

SELECT BOARD & TRUSTEE'S JOINT MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2007

Present: Rebecca Ellis, Co-Chair; Tom Stevens, Jack Carter, Bob Butler, and Michelle Baker, Select Board members; Mary Kasamatsu, Library Director; Harriet Grenier, Margaret Luce, Charles Mason and Jan Gendreau, Library Commissioners; Linda Segal; Everett Coffey, Village President; Monica Mead, Waterbury Record; Carla Lawrence, Assistant Town Clerk.

Rebecca Ellis called the Select Board meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**MINUTES:**

Bob Butler made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2007 meeting as amended. Jack Carter seconded the motion and all present approved.

**LIBRARY COMMISSIONER'S PRESENTATION**

The Library Commissioner's held a presentation entitled "Look to the Future". The presentation started with the history of the library and progressed through to the use of the library during 2006. The Library is a very busy and active place. The Commissioners explained that the quality of a Library is a measure of a Town's educational and cultural life. The Commissioners, through the presentation, went on to explain that the current building is crowded and cannot adequately provide the needed services. The building is an old house not designed to carry the weight of books, it is not ADA accessible, the shelves are too close together, there is no room for growth, no program space, steep stairs limit access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, not enough work tables or public computers. The final goal is to build a new library. A discussion was held on the plan, costs, fund raising, and location. The cost is estimated to be \$1.5 to \$1.9 million. There was also a brief discussion about the Historical Society and their space needs.

Discussion followed on how to move forward. The Commissioners explained that the preferred location would be behind the current library on land that is owned by the Town and has a Bureau of Recreation (BOR) designation. This complicates the issue, since if a new library is built on this land, land would have to be swapped to maintain the BOR designation elsewhere. There is interest in the land by the Ice Center which is owned by the Village. Harriet Grenier explained conversations she has had with Pat Peterson of the State and Rick Darby on how to try to accomplish a land swap, lease or other arrangement. A discussion followed on the community gardens and the desire to keep the gardens functional. There were concerns as to the future use/sale of the current library. The Commissioners are allowed to sell the building as long as the proceeds are used for the library. Jack Carter expressed opposition to selling the building and feels it should remain as a public building. The Select Board expressed support for using the land behind the current building to build a new library.

Everett Coffey, joined by P. Howard Flanders and Lawrence Sayah, called the Board of Trustee's meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Also joining the meeting were Alec Tuscany, Public Works Director; Rick Weston, Chair of the Planning Commission; Steve Lotspeich, Community Planner; and Anne Imhoff, Exit 10.

**LIQUOR LICENSE/OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION PERMIT:**

Bob Butler made the motion to approve an outside consumption permit for the Cider House BBQ & Pub. The motion was seconded by Jack Carter and approved, with Tom Stevens recusing himself.

Michelle Baker made motion to approve the Liquor License for the Cabot Creamery Annex and Champlain Farms on the Waterbury-Stowe Road. Tom Stevens seconded the motion and all present approved.

**CYCLE CONSERVATION CLUB OF VERMONT:**

A letter from the Cycle Conservation Club of Vermont was reviewed and copies will be provided to Alec Tuscany and Steve Lotspeich.

**REVISED SELECT BOARD ANNUAL AGENDA:**

A revised version of the annual agenda was distributed.

Tom Stevens gave the Trustee's an update on issues involving the Cemetery Commissioners and the Cemetery Association. Everett Coffey asked that if Joint meetings are scheduled, to please check with the other body to make sure they are available.

**LIQUOR LICENSE REVISION:**

Michelle Baker revised the original motion to include the approval of a liquor license for the Champlain Farms on North Main street as well as the Champlain Farms on the Waterbury Stowe Road and the Cabot Creamery Annex. The motion was seconded by Tom Stevens and all present approved.

**PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE:**

Rick Weston provided an update of the Planning Commission projects and goals for the year. As the Trustee's wished to hear the update, they requested a Joint meeting. Rick Weston indicated that the Planning Commission is looking at site plan proposals and going through the by-laws. He also stated that the Municipal Plan is coming up for re-approval. Other changes to the by-laws include adding more permitted uses such as a mixed use overlay to allow for additional use activity over near Railroad Street and Pilgrim V.

Rick Weston indicated that the Commission is thinking about developing subdivision regulations for the Town & Village. There was also discussion on restructuring the regulatory system as a Development Review Board (DRB). Steve Lotspeich explained that they continue to think about the Rte 100 corridor and are working with the Conservation Commission on a Scenic Byway Study. Anne Imhoff discussed the proposal in the Legislature on the New Neighborhoods bill and stressed the importance of developing subdivision regulations. Steve Lotspeich explained this legislation and the benefits to people in the development community for subdivision regulations.

Everett Coffey asked for an update on the RL Valley (Billing's Mobil) project. The discussion then segued into the Colbyville pedestrian walkway project.

Steve Lotspeich gave a review of the Master Plan for pedestrian access, funded by Shaws. The goal is to use the existing Village sidewalk system and tie in to Colbyville, also tie the Best Western to Ben & Jerry's, incorporate the McDermott property, and tie the community path (Lincoln Street) to Colbyville.

Discussion followed on the timing of the project, pedestrian signals at Blush Hill Road, safety concerns, and the Stowe Street Bridge. Alec Tuscany gave an overview of work needed on the Stowe Street Bridge. He noted problems with the bridge relative to maintenance and safety for pedestrians. He has submitted an application to the Agency of Transportation for the first phase and if awarded, they would fund 90% of a study to repair the bridge.

Jack Carter asked about sidewalk maintenance, and adding new sidewalks when there is already issues with maintaining the current sidewalks. Alec Tuscany stated he could envision an addition to the highway staff and perhaps some more equipment. These issues need to be pursued.

Rick West of the Planning Commission requested feedback on the potential projects discussed earlier. Another discussion followed on subdivision regulations and the formation of a Development Review Board. The Select Board indicated that they have a generalized interest in both projects.

Rebecca Ellis indicated that the Rte 100 corridor is of high priority to the Select Board. She stated that they are planning to invite a representative from VTRANS to a meeting in an effort to establish a relationship since so many projects are dependent on them.

Everett Coffey encouraged the Select Board to work cooperatively with the Trustee's on projects which involve both the Town and the Village. He then asked if the Boards would like an update on the latest Act 250 hearing on the McDermott project. He updated the Boards on concerns about traffic, timing of traffic lights, traffic flow issues, and accident studies.

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**VILLAGE OF WATERBURY ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES:**

P. Howard Flanders made a motion of approve the Annual Meeting Minutes dated March 7, 2007 as amended. The motion was seconded by Lawrence Sayah and all present approved.

The meeting of the Trustee's was adjourned at 8:33pm.

The Select Board briefly discussed other business including an update on rescission legislation, and signs being worked on by Jack Carter.

The meeting of the Select Board was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted

Approved at a meeting held \_\_\_\_\_