

A regular meeting of the Hardwick Select Board was held on Thursday, August 10, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Hardwick Memorial Building.

Members Present:
M. Tod Delaricheliere
Marcus Brown
Brad Ferland

Others Present:
Lynda Brochu, Dan Hill,
June Cook, Roger LeCours,
Lynne Beaudry, Robin Grant

6:00 P.M. Tod Delaricheliere called the meeting to order. Tod asked for a moment of silence in memory of Lewis Shattuck who had passed away this week.

6:01 P.M. Brad Ferland moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 27, 2006.

Marcus Brown seconded

Tod asked Lynda to strike the words "the recently completed policing survey and", which appeared on page 3 in reference to why Chief Dziobek was present at the Select Board meeting

Motion passed unanimously as amended

Approval of Agenda: Dan Hill added a sewer connection request.

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

Brad seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Communications from Audience: None

Managers Report

Request From Duane Wells

No action taken. Mr. Wells did not show up for this request.

Bid Award for One Ton Truck Body and Plow

Dan handed the results of a bid opening to the Select Board for a plow assembly and the body for the new one ton truck. They were as follows:

Tenco	Body - \$25,860.00
	Plow - \$8,431.00

Gravel Construction Company, Inc.	Body – no bid given
	Plow - \$6,245.00

The Board discussed the new truck. Dan recommended that they award the body to Tenco and the plow to Gravel Construction.

6:06 P.M. Marcus moved to award the side dump body to Tenco in the amount of \$25,860.00 and the plow to Gravel Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$6,245.00.

Brad seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Delinquent Tax Sale Decisions

Dan reminded the Board that the delinquent tax sale is scheduled for August 22nd. Dan updated the Board on the parcels, which would not be going to tax sale as they had already been paid. He requested that they authorize Joyce Chase to bid for the Town on all properties. The Board asked for and received a review of how the tax sale process works from Dan Hill.

6:11 P.M. Brad moved to appoint Joyce Chase to act as Town Agent for the upcoming tax sale, in order to bid on behalf of the Town of Hardwick.

Marcus seconded
Motion passed unanimously

New Revolving Loan Fund Policy

Dan told the Board that included in their packets is a draft of a policy for a new loan fund. \$50,000 would be set aside in a separate fund and these funds would provide loans for façade and ADA improvements to commercial buildings in the Designated Village Center area. The Board discussed the definition of “safety” improvements. The Board questioned whether funds should be allocated separately when there is a demand for the economic development funds. The Board asked Dan to keep one loan fund, with an expanded use for the economic development funds, not to exceed more than \$50,000 in loan money outstanding for these façade improvements. Dan said his office would work on rewriting the existing economic loan fund policy and bring it back to the Board to discuss.

Funding the Capital Funds

Dan told the Board that Sullivan, Powers and Company was present this week to complete the Town wide audit. At this point it appears that we may have a small surplus of approximately \$40,000 at the end of our audit, after we fully fund the Capital fund. Dan told the board that no action was needed; we would be funding our Capital fund fully. However, it does appear that the water fund will run a small deficit of \$8,000,

so he would recommend under funding the water capital by about \$5,000.00. The Board agreed.

Hardwick Electric Report

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

ATV Letters

Also enclosed in their packets was a letter from Chief Dziobek to Danny Hale in response to Danny's comments at the last meeting concerning the Chief. Also included was Danny's response to that letter.

Sewer Line Update

Dan told the Board that the camera work on the sewer line from Tracy's Clip Joint up to the Village Restaurant was completed last week. Overall, the section of line is in reasonably good shape.

Dan gave the videos and still pictures of the section of sewer line from Tracy's to Hall's Market to Wayne Elliott of Forcier Aldrich. Dan told the Board that we are not in crisis mode. We hope to go to bid this winter, for construction to begin next year. The Board discussed the project.

Paving Update

Dan told the Board that Gorman Brothers had begun paving that day. He expects the hot mix coat to be applied after Labor Day, including Wolcott Street.

Phosphorous Removal Update

Dan told the Board that he and Ken had met with our engineers from Forcier Aldrich and a representative from the State to review the 60% plans for the phosphorous removal project. Dan said that they are in good shape - schedule wise and hope to be ready to put out bids for construction in January or February with construction to begin in May and be done by December of 2007. The State is now reviewing the inclusion of the anaerobic reactor to their costs for this project. They feel the science is highly experimental even though it has worked in other parts of the country. They do agree that the idea has merit and someone has to be first so we hope we have convinced them to include the costs of this in the project.

Public Hearing for Road Upgrade

Dan told the Board the he had scheduled a Public Hearing to take testimony about the

upgrade of Billings Road for 7:30 AM on August 22, 2006. He told the Board that we need at least 3 volunteers from the board to attend what should be a 5 minute meeting. Patti is back and will be able to attend. Tod asked to be reminded as he would also be able to attend. Dan told the Board as the date approaches he will contact the members to make sure we have a third Board member. The hearing will be held at the end of Louis Billing's driveway.

Police Reports

Dan told the Board that enclosed in their packets were the police reports for both June and July. The July report has been changed to reflect the first month of the fiscal year as Brad requested. The June report reflects six months of the calendar year.

Dan told the Board that he had received a request from Jack Howard to connect to the Town's sewer system. Jack would connect on Hastings Lane. The Board discussed.

6:34 P.M. Brad moved to allow Jack Howard to connect to the town sewer system on Hastings Lane.

Marcus seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Old Business: Brad Ferland said that he had spoken with the tax department and that they were very close to having a program in place to see outstanding traffic ticket violation penalties and off setting these ticket revenues against any State Tax Refund.

Select Board Reports:

New Business:

6:37 P.M. Marcus moved to recess the meeting.

Brad seconded
Motion passed unanimously

6:51 P.M. Meeting reconvened.

6:51 P.M. Marcus moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Revolving Loans, to include Dan Hill, Lynda Brochu and Lynne Beaudry.

Brad seconded
Motion passed unanimously

7:48 P.M. Open Session

7:48 P.M. Brad moved to approve a revolving loan to Lynne Beaudry in the amount of

\$27,500.00 for five years at a rate of 7.25%.

Marcus seconded
Motion passed unanimously

7:49 P.M. Brad moved to adjourn the meeting.

Marcus seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Minutes approved by:

M. Tod Delaricheliere, Chair

Minutes taken by: Lynda N. Brochu