

Townshend Select Board Special Meeting Minutes August 10, 2009

Present:

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

Members of the Public: Irvin Stowell

Call To Order: At 7:00 p.m., following a meeting of the Board of Abatement, the Board of Civil Authority and a site visit by Board members to Favreau's Corner Road, Evans called the Special meeting to Order.

Additions and Deletions: None.

Favreau's Corner Discontinuance: Ovenden reported that at the site visit to Favreau's Corner Road, Steve and Claire Adams, and their attorney, Beth Agositini were present. Irvin Stowell commented that any land which the Town owns could not be simply deeded to the abutters but would have to be put up for sale. Discussion followed, and Evans made a motion to: **Have Town Attorney Fisher start the discontinuance process and research Title to the land**, seconded by Charles and carried by those present.

Other Business: Evans announced that she would be leaving at the end of August to take an employment position, and offered to continue advising the Board as requested, but tender her resignation, subject to Board approval at a time when the Board determined convenient. Discussion followed, particularly concerning the formation of a screening committee and interviewing prospective candidates for the bookkeeper's position.

Evans reported that Laurie from NEMRC believed that the way accounting was being done for the new Town Barn construction through the 360 Fund was cumbersome and would create problems for an auditor. Charles explained the system of handling the funds and felt that it was proper and transparent.

Sherry Maher's request for electric use on the Common for the Townshend Farmer's Market was discussed, and Evans made a motion: **To allow the Townshend Farmer's Market to use electricity on August 13, 2009 at no charge, but if use was requested on a regular basis, that the Town charge \$15.00 per month**, seconded by Ovenden, and carried by those present.

Evans reported that she had requested Dale Davis to put grass seed on the Common, where needed, and when necessary, and by general consent, members of the Board agreed.

Ovenden reported that while on vacation, he'd requested Hunt to send a Letter of Intent to the State regarding grant funding for sidewalk construction, but that the mail deadline had not been met. As he'd reported at the previous meeting, Ovenden believed that the Town should proceed with the work with the money that the Town had available, since the grant was not likely to be received anyway, and would come with too many strings attached, if it was.

General discussion continued about the Tax Bills to be mailed out and the Ancient Roads Committee.

Adjournment: Harris made a motion: **To adjourn at 7:20 p.m.**, seconded by Evans, and carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt, secretary