

A regular meeting of the Hardwick Select Board was held on Thursday, March 9, 2006 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  
Brad Ferland  
Marcus Brown  
William "Billy" Richardson

Others Present:  
Daniel Hill, Lynda Brochu  
Nathan Menuer, Roger LeCours,  
Robin Grant, Ivan Menard

6:00 P.M. Dan Hill, Town Manager called the meeting to order.

Dan asked for nomination(s) for Chairman of the Select Board.

6:01 P.M. Brad Ferland nominated M. Tod Delaricheliere as Chairman of the Select Board.

Patricia Coultas seconded

6:02 P.M. Marcus Brown nominated Brad Ferland as Chairman of the Select Board.

William Richardson seconded

Brad - M. Tod  
M. Tod - M. Tod  
Patti - M. Tod  
Marcus - Brad  
Billy - Brad

6:03 P.M. Patti nominated as Brad Ferland as Vice Chair of the Select Board.

M. Tod seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

6:03 P.M. Patti moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2006.

Brad seconded  
Brad - Yes  
Patti - Yes  
M. Tod - Yes  
Billy - Abstained  
Marcus - Abstained

Approval of Agenda: Dan added a coin drop request, an update concerning pump house 1 and an update of the town's expenses as of the end of February.

6:04 P.M. Brad moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Patti seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Communications from audience: None

Manager's Report:

Appointments

6:04 P.M. Patti moved to appoint positions one through seven and ten, eleven and twelve as follows:

1. Nancy Kish to the position of Zoning Administrator
2. Town Manager to the position of Civil Defense Director/Emergency Management Coordinator
3. Hardwick Recreation Department: Ron Weisen, Diane Grenkow, Marie LaPre-Grabon and Ann Holloway
4. Town Manager to serve as Town Energy Coordinator
5. Kevin Rich to the positions of Dog Warden and Pound Keeper
6. M. Tod Delaricheliere to the position of Representative to the Central Vermont Solid Waste District
10. M. Tod Delaricheliere to serve as the Select Board representative to the Northeast Kingdom Arts Council
11. Mae Chapin to serve as the Town Service Officer
12. Patti to serve as the Board representative to sign orders.

The Board discussed the alternate representative position for the Central Vermont Solid Waste District. Dan will approach Moses Yoder. Moses has expressed interest in the past in serving as the alternate representative. If Moses is not interested, then Dan will advertise in the local newspapers.

6:06 P.M. M. Tod moved to appoint William Richardson to serve as the Agent to convey Real Estate.

Patti seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

The Board discussed the various committees.

6:09 P.M. M. Tod moved to nominate Patti to the Hardwick Community TeleVision Board.

Billy seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Liquor License Request

Dan told the Board that he had one liquor license request.

6:11P.M. Billy moved to approve a second class liquor license for D & L Beverage.

Brad seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

#### Police Report

Dan reminded the Board that they had received the Hardwick Police Report in their board packets. Brad asked Dan whether the police department had the flexibility of printing their reports differently. Dan said he was unsure. Brad said that he would contact the police department. Billy stated that he expects the police to be at crosswalks, by the high school and elementary school, unless they responding to an incident.

#### Hardwick Electric Report

Dan told the Board that they had also received the Hardwick Electric Report in their Board packets.

#### Proposal for Downtown Business Development Analysis

Dan told the Board that Bill McMaster of the UVM Extension Service has approached him about including Hardwick in a grant funded study program he is initiating. The purpose of the program is to do an analysis of the needs of our downtown business district. Bill is going to involve two different towns over a 2 year period in this process. The Board approved of Hardwick participating in this study. The Board asked Dan to contact Bill and have him come to the Select Board to answer any questions they may have.

#### Project Overview for New Members

Dan updated the Board members on ongoing projects: phase 1 of a recreation trail, Sen. Jefford's one million dollars for phase 2 of the same recreation trail, phosphorus removal, paving for the summer, Wolcott street, Main Street, sidewalks in E. Hardwick and on Wolcott street, streetlights, ditch work, reclaiming a section of the gravel pit, water system upgrades, Wolcott street bridge rehab and the industrial park.

Dan told the Board that pump house #1 quit today. Lamberton Electric fixed the pump, but the town may need to replace this pump at an estimated cost of \$6,000 - \$7,000. Dan wants to rehab both wells this summer. The Board discussed the well houses.

Dan reviewed a coin drop request from Teen Challenge of Vermont, a men's residential facility for substance dependency. They are based in Johnson and currently help one Hardwick resident. Dan told the Board that he does not usually bring coin drop requests to the Board, but as this one was not based in Hardwick, he felt they should have some input. The Board agreed that coin drops should be offered to local community organizations.

Dan reviewed the Expense and Revenue reports. Dan and the Board discussed: misc. police revenue (Dan is to talk to Lucy LeRiche and VLCT to see about changing state law in order to hold back tax refunds if speeding and other tickets have not been paid), fuel oil, diesel, gas, police pay, fire department truck loan, sand & salt expenses, the highway tractor loan, loader repairs, capital fund and equipment replacement fund. They also reviewed the water and sewer budgets and the projects scheduled this year for both departments. Ivan Menard asked Dan to explain how the Administration Salaries and Public Work Salaries were determined in the water budget. Ivan wanted to make sure that the water fund was not paying too much for the office and road workers at the expense of the water users.

Select Board Reports:

New Business:

Old Business: The Board and Dan discussed Town Meeting. They discussed the police having a greater presence in the village. Patti asked that a discussion about a police commission be added to an upcoming agenda in April, to include a meeting with Chief Dziobek. Billy stated that he wants the Board to dedicate themselves to "this police issue." The Board discussed regional policing, the state reallocating state trooper services, the police budget and staffing levels.

7:51 P.M. Billy moved to go into Executive Session to discuss legal to include Dan Hill, Town Manager to discuss legal.

Patti seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

8:48 P.M. Open Session - no action

8:49 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