

A regular meeting of the Hardwick Select Board was held on Thursday, May 18, 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  
William "Bill" Richardson  
Marcus Brown

Others Present:  
Daniel Hill, Lynda Brochu  
Nathan Menuer, Roger LeCours,  
Tom Fadden, Mike Miller  
Charles Volk, Dan Hale, Tom Halperin,  
Debbie Brown, Chief Dziobek

6:00 P.M. M. Tod Delaricheliere called the meeting to order at the Hardwick Town Garage, located on Creamery Road.

#### Visit to Town Garage

The meeting was opened at the town garage. The Board members took a tour of the facility. Tom Fadden was present to answer questions and discuss the upcoming work schedule for the summer of 2006. The Board and Tom discussed: gravel, hydrants, culverts, the Dale Street water project, road foreman meeting and combined purchases, bio diesel, carbide blade, new trucks, garage building improvements, mowing, streetlights, and continuing education for the road crew. Bill thanked Tom and said he would like to meet with Tom more often, as it's important that the town's people receive information about the town crew's work. The Board discussed Tom's goals, which are "to make people happy" and manage his budget.

6:20 P.M. Bill moved to recess the meeting to return to the Memorial Building.

Marcus seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

6:25 P.M. Meeting resumed.

6:27 P.M. Brad moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2006.

Marcus seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Approval of Agenda: Dan Hill added the following: information on a TAC meeting Lynda Brochu attended, a fireworks update and an Executive session to discuss legal.

6:28 p.m. Brad moved to approve the agenda.

Patti seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Communications from Audience: Charles Volk and Dan Hale updated the Board on the

Hardwick/Woodbury trails. Charles told the Board that they were running into a situation with Robert Patten, where Robert wasn't allowing the trails committee access to the trail. Another neighbor Robert Perreault, was also questioning whether there was an Act 250 permit on file for the trails project. Both neighbors were also questioning who actually owned the property. Every time the committee goes down to work on the trail the police are called, because of the hostility shown by Patten and Perrault. Patten has a pickup truck, plow frame and fire wood on the trail. Letters have been sent, but nothing has helped this situation. The Board discussed this issue with Dan Hale, Dan Hill, Charles Volk and Chief Dziobek. It was decided that Dan Hill would write a letter to both Mr. Patten and Mr. Perrault with a date certain that they need to have their property removed from the Town's leased property. If it isn't, the property would be removed by the trails committee. The letter would also state that if they continued to trespass on the town's property they could be subject to trespassing charges. A date was selected of May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Manager's Report:

#### Bid Award for Library Repointing

Dan said that the town received two bids for the repointing of the Jeudevine Library. Preservation Unlimited bid \$66,054.00 for the work and Petra Terra, Inc. bid \$31,223.00. Dan told the Board that Historic Preservation representatives recommended we hire a consultant to oversee this project. Dan recommended hiring Tom Keefe from Keefe and Westner.

7:04 P.M. Patti moved to award the Library repointing bid to Petra Terra, Inc in the amount of \$31,223.00.

Bill seconded

The Board discussed the work to be performed.

Motion passed unanimously

7:05 P.M. Bill moved to hire Tom Keefe as Clerk of the Works for the library repointing project.

Patti seconded

Motion passed unanimously

#### Bid Award for Cab & Chassis

The following were the results of the bid opening for the new one ton cab & chassis truck:

Cody Chevrolet - \$46,600 and \$30,600 with trade in.

Lamoille Valley Ford - \$32,345.11 and \$17,345.11 with trade in.

Dan recommended awarding the bid to Lamoille Valley Ford in the amount of

\$17,345.11 with the condition that the price may change slightly as Tom Fadden will need bucket seats.

7:08 P.M. Patti moved to award the 2007 One Ton Cab & Chasis bid to Lamoille Valley Ford in the amount of \$17,345.11 with the addition of bucket seats.

Marcus seconded  
Patti – Yes  
Marcus – Yes  
Bill – Abstained  
Tod – Yes  
Brad - Yes

#### Bid Award for Plow & Body

Dan gave the Board the results of the bid opening for the new plow and body for the Town's new dump truck: Tenco - \$44,728 with a 9 foot body and \$45,433 with a 10 foot body & Howard P. Fairfield - \$52,490 with a 10 foot body. The Board and Dan discussed that the truck and body came in approximately \$21,000.00 below budget.

7:10 P.M. Brad moved to award the dump truck plow and 10 foot body to Tenco in the amount of \$45,433.

Patti seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

#### Discussion with Mike Miller on Zoning

Mike Miller, chair of the Planning Commission, came before the board to discuss changing the Zoning Board of Adjustment to a Development Review Board. Mike explained that this has occurred in many other towns and has proven to be a more efficient way of handling zoning type issues. The changes would be subtle. Mike handed a list of pros and cons to the Board. A resolution would need to be passed on at a warned meeting. The Board discussed and asked Dan to include this item on the June 1<sup>st</sup> agenda to give the Board members time to research this change.

