

**TOWN OF WILLISTON
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 6, 2011**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Macaig (Chairman); Chris Roy, Jay Michaud, Debbie Ingram. (Jeff Fehrs was absent.)

ADMINISTRATION: Rick McGuire, Town Manager; Ken Belliveau, Town Planner.

OTHERS PRESENT: Harrison Lebowitz, Somsak Chompupono, Vatin Leekesem, Tom Moreau, Brian Wright, Christina Mead, Shannon Hiltner, Adam White (Williston Observer).

1. Call to Order

Chairman Terry Macaig called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

2. Minutes - May 16, 2011

MOTION by Chris Roy, SECOND by Jay Michaud, to approve the 5/16/11 minutes as written. VOTING: unanimous (3-0)[Debbie Ingram not present for vote; Jeff Fehrs absent]; motion carried.

3. Public Comment – General Issues

None.

4. Board Applications/Appointments

The Board conducted interviews of the following individuals for appointment to town boards/committees:

- Shannon Hiltner (Planning Commission)
- Joe Duncan (Chittenden Solid Waste District representative)

MOTION by Chris Roy, SECOND by Jay Michaud, to appoint the incumbent applicants to serve on the board and term indicated on the list dated June 6, 2011 with the exception of the appointments relating to the Regional Planning Commission, Chittenden Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Chittenden Solid Waste District which will be taken up at a future time. VOTING: unanimous (3-0)[Debbie Ingram not present for vote; Jeff Fehrs absent]; motion carried.

5. Chittenden Solid Waste District Budget

Tom Moreau, Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) General Manager, and Joe Duncan, Williston representative on the CSWD Board, appeared before the Selectboard to request approval of the Fiscal Year 2012 CSWD budget. Tom Moreau reviewed highlights of the operating budget (expenditures down by 1.6%, revenues also down). CSWD is undertaking studies on redesign of the regional landfill to meet parameters of the host town agreement, capturing and recycling residential organics, and establishing a consolidated collection system. The E-waste law in effect in July will save CSWD approximately \$100,000. Capital expenses for CSWD include equipment purchases,

storm water drainage work, and a mobile drop off center to serve the outlying towns. There was mention of impact of the defunct circumferential highway project on the proposed regional landfill (traffic will be a significant part of the plan for the regional landfill when that project moves forward). Near term improvements by CSWD include technology advances and expanded recycling.

MOTION by Chris Roy, SECOND by Jay Michaud, to approve the budget proposed for Fiscal Year 2012 by the Chittenden Solid Waste District. VOTING: unanimous (3-0)[Debbie Ingram not present for vote, Jeff Fehrs absent]; motion carried.

6. Use of Town Green

There was discussion of sale of wine at the farmers market on the town green in proximity to the school. Harrison Lebowitz, Snowfarm Vineyards, explained the license he secures through the state for farmers markets allows sale of wine and limited wine tasting. Rick McGuire added state law regarding alcohol sale in proximity to the school does not apply to farmers markets. There is a lease agreement with the school for the town green and the school board indicated they will defer to the judgment of the Selectboard with regard to use of the green. There was discussion of the sign agreement for the farmers market. Christina Mead, coordinator of the Williston farmers market, confirmed the agreement allowing six A-frame signs posted from Thursday through Sunday until October 15, 2011 announcing the Williston farmers market.

MOTION by Chris Roy, SECOND by Jay Michaud, to authorize the Town Manager to sign an agreement with the Williston Farmers Market for use of the Town Green from June, 2011 through October, 2011 and to permit Snow Farm Vineyard to sell bottles of wine at the market. VOTING: unanimous (3-0)[Debbie Ingram not present for vote; Jeff Fehrs absent]; motion carried.

7. Liquor License Application(s)

Somsak Chompupono and Vatin Leekesem, proprietors of a new restaurant located at 2033 Essex Road reviewed the hours of operation for lunch and dinner service.

MOTION by Chris Roy, SECOND by Jay Michaud, to approve a First Class Liquor License for Douzo, Inc. for a restaurant located at 2033 Essex Road. VOTING: unanimous (3-0)[Debbie Ingram not present for vote; Jeff Fehrs absent]; motion carried.

There was discussion of the liquor license approved last year for the restaurant “Oscars” (owned by The Majestic, LLC), but the restaurant did not open. The restaurant is now open and the state is allowing transfer of the approval for the liquor license.

8. 2011 Comprehensive Plan

Ken Belliveau reviewed Chapter 10 (Energy), Chapter 11 (Watershed Health), and Chapter 12 (Working Landscape) of the 2011 Comprehensive Plan, highlighting the following:

Chapter 10 - Energy

- Energy consumption, conservation and efficiency in the town
- Renewable energy sources such as green pricing programs, solar, wind, biomass
- Impact on tax assessment for residential energy installations
- Future utility sitings, undergrounding of local utilities, regional transmission lines in existing corridors, limiting impact of telecommunication installations
- Utility scale co-generation projects and utility scale renewable energy
- Municipal energy efficiency and municipal energy plan
- Fuel efficiency and emissions with vehicle purchases
- Encourage walking, cycling, use of public transportation
- Designating a town energy coordinator
- Energy conservation and efficiency through land use
- Clean energy financing program
- Sustainable food systems and farmers market
- Waste reduction, recycling, composting

Chapter 11 – Watershed Health

- Storm water management
- Snow management
- Stream restoration
- Water quality monitoring
- Lake Iroquois ecosystem and water quality
- Source water protection and best management practices
- Ground water
- Hazardous land use activities
- Buffer requirements per land use activities

Chapter 12 – Working Landscape

- Wildlife habitation and conservation areas
- Mapping
- Transfer of development rights program
- Reinstating the tax abatement program

9. Town Manager's Report

Rick McGuire reported on the following:

- Selectboard meeting on June 20, 2011 rescheduled to June 27, 2011
- July meeting needed to approve the town comprehensive plan
- The tax rate for the next fiscal year needs to be set (no change to projected rate)
- Ambulance service monthly report confirms the projected number of calls and transports were accurate. Revenues will be short due to 65% collection rate. Expenditures are under budget.

10. Other Business

None.

11. Adjournment and/or Executive Session

Chairman Macaig adjourned the meeting at 9:19 PM.

RScty: M.E.Riordan