

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING
December 14, 2005

Present: E. Coffey, L. Sayah, S. Flanders, W. Shepeluk, S. Lotspeich, W. Wolfe, Rick Weston, Carol O'Neill, Mary Miller, Jack Carter, Tammi Cody, Tom Stevens, Chris Tagatac, W. Graves- VT Journal, Michael Lugo-Adelphia Cable.

Meeting called to order.

Minutes:

S. Flanders/L. Sayah - approve the minutes of the December 1, 2005 meeting.

S. Flanders asked a question regarding ? concerning the fire station. He suggested waiting to approve minutes until after Board of Selectmen corrects their minutes.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Downtown Designation. T. Stevens spoke for the ?-? committee. T. Stevens elaborated on the "Time line for Developing the Downtown Designation District..." that was handed out (see attached).

R. Weston explained that a good amount of planning work had been accomplished by the committee. At this time the committee believes that the Trustees support is needed for the process in order to continue ? forward. Support now does not bind the Trustees to support the final product.

T. Stevens suggested that a consultant may need to be retained in order to ? the committee and sub-committees through the process. The expectation for consultants time is 10-15 hrs. per week or 6-10 months.

Flanders asked whether a ? of water/sewer capacity was necessary in addition to the Capital Plus & Budget. The consensus however was yes.

Flanders spoke in favor of supporting the project. He appreciates the time frame, but would like it to include some "check points" in the process requiring the committee to appear before the BOS & Trustees from time to time.

When asked about “Village Designation” the committee members suggested the time and effort involved made it worth pursuing Downtown Designation. If it fails, Village Designation can be obtained as a “consolation”.

L. Sayah expressed support, but strongly encouraged committee to send out to the residential property owners.

S. Flanders moved to endorse the ????? of a DTD working group and the ? ? recommended. L. Sayah seconded. All in favor.

Chief Wolfe appeared to report on statistics regarding the Police Department. There was good discussion regarding “agency assists” and a great deal of discussion about parking around the school, High Street in particular. The Trustees will be considering amendments to the Traffic Ordinance at an upcoming meeting.

E. Coffey asked about use of the “speed control cart”. Wolfe stated that since it does not belong to the Village he is being careful with it due to winter conditions. The Chief would like to consider purchasing the unit. Trustees will consider in the budget process.

E. Coffey encouraged Chief to utilize Barb Jennings as much as possible. Sayah encouraged manager to get Town ordinance updated to collect fines on RT 100 outside the Village.

S. Flanders addressed possibility of Police Department being ? located with a new fire facility. Wolfe stated he submitted a floor plan for current needs to the facilities committee. Chief supports that merger is necessary first. Various opinions about public safety facilities were discussed by all members.

Health Proposal L. Sayah/S. Flanders Approved.

Notes for Fire Truck & Ground water Monitoring for \$10,000 each at 3.7%
. L. Sayah/S. Flanders Approved.

Everett Coffey reported the “sign” committee had made recommendation. He believed it best to discuss the recommendation at the joint meeting on January 11, 2006.

Everett Coffey recommended exec. session to discuss a contract matter with state re Dole Facility. L. Sayah moves exec. session. Seconded by S. Flanders. All in favor at 10:00pm.

No action taken. The board returned to open session at 10:22pm.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25pm.