#### Policing Contract Committee Assignments

The Board discussed creating a new committee to review the contract relationship the town has with Greensboro. The Board discussed who should be included on this subcommittee of the Select Board and what the committee's goal would be. The board agreed that there could be a couple of phases; first fact finding and then work with Greensboro. The Board agreed that this subcommittee would to get an understanding of what goes into the Greensboro police contract and then report back to the full Board. Marcus and Brad agreed to sit on this subcommittee and bring back information to the next Select Board meeting.

8:00 P.M. Bill moved that Marcus and Brad be the two members of a fact finding police

subcommittee.

Tod seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

#### Policing Survey Questions Discussion

Tod told the Board that he had no problem with sending out a police department survey, but would not want to include it with Chief Dziobek's new PEACE project that the Chief is getting off the ground. Lynda suggested that tax bills are mailed out in July if the Board wanted to send surveys out. Patti told the Board that she felt that some of Bill's original questions seemed biased to her. The Board discussed and agreed to discuss creating questions for their own survey at the June 15<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting.

#### Conflict of Interest Policy Discussion

Marcus asked that the board consider adopting a Conflict of Interest Policy. Dan apologized to the Board, explaining that the town already has a conflict of interest policy in place. Dan handed the policy to the Board. The Board will review the policy and asked Dan to place this issue on the June 1<sup>st</sup> agenda in case they wish to make any changes.

#### Public Participation Policy Discussion and Roberts Rules Discussion

Marcus asked the board their opinions in regards to adopting a Public Participation Policy for meetings. Marcus asked the Board if they wanted to consider placing time limits on public participation. Then the chair could fall back on this limit if someone takes more time than needed. The Board discussed this issue and decided as Robert's Rules of Order already establishes a 5 minute limit; it would be up to the chair to enforce it, if necessary.

#### Delinquent Tax Update

Dan told the Board that delinquent taxes as of May 18<sup>th</sup> were \$170,427.37.

#### Current Budget Discussion

Patti told the Board that she had been working on the Library budget and expenses as she had concerns that they would end the year with another deficit. Tom Halperin and Debbie Brown were present as trustees of the Library. Patti reviewed the library's current financial situation and suggested they make up their deficit by fund raising. Tom asked what other department in the town does fundraising? Dan explained that the library has a different relationship. Dan and the Select Board have no direct supervision over the library. The town attorney advised Dan that the library has no authority to overspend their appropriated amount. Tom told the Board that the library is under budget on the items they can control. He said that fuel has been a major problem. Tom told the Board that the Board of Trustees has discussed their financials. Tod said he is

seeing fiscal responsibility. Tom and the Board discussed the newspaper article, fundraising, the increased appropriation last year and reducing hours. Tom explained that if they reduce hours then they would lose their librarian. He added that they could ask the Friends of the Library for money. Tom and Debbie invited the Board to attend a trustees meeting, which take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month but July and August.

The Board then discussed the General and Water budget with Dan Hill.

#### Update on Trail

Dan told the Board that he and Lynda had met with officials from Vtrans and Dubois & King to discuss issues with the trail system along Daniels Road. Dan said that he recommends changing the path next to the Daniels Building to a concrete sidewalk. This will have granite curbing which will help direct runoff away from the building and down the side of the road. The Town would also build a cement sidewalk along Highland Ave. The middle section of the trail along Daniels Road will now be a shared use trail with the street. This means we will pave an additional 2-3 feet of width along the roadway and it will be shared by motorists and pedestrians. This portion will be part of phase two and done next year along with streetlights etc.

Dan told the Board that Lynda had attended a TAC meeting and it appears that the Wolcott Street project has been given a priority number. Dan told the Board that so far Lynda has raised an additional \$1,800 to go towards the \$3,000 the town has committed for fireworks next weekend.

#### Police Report

Enclosed is the April police activity report.

Select Board Reports: Patti invited the Board to the Hardwick Community Television grand opening happening Memorial Day weekend. Marcus updated the Board that he had attended the second VLCT Select Board workshop. He told the Board that it was better than the first one.

#### New Business:

Old Business: Brad asked for an update on the public art's policy. Dan advised the Board that James Teusher would be coming to the next meeting. Dan also told the Board that the sidewalk next to the Village Restaurant would be fixed this month or the Town would be taking legal action against the contractor.

9:10 P.M. Patti moved to go into Executive Session to discuss legal to include Dan Hill, Town Manager.

Marcus seconded

Motion passed unanimously

9:20 P.M. Out of Executive Session: No action was taken.

9:20 P.M. Patti moved to adjourn the meeting.

Bill seconded

Motion passed unanimously

Minutes approved by:

M. Tod Delaricheliere, Chair

Minutes taken by: Lynda N. Brochu