

A regular meeting of the Hardwick Select Board was held on Thursday, February 22, 2007 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  
Bill Richardson  
Patti Coultas  
Brad Ferland

Others Present:  
Lynda Brochu, Dan Hill,  
Roger LeCours, Robin Grant,  
Carol Plante, Dennis Pudvah,  
Dan Hale, Mark Poulin, Warren Burnor,  
Mike Haveson, Sally Ansty, Tracy Martin  
Gordon Auchincloss, Sherry Cornish,  
Mary Tirpok, Sue Cross, Edgar Davis

6:03 P.M. Tod Delaricheliere called the meeting to order.

6:03 P.M. Brad Ferland moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2007.

Bill Richardson seconded

Marcus asked Lynda to clarify page 2 in regards to what type of assessment was discussed in regards to the Police Academy – physical.

Motion passed unanimously

Approval of Agenda: Dan added a liquor license, letter for the Board from Senator Copenrath, a WCAX police article and a grant the fire department will be receiving.

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

Marcus Brown seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Communications from Audience: None

Managers Report

NEKARTS Discussion

Representatives from the Northeast Kingdom Arts Council were present to discuss the future of their relationship with the Town House. The Select Board introduced themselves, as did the representatives from NEKARTS. They gave a hand out to the Board which gave an overview of the history of NEKARTS, a future budget estimate and their 2007 goals. Tracy Martin, speaking on behalf of the NEKARTS Board, told the Select Board that they were all relatively new to the Board but were under no illusions about the amount of work ahead of them. The Board and Tracy discussed fund raising, grant writing, the amount of money owed the Town, a 12 month or 18 month lease and the Town taking on the water and sewer yearly bill. Tracy stated

that NEKARTS would take responsibility for all bills related to the operation of the building for this winter and the duration of the lease. Addy Reiman Smith is still the contact for renting the space until June. Dan Hill told the Board he would recommend an 18 month lease. The Board directed NEKARTS to Dan Hill to prepare a lease for their approval at a future meeting.

Dan told the Board and people in the room that Town Meeting would be held at the Town House.

#### Restorative Justice Review

Carol Plante, the new director of our Restorative Justice program was present to talk about the program and promote people becoming involved. Carol gave an overview of the reparative justice and reparative probation boards. The Board and Carol discussed what area she served, working with the schools, the community service portion of reparative justice and working with the Hardwick Area Community Coalition. Office Mark Poulin spoke on behalf of the Hardwick Police Department, telling the Board how well the program worked for first time offenders. The Board agreed that Carol could speak at Town Meeting to let the Hardwick residents know about this service.

#### Hardwick Woodbury Trails Update

Dan told the Board that he will be meeting with Peggy Bowen next week, as she has finished her research into property ownerships of the Hardwick/Woodbury railroad.

Dennis Pudvah came before the board to discuss the importance of the Hardwick Woodbury trail and to emphasize getting things resolved soon. He spoke to the economic benefits of having a working trail from Woodbury. He said many recreational people come into Hardwick to buy gas or meals. He encouraged the Board to actively pursue the Town's rights to use the old Hardwick/Woodbury rail bed and not let money discourage this pursuit, as the benefits would be worth it.

#### Stagg Grant Funding for Water System

Dan told the Board that he received a call from Senator Leahy's office advising that all earmarks including Stagg grants have been cancelled. This means that we will not be receiving any funding this year for upgrades to our water system.

#### Pre Town Meeting

No one was present for pre town meeting. The Board and Dan discussed having Chief Dziobek speak at Town Meeting, the purchase of the Ultramar property and the surplus if the property purchase is approved.

#### Snow Storm Update

Dan discussed the big snow storm and told the Board that our Town Highway department had done an excellent job. The Board agreed.

#### Wolcott Street Testimony

Dan told the Board that he and Lynda Brochu had traveled to Montpelier and met with the House Transportation Committee on February 21, 2007 to discuss the Wolcott Street reconstruction project. He said that the committee was very polite, but offered no answers or money.

#### Snow Machine and ATV Policies

The Board and Dan discussed changing the current policies to ordinances. The Board asked Dan to look into whether an ordinance can be changed by the voters asking for a town wide vote.

7:10 P.M. Bill moved to approve a first class liquor license for the Hardwick House of Pizza.

Marcus seconded

The Board asked Dan to have the Chief of Police review the liquor licenses prior to them approving them.

Motion passed unanimously

Select Board Reports: None

New Business: None

Old Business: Brad asked Tod how the revised dog ordinance was going. Tod said the Board would not see a new ordinance until after Town Meeting, but that Sherry Olmstead was working very hard on it.

7:15 P.M. Patti moved to go into Executive Session to discuss revolving loan fund.

Marcus seconded

Motion passed unanimously

7:25 P.M. Out of Executive Session – no action taken.

7:25 P.M. Patti moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Brad seconded

Motion passed unanimously

8:53 P.M. Out of Executive Session – no action taken.

8:53 P.M. Bill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Patti seconded  
Motion passed unanimously

Minutes approved by:

M. Tod Delaricheliere, Chair

Minutes taken by: Lynda N. Brochu