

A regular meeting of the Hardwick Select Board was held on Thursday, October 5, 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  
Marcus Brown  
Brad Ferland  
Bill Richardson  
Patti Coultas

Others Present:  
Lynda Brochu, Dan Hill,  
Roger LeCours, Alberta Miller  
Robin Grant, Judge Vance,  
Sheriff Bergeron, Mary Wheeler,  
Eric Werner

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

6:01 P.M. Brad Ferland moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2006.

Bill Richardson seconded

Tod stated that on page 4, under Select Board reports, it was he – not Brad that received comments about Cottage Street.

Motion passed unanimously as amended

Approval of Agenda: Dan Hill added the latest Hardwick Electric Dept. report, the cell tower appeal had been rendered – Rinkers won and is allowed to construct a 180 foot tower, with a 20 foot antennae and Dan added the expense and revenue reports for end of the first quarter, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

Brad seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Communications from Audience: None

Managers Report

Errors and Omissions Corrections to Grand List

Alberta was present to discuss this year's errors and omissions in the Grand List. Alberta reviewed the error and admissions list. The Board discussed current use and the September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

6:07 P.M. Patti moved to accept the Errors and Omissions Corrections as presented.

Marcus seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Alberta reviewed the HS-131 late filers. The Board discussed the list.

6:12 P.M. Patti moved to accept the HS-131 list as presented and approved new tax bills be printed to reflect this list.

Marcus seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

#### Special Town Meeting Explanation

Eric Werner was present to explain the proposal of Hardwick Electric to participate in a new energy creation project that will require a special Town Meeting October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Eric handed the Board a handout that he would be presenting at this Town Meeting. Eric described the project. The Board questioned the impact on electric bills, operational costs and future projects.

#### County Budget Presentation

Judge Roy Vance, a Caledonia County Side Judge, and Sheriff Bergeron were present to explain the county budget and the Caledonia county Sheriffs department for next year. They handed the Board copies of the budget. The Board, Judge Vance and Sheriff Bergeron went over the budget. Judge Vance asked Select Board members and/or the Town Manager to attend a meeting in the Sheriff's office on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to discuss the increase in rent for the county courthouse with our local legislators. Brad asked Sheriff Bergeron what Hardwick was getting for the money raised for county taxes. Sheriff Bergeron explained that his office performed prisoner transfers, served civil processes and warrants and performed patrol duties when grant funds allowed.

#### NVDA Appointment

George Hemmens had submitted his name as a candidate to serve as one of our representatives on the Northeastern VT Development Association's board, but did not attend the meeting. The Board discussed and asked Dan to invite Mr. Hemmens to the next meeting.

#### Police Report

Dan reminded the Board that enclosed in their packets was the latest police report for August.

Select Board Reports: Tod gave a review of a Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District meeting he had attended.

New Business: Patti asked about the VLCT Town Fair vote concerning education funding. She asked who votes for Hardwick and how the vote works.

Old Business: Brad asked about our audit. Dan advised the Board that our auditor from Sullivan, Powers would be attending the next Select Board meeting to review the audit. Marcus asked Dan about the Village Restaurant sidewalk. Dan explained that the contractor was not fixing the problem, so the Town has taken the contractor to court. The Town would fix the sidewalk next spring/summer if the contractor doesn't make good on his faulty work. The Board discussed the summer projects, which had been completed this year. The Board discussed reopening the Revolving Loan Fund policy and decided against it. The Board asked Dan to invite Duane Wells to the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to discuss his proposed retaining wall and senior housing. The Board asked Dan to provide them with copies of the cell tower decision.

7:55 P.M. Bill moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Revolving Loans, to include Dan Hill and Mary Wheeler.

Patti seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

8:25 P.M. Mary Wheeler left.

8:58 P.M. Open Session

8:58 P.M. Patti moved to approve a revolving loan to Mary Wheeler in the amount of \$15,000.00 for 7 years.

Tod seconded  
Tod – Yes  
Brad – Yes  
Marcus - No  
Bill – Abstained  
Patti - Yes

9:00 P.M. Bill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Marcus seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Minutes approved by:

M. Tod Delaricheliere, Chair

Minutes taken by: Lynda N. Brochu