

Draft

North Hero Selectboard Meeting  
Monday, November 16, 2009  
Town Office Meeting Room

In Attendance: Selectboard = Robert Rousseau, Eileen Mitchell, Andre Quintin,  
and Jim Martin a 6:00 P.M.

Absent: Marie Kilbride... on holiday

Board Clerk - Jo-Ann Tier

Town Clerk/Treasurer - Pete Johnson

Zoning Administrator - David Jacobs

Water Board - Rob Cunningham and Terry Schaefer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Robert Rousseau at 5:32 P.M.

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Warrants in the amounts of \$1,110,279 and \$15,973.52 signed by  
the Board... Robert Rousseau, Andre Quintin, Eileen Mitchell and Jim Martin

Note: Warrant in the amount of \$1,110,279 is for a school payment due on  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

ADJUSTMENT AGENDA

- Under Correspondence for Action or Discussion  
- Communication from the listers
- Unfinished Business for Discussion/ Action  
-Water Service Fee Increase... Robert Rousseau/Terry Schaefer/Rob Cunningham

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR... November 02, 2009

Discussion.. name of David Jacobs to be removed from .. in attendance  
and page 2 line 14.. the word "they" should be removed.

Eileen Mitchell made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read with  
the above noted changes... this motion was seconded by Andre Quintin.. hearing  
no further discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one at this time.

## RUTH WALLMAN.. BRIEF REPORT ABOUT FRONT PORCH FORUM

### Front Porch Forum

Ruth reviewed.. hear from your clearly identified nearby neighbors and post messages yourself. This free service is provided by Front Porch Forum, which hosts more than 100 similar neighborhood forums covering all of Grand Isle and Chittenden Counties.

### CyberCottage Class Schedule: Winter/Spring 2010 was distributed.

Classes are designed to prepare individual for jobs requiring computer skills, cultivate your Web-savy start-up or give ones business a competitive edge.

### Great Ice in Grand Isle County

Scheduled in February of 2009. Budget request have been made. Anyone interested in attending a meeting about the Great Ice is more than welcome to attend on November 23.

## REPORTS

### Public Works

#### Lakeview Drive –

Has been paved!

#### Sunset View

More stone needed.... Graded

### Driveway Application

Pat will review and when he approves – application can be signed

Note: Rick Suprenault 11-02-29.

### Grant

Question again was asked.. can more than one grant be applied for and used on the same re: project re: Pelots.

Pat indicated that he still has not been able to get an answer if a town can receive more than one grant for a same project

### Town Clerk

#### Information on “Water Commissioners Authority”

Note.. will be discussed under unfinished business with Terry Schaefer and Rob Cunningham

### Service Award Nominations

Pete reviewed qualifications... and asked if anyone thought someone could be nominated to be in touch with him

### Kennel requirements in other communities

Pete distributed to the Board a copy of The Vermont Statues...

§ 3681 Permit..

Discussion took place on the word “shall”.....

On the reverse side of this paper was the information received from

the Town of Dummerston as to how they handle an ordinance for dog kennels.

Note: said information attached to the Town Clerk's copy.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

### Conflict of Interest Policy

Eileen Mitchell made a motion to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy... this motion was seconded by Andre Quintin.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.

It was noted at this time that the Dog Ordinance will take effect on November 20, 2009 As no petition signed by at least five percent of the voters of North Hero was filed with the Town Clerk by November 04, 2009, asking for a vote to disapprove the ordinance.

### Revisions – North Hero Town Plan

Andre Quintin made a motion that the North Hero Town Plan 2009 be accepted with the noted changes shared by David Jacobs... this motion was seconded by Eileen Mitchell.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.

Letter to Northwest Regional Planning Commission... re: requesting review of the draft North Hero Town Plan for Regional Approval and Confirmation – Board requesting this approval to occur concurrently with the local review... was signed by Robert Rousseau .. on behalf of the Board.

### Water Service Fee Increases

Robert Rousseau shared the following reply received from Deb Markowitz  
“The water commissioners have sole authority to establish water rate and the selectboard cannot second guess this or require a vote. The fact that the selectboard appoints water commissioners will not change their independence under the law, although the board can remove them for cause. This means if the selectboard believes the water commissioners are mismanaging the department or are acting unethically they may remove them after a hearing and an opportunity for the water commissioners in question to respond to the charges against him/her  
Relevant law... 17 VSA §2651. Road and water commissioners; appointment, removal and 24 VSA §3313. Duties of water commissioners, use of proceeds... were given to the Board of Select.

Note: attached information filed to Town Clerk's Copy of the minutes

Terry Schaefer .... reviewed with the Board why increases are being put into place -

- . last year the Town's budget portion was reduced
- . plant has been in operation for 13 years 12/7
- .maintenance .. replacement and repairs
- .co-op electrical increases
- .operator – stipend
- .increase liability
- .assistant operator..(in the past Jeff was putting in for overtime and weekend work)
- .Abnaki Road – pipe replacement needed
- .connections .. slowing down
- .four (4) years since an increase

The quality of the water was discussed along with the up to date information on a water tower. Grant and stimulus monies were discussed

Rob Cunningham

Rob distributed the draft for the proposed budget for 10-11. Currently there are 432 full time users and 185 seasonal users.

Brief discussion took place on the proposed budget.

The Selectboard thanked Rob and Terry for coming to the meeting to give them an update.

2010 Watershed Grant.... Selectboard's review and Signature

The Vermont Watershed Grants, Project Year 2010.. application requesting \$5,020.00 was reviewed and briefly discussed.

Andre Quintin made a motion seconded by Eileen Mitchell that Robert Rousseau's name appear as the authorized signature... hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried.

Note: Following Robert's signature – paperwork was given to Town Clerk.

Correspondence from Debra Westover.. 10.17.09

Discussion

Board agreed that a letter of response would be sent to Debra Westover from Chair, Marie Kilbride.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

Official Ballot for ESA Committee Election

Note.. ballot misplaced... not completed.

Communication from the listers

Communication dated November 10, 2009 from Listers – Geri and Mary was read by Robert Rousseau “ we received a letter of interest from Joline Kinney and have interviewed her for the position of Lister. We feel, based on her resume and interview, that she would be a good candidate for the job. We are recommending that the Selectboard appoint her so that she can begin training as soon as possible.”

Resume was attached...

Discussion...

Eileen Mitchell made a motion that the Selectboard appoint Joline Kinney as a lister. This motion was seconded by Andre Quintin.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.

Note: Letter of appointment will be sent to Joline Kinne by Robert Rousseau.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR SHARING/INFORMATION

November 05, 2009 memo from Bart Wilcox, Town Auditor

Board accepted the communication from Bart Wilcox, Town Auditor

Re: Fiscal and Calendar 2009 Reports

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board did not need to go into Executive Session...

AGENDA BUILDING

November 30, 2009...(Monday ) ..... First budget meeting

December 07, 2009... Information received from Deb Brown.. re:

North Hero Dog Ordinance

Note: Information received from Deb Brown given  
to each Board member to read prior to the December 07, 2009  
meeting.

Pubic Works... status of the easements for Pelots Road and  
Lakeview Drive

#### ADJOURNMENT

Eileen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. This motion was seconded by  
Jim Martin.. hearing no further discussion.. this motion was carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo-Ann Tier

C: Selectboard: Robert, Andre, Jim, Eileen, and Marie  
Town Clerk  
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