

A regular meeting of the Hardwick Select Board was held on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Hardwick Memorial Building.

Members Present:
M. Tod Delaricheliere
Patricia Coultas
Brad Ferland

Others Present:
Daniel Hill, Lynda Brochu
Nathan Menuer, Roger LeCours,
James Teuscher, Alberta Miller,
Sue Cross, Tod and Lori Ferland,
Ryan Brown, Lewis Shattuck,
Robin Grant, Orise Ainsworth,
Ivan Menard, Anne Batten,
Marcus Brown, William Richardson,
Art Williams

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

6:00 P.M. Patricia Coultas moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2006.

Brad Ferland seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Communications from audience: None

Approval of Agenda: Dan added a Recreation Committee member appointment, a liquor license approval for the House of Pizza and two updates: one on phase 2 of a proposed bike path and one on the Glenside road/hill project.

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

Brad seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Manager's Report:

Request for Presentation of Art

Dan introduced James Teuscher, a local artist, who came before the board to discuss his idea of putting a variety of artwork around the village this summer. James gave a brief history of the art he has placed around Hardwick, in other parts of Vermont and Canada. He told the Board that he wanted to expand on last years art presentation by placing art along the Lamoille river on Wolcott street, with the Board's permission. James showed the Board some of his work. He told them he would like to display non overtly offensive art work from Memorial Day to foliage. Patti stated that she would like to see some type of guidelines in place concerning set backs and the length of the display, as well as who would determine what was overtly offensive art was and who could display their work. James explained that the Board would make that

determination and he would determine who would display their art work. James added he would bring in photos for the Board to approve or disapprove. Patti repeated that she would like something in writing. M. Tod agreed he wanted some type of “chain of responsibility” giving not only this Board but future Boards guidelines. Patti told the Board and James that she would be happy to work with him to develop a written policy.

Health Officer Appointments

Dan told the board that he had three Health Officer Appointments. Dan recommended appointing himself as the Health Officer and Richard Brochu and Lynda Brochu as the deputies.

6:10 P.M. Patti moved to appoint Dan Hill to be the Hardwick Health Officer, with Richard Brochu and Lynda Brochu serving as Deputy Health Officers.

Brad seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Village Center Designation Reapplication

Dan told the Board that in 2002, the Town applied and was awarded status as a Designated Village Center; however, the Town’s participation expires every 3 years.

6:11 P.M. M. Tod resolved to reapply for Village Center Designation status.

Patti seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Request for Amendment to Phosphorous Loan

Dan told the Board that the Town has already received funding for the engineering phase of the phosphorous removal project for the Hardwick sewer treatment plant. This project will be financed through the State’s revolving loan fund. The loan amount now need to be amended upward by \$3,500 to hire a firm to do the required testing. At the end of the entire process, all of the expenses will be paid for by the State but in the interim, we borrow the money from the State until the legislature provides full funding.

6:14 P.M. Brad moved to “resolve to amend the existing loan to be increased from \$8,500.00 to \$12,000.00.

Patti seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Annual Bridge Inspection Reports

Dan told the Board that every 2 years, Vtrans inspects every bridge in town that

is over 20' in length. They issue a report as to their findings and the Town attempts to make the recommended repairs as part of our annual work. Dan said that most of our bridges are in good shape. Our biggest need is to make repairs to some of the railing systems and the guardrails leading to the bridges. There is no need to make any of the repairs they suggest to bridge #67 as it is already being engineered for a complete rehabilitation project in the future.

6:16 P.M. Patti moved that they have seen and received the annual bridge report.

Brad seconded

The Board discussed a few of the bridges on the list.

Motion passed unanimously

Liquor License Request

Dan told the Board that he had two liquor license requests: one for GU Markets and one for the Hardwick House of Pizza, Inc..

6:18 P.M. Patti moved to approve a second class liquor license for GU Markets and a first class liquor license for the Hardwick House of Pizza.

Brad seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Hardwick Electric Report

Dan reminded the Board that enclosed in their packets was the latest report from Eric Werner to the electric commissioners.

Police Report

He also told them that enclosed in their packets was the latest police report for December.

Mental Health Facility in Greensboro

Dan told the Board that Greensboro was having a Select Board meeting this evening and that Chief Dziobek would be attending this meeting. The proposed mental health facility would be discussed. Dan told the Board that he didn't see this being a direct Hardwick issue, but if the facility moves forward, we may have to revisit the Greensboro police contract. Brad asked what type of patients would be using this facility. Dan answered that he believed the patients would be moving freely amongst the community.

Dan reminded the Board that the Town of Hardwick has to come up with a local match of \$100,000 for the one million dollars that the Senator Jeffords office earmarked for phase 2 of our bike path. Dan will be meeting with the Agency of Transportation and Federal Transportation agency in order to see how much flexibility the town has when spending this money. Dan said he has been looking at infrastructure improvements along the proposed bike path, such as paving Daniels Road, sidewalk improvements from Mike's Gulf to the swinging bridge and seven new street lights with underground wiring. Dan said that early estimates are around \$80,000 for these projects. Patti said she thought that this was a good idea. Brad said that he agrees finding out how much flexibility the Town has is a good idea, but he is not ready to commit to any one project idea yet.

Dan updated the Board about the Glenside hill/road project. He told them that he went to a preconstruction hearing this week and that the project is slated to begin mid April and end in October. Packard will be doing the work, with local resident Pete Holbrook heading the project. Dan reviewed the project with the Board. Orise Ainsworth asked if the Glenside/Route 15 intersection would be widened to make it safer. Dan answered that it was not part of this project. The Board discussed the project.

Dan told the Board that the Recreation Committee was asking the Board to appoint Amy Holloway to the Rec. Committee.

6:25 P.M. Patti moved to appoint Amy Holloway to the Hardwick Recreation Committee.

Brad seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Brad asked Dan about the police department hours, as indicated on the police report.

6:26 P.M. Brad moved to recess the Select Board meeting for a public hearing concerning a charter change.

Patti seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Select Board Reports:

New Business:

Old Business:

7:37 P.M. Meeting resumed

7:40 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