

A regular meeting of the Hardwick Select Board was held on Thursday, October 19, 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
Bill Richardson
Patti Coultas

Others Present:
Lynda Brochu, Dan Hill,
Roger LeCours, Sherri Olmstead,
Robin Grant, Chad Hewitt,
Mike and Maria Roosevelt, Joe Wood,
Dave Merrill, George Hemmens,
Kristina Lenhard, Eric Hemmens

6:02 P.M. Tod Delaricheliere called the meeting to order.

6:03 P.M. Bill Richardson moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2006.

Marcus Brown seconded

Patti had one correction on the bottom of page 2 under New Business. She added that she asked Dan who votes for Hardwick and how the vote works.

Motion passed unanimously as amended

Approval of Agenda: Dan Hill added the following items to the agenda: the Library Report, an update of a small court case against a local contractor – the Town received a default judgment, Vermont Quality Dairy's was sold and a Hardwick water survey has been handed out to all village residents. Brad asked Dan what affects the new Dairy plant would have on our Sewer Treatment plant. Dan said that at this point he was unsure. Dan also reminded the Board and the people who may be viewing the Select Board meeting live that there was a Town Meeting at 7:30pm at the Town House concerning a Hardwick Electric Dept power purchase.

6:06 P.M. Patti Coultas moved to approve the agenda as amended

Marcus seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Communications from Audience: Michael Roosevelt and his wife Maria were present to introduce themselves to the Board and explain that he is running for State Representative. He urged all Hardwick residents to vote on November 7th.

Managers Report

Review of FY'06 Budget

Chad Hewitt from Sullivan, Powers was present to review and answer any questions

about the audit for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2006. Chad gave a quick overview of the audit results. He explained that the audit was "clean" except for the fact that the Hardwick Electric Dept.'s financials were not included with the other town enterprise funds. Chad reviewed the town surplus and the major and non major funds. The Board questioned Chad on the Hardwick Electric Dept, the fund balance (the auditors recommend 5% - 10%), loans receivable and the revolving loan fund. Chad complimented the Town on their low delinquent taxes and their preparation for the yearly audit.

NVDA Representative Interview

George Hemmens was present to the meet with the Board for an interview for the position of being one of Hardwick's two representatives on the NVDA board of directors. The Board interviewed Mr. Hemmens.

Gas Bid Award

The results of the gas bids for the period of November 1, 2006 to October 31, 2007 were as follows: Hay's Service Station +\$.06 markup over bidder's cost per gallon and Mike's Service Center +\$.15 markup over bidder's cost per gallon.

6:37 P.M. Patti moved to award the gas bid for the period of 11/01/06 – 10/31/07 to Hay's Service Station in the amount of \$+.06 markup over their costs.

Bill seconded

The Board questioned why we only received two bids. Lack of 24 hour access was Dan's response. The Board discussed gallons of gas used each year.

Motion passed unanimously

Current Budget Review

Dan, the Board and Lynda Brochu, Administrative Asst. discussed the first quarter of the current budget. The Board asked about the Hardwick/Woodbury Trail status. Dan reviewed the Water and Sewer department. Patti asked for monthly updates on the Library.

Amendment to Traffic Ordinance

Dan described the process of changing an ordinance.

6:55 P.M. Brad moved to amend the traffic ordinance by adding " It shall be unlawful to drive to the left of the center line in order to pass another vehicle on Town Highway # 3 (Center Road) between signs posted 1,054.6 feet south of the intersection with Hardwick Farms Road and Renaud Road and 2,381.1 feet north of said intersection."

Patti seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Letter to Select Board

No discussion.

Select Board Reports: Bill passed the Board a letter from Tami and Lew Furry expressing their opinion in not having the Town pay for Duane Well's new water line.

New Business:

Old Business: Patti asked Lynda to clarify the Library report. Lynda reported that in paragraph six the last sentence was a little misleading. She had told Lisa that there was \$7,000 sitting in the Capital Fund for handicapped improvements that the Library Board could "tap" into if they felt that finishing the attic was a greater priority than building an addition with handicapped accessibility. Brad asked Joe Wood (Hardwick Electric Dept. Trustee) whether Joe had received any feed back on removing Nichols dam. Joe answered, "no."

7:00 P.M. Bill moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel to include Dan Hill.

Marcus seconded
Motion passed unanimously

7:24 P.M. Open Session

7:24 P.M. Brad moved to appoint George Hemmens to the NVDA Board for the Town of Hardwick.

Bill seconded
Motion passed unanimously

7:25 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