

MINUTES OF  
ST. GEORGE SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MAY 21, 2009

Present: Phil Gingrow, Carol Blakely, Barbara Young, Ed Hanson, Bill Hindman, Mary Alice Favro, Sandy Dubois, Laurie Walker, Lori Ring, Dan Pillsbury, Patrick Williams, Sue Williams, Lance McGrath

Minutes approved.

Orders approved.

Bill Hindman reported the reappraisal for the town is complete. Value is about 96% and he reported some of the mid-valued properties will approximately double.

Bill Hindman presented a brief explanation of the appraisal process to the town residents in attendance. He estimated the Board of Civil Authority hearings would be held mid-July to early-August. He estimated we would have 5 to 10 hearings.

Bill Hindman reported he had filed the PRV letter with the state about 2 weeks ago. He did ask the listers to sign another copy so in the event the state required their signatures, he would have one ready to send.

Dan Pillsbury opened preliminary discussions with the Selectboard on Transfer of Development Rights with the town center being the receiving area. He noted his subdivision is about 90% complete and it includes a 4000GPD wastewater drainage field that may be of interest to the town. He has had discussions with adjoining landowners. Dan suggested there is possible access from the town center to the drainage field along the power line right of way. No action was taken, but we expect there will be further discussion.

Patrick Williams asked if the area he staked out on the town land could be used for a community garden. He reported he has donations lined up for plowing and tilling, compost, and seeds. Permission was granted to have the staked out area, about 2000 square feet, be used as a garden and an additional 20 feet around the garden be used for garden associated use, such as a compost area, water barrel storage, and a small storage shed. The Selectboard declined to give a 3 year commitment on the location as we are unsure of plans in that area. Patrick will be hosting a meeting at the town hall for interested gardeners in the near future.

Patrick Williams had inquired about the town extending a water line to the garden area. He had received a verbal quote from Todd Pillsbury for \$1500. After a short discussion, it was decided that the garden would be able to work with water barrels that could be filled with a hose from the faucet at the town office. We left the option open to review the request next year.

Purchasing needs:

a. After reviewing quotes from Dominion and Dell, Phil will get a new quote for a Dell computer from the State of Vermont Purchasing contract. Phil will contact NEMRC to see if

they offer installation and support service. We also need to investigate local backup to update the existing USB drive system that is now in use.

b. NEMRC Accounting software to upgrade existing software – tabled until Barbara gets a quote from NEMRC.

c. New copier – tabled until Barbara gets a quote.

d. Fuel tank replacement. Since fuel dealers will only replace tanks for their customers, Barbara will request our fuel and service vendor to replace the leaking tank.

After initial review of the existing Mobile Home Park ordinance, we asked Ed Hanson to review the entire document and update it to meet current standards and present it to the board.

Carol will review the ordinances that Ed found when organizing the vault for future action if required.

Signage and security for the basketball court – tabled until next meeting as we have a town resident planning to attend to discuss this issue.

Barbara will get a quote for a new sign for the Town Office. The sign has been relocated so it is now visible from both directions on Rt. 2A, so we need a double sided sign.

The Selectboard renewed the contract for Ed Hanson as Zoning Administrator for three years effective July 4, 2009. Hourly rate has been increased from \$18.00 to \$20.00 per hour.

No Town Clerk items.

Adjourned 10:10 pm