers and speculation cell towers. Karen Shaw said that she supports the changes to the bylaws.

6:56 P.M. Public Hearing closed - Select Board meeting reopened

6:56 P.M. Patti moved to accept the bylaws as amended with the suggested typographical errors as found by Brad.

Brad seconded

Brad and Kristina discussed changing the word "residence" to "residential dwelling." It was decided to change page 38, line 27 from "residence" to "residential dwelling."

Motion passed unanimously

The Board resumed talking about the cell tower study. The Board and the people in the room discussed the Buffalo Mountain site. The Board directed Dan to see whether they can present the environmental court with the new cell study, so that they can take that into consideration when deciding the Rinker's appeal.

Preview of County Budget

Dan met with Judge Bill Kennedy to discuss the proposed County budget. Dan handed the Board a revised budget. Dan estimated the county budget to go up county wide \$30,000, but we will get a firm number in January of 2006.

Phosphorous Removal Update

Dan said he and Ken met with our engineers, Forcier & Aldrich and a representative from the State Wastewater division last week to discuss the phosphorous removal project. Dan estimates that the yearly increase to sewer users, after constructing a system to extract phosphorous from our wastewater lagoons, would be approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year. Dan added that it appears construction could be done in the spring of 2007 but it is contingent on the State having the funds to spend on the project. The Board discussed the BOD levels and sludge.

Water Study Update

Dan met with the Town's engineers on Monday prior to this meeting to discuss the water study they are conducting. Dan said that for the first time ever a system-wide map of our water system has been produced. He presented the Board with the map(s). Dan and the Board discussed the water system and the future needed improvements as suggested by Forcier Aldrich, including more storage capacity and upgrading water lines from 4" mains to 8" mains. The engineers estimate the costs to do both upgrades as costing up to \$2 million. The Board discussed.

Dan handed the Board the latest Hardwick Electric Department report. Dan told the Board that he had met with Marie LePre Grabon and that there has been an opening on the Hardwick Recreation Committee since Town Meeting. The Rec. Committee would like the Board to appoint Karen Klotz to the recreation committee board.

7:45 P.M. Patti moved to appoint Karen Klotz to serve on the recreation committee.

Charles seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Brad and Patti complimented the Hardwick recreation committee and Hazen Trails on the wonderful job they did on the Halloween pumpkin walk.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Select Board Reports: None

7:45 P.M. Patti moved to go into Executive Session to discuss revolving loan funds to include Dan Hill, Town Manager and Lynda Brochu, Administrative Asst., and Marcus Brown.

Brad seconded
Motion passed unanimously

8:05 P.M. Out of Executive Session

8:05 P.M. Todd moved to go into Executive Session to discuss revolving loan funds to include Dan Hill, Town Manager and Lynda Brochu, Administrative Asst., and Lise Hamel and Laurence Hamel.

Brad seconded
Motion passed unanimously

8:57 P.M. Open Session

8:57 P.M. Patti moved to approve a \$50,000 loan to Lise and Laurence Hamel for 10 years towards the improvements to the so called 1847 House/Hill Block, contingent upon purchase of the property.

Brad seconded
Motion passed unanimously

8:58 P.M. Patti moved to adjourn the meeting.

Todd seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Minutes approved by:

M. Tod Delaricheliere, Chair

Minutes taken by: Lynda N. Brochu