

A regular meeting of the Hardwick Select Board was held on Thursday, December 1, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room of the Hardwick Memorial Building.

Members Present:  
M. Tod Delaricheliere  
Patricia Coultas  
Charles Volk  
Brad Ferland

Others Present:  
Daniel Hill, Lynda Brochu  
Nathan Menuer, Roger LeCours,  
Tom Fadden, Duane Wells,  
Marie LePre Grabon, Ron Wiesen,  
Robin Grant

6:00 P.M. M. Tod Delaricheliere called the meeting called to order.

6:00 P.M. Patti Coultas moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2005.

Brad Ferland seconded

Lynda told the Board that Eric Werner from the Hardwick Electric Department had called after reading the minutes from 11/17. Eric corrected a statement Lynda had made to the Board in regards to Broadband access in Greensboro. The antennas needed for Broadband service are not located on HED's electric poles, but are located on private property.

Motion passed unanimously

Approval of Agenda: Dan added a liquor license.

6:01 P.M. Patti moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Brad seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Communications from audience: None

Manager's Report:

Recreation Committee Budget Discussion

Marie LePre Grabon and Ron Wiesen were present as members of the Recreation Committee. They discussed their proposed budget with the Board. Marie told the Board that the amount is the same as last year but that there were a few changes within the budget. The Board discussed the recreation budget with Marie and Ron. They discussed the summer soccer program, the Hardwick trails, and whether the recreation budget should become part of the general budget - line items. M. Tod told Marie and Ron that they do a "good job." Marie mentioned that the recreation committee may be moving in an additional direction some time in the future and possibly supporting recreation for other groups besides children, including senior citizens.

6:24 P.M. Patti moved to incorporate the recreation department's budget into the General Fund under line items.

Charles seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

#### Library Budget Discussion

Dan advised the Board that representatives of the library trustees were unable to attend this meeting and would be put back on the agenda for December 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### Highway /Fire Budget Discussion

Tom Fadden was present to discuss the proposed highway budget and the fire budget. Dan told the Board that new budget papers were given to them that evening by Lynda Brochu, Administrative Assistant and that they should refer to these updated budget amounts. Dan reviewed the garage budget with the Board and Tom. The Board discussed uniforms, line painting, chloride, Center Road, safety & training and equipment expense. Dan then reviewed the 3 year capital improvements plan. The Board discussed Wolcott Street and the status of it's reconstruction. Dan reviewed the Equipment Replacement Fund and discussed with the Board the rising cost of steel. Dan and Tom discussed the Fire Department Budget. The Board asked Tom about Homeland Security Funds. The Board thanked the Fire Department for the wonderful job they did in fighting the fire last Friday on Main Street in Hardwick. They agreed that the Fire Department earned their money last week. Tom told them "thank God for mutual aid." He told the Board that the firemen don't serve for the money. The Board discussed the Bemis Block fire. Dan read a letter of commendation to be included in Tom's file. The Board applauded.

#### Duane Wells Tax Stabilization Agreement

Duane Wells was present to discuss the proposal to resolve the issues around his tax stabilization, bike path easement and paving Daniels Road. Mr. Wells stated that he was still not happy with two sections of the agreement. Dan advised Mr. Wells that the Town Attorney - Bill Davies had made recommendations to protect the town. Dan suggested that Mr. Well's lawyer contact Bill Davies to work out the details. Dan told Mr. Wells that he would forward DuBois & King's finalized bike path plans to Mr. Wells as soon as we receive them.

#### Budget Discussion on General Office

Dan reviewed the Office Budget with the Board, along with the Memorial building budget and the Miscellaneous expense budget. The Board discussed the Memorial building generator, the Zoning Administrator line and the Rescue Squad. Nancy Kish, Zoning Administrator asked Dan to invite the Board to attend the next meeting of the Planning Commission, which was scheduled for January 3, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

The Board discussed reappraisal.

#### Reimbursement Request

Dan told the Board that at the last meeting, Charlie explained that he had hired a surveyor to research ownership of a short section of the old Hardwick Woodbury rail line as it passed thru the current "Anair Trailer Park". He was doing this on behalf of the trails committee. He has asked if the Town would reimburse him \$100.00 that is cost to hire the surveyor.

7:30 P.M. Patti moved to reimburse Charles Volk \$100.

Brad seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

#### Dog Ordinance Examples

Dan told the Board that enclosed in their packets were samples of dog ordinances. The Board agreed they wanted more time to review different ordinances.

#### Police Report

Dan reminded the Board that enclosed in the Select Board packets was the police report for October.

#### Update on Bemis Block Fire

Dan updated the Board on the Bemis Block fire. He reviewed the reconstruction plans and discussed that the tenants have places to live. The Board and Dan then discussed the Hardwick water system. Charles asked Dan to look into creating a policy or emergency sheet that can be given to area businesses should a fire or disaster take place with numbers for state and emergency officials. Patti told Dan that the Board appreciated his work and all he did last weekend.

Dan told the Board that he had a first class liquor license application for The Hardwick Village Restaurant.

7:54 Patti moved to approve a first class liquor license for the Hardwick Village Restaurant.

Charles seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Dan advised the Board that the Town did not get approved for our proposed Regional Policing Grant.

Dan told the Board that Officer Bill Field was starting a ten week DARE course.

Select Board Reports:

New Business: The Board asked Dan to look into a culvert on Mackville Road.

Old Business: Lynda reported the Power Shift was now offering DSL internet coverage in the Hardwick area.

8:00 P.M. Patti moved to adjourn the meeting.

Brad seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Minutes approved by:

M. Tod Delaricheliere, Chair

Minutes taken by: Lynda N. Brochu