

**Townshend Select Board
Special Meeting Minutes
Site Visit at 2777 Grafton Road
June 1, 2009**

Present:

Select Board - Alene Evans, chair; Hedy Harris; Steve Ovenden; Bruce Bills, absent; Michael Charles, absent

Members of the Public: Kevin Cole; Deborah Cole; Kristina Wright; Susanna Palmer; Dr. Tim Shafer, (Townshend Health Officer); Craig Hunt (Select Board secretary)

1. Call To Order: At 5:05 p.m. Evans called the meeting to order.

2. New Business: Members of the Select Board examined the site and the premises at 2777 Grafton Road, and general discussion ensued with members of the public and Townshend's Health Officer. Board Members and the Health Officer took note of the condition of the premises which had suffered a structure fire in February 2009. Of note, was the amount of household and other refuse contained in and around the building. There was discussion of the potential for lead paint and asbestos in the collapsed residence, now exposed to the elements. A fuel oil tank and propane bottles were seen, and trash, in deteriorating plastic bags was examined adjacent to and for many dozens of yards distant from the structure, spreading down to and into a water drainage swale on the northern end of the property. It was the consensus of all present, in view of the evidence, that trash, including electronic devises and other potential pollutants, had been accumulating for a number of years. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

3. Adjournment: At 5:40, Evans made a motion: To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Select Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt, secretary