

Minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting of Monday, December 21, 2009 at 6:30 PM

Members present: Sarah Nunan, Chair; Ed Childs; Sharon Racusin; Roger Blake; Pete Webster, Town Manager; Nancy Kramer, Assistant to the Town Manager. Absent: Suzanne Lupien.

There were 9 people in the audience.

Also participating: Steve Flanders, Neil Fulton, Jim Gold, Jeff Goodrich, Andy Hodgdon, Dennis Kaufman, Chief Robinson, Folger Tuggle.

Nunan opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

1. Health Leadership Award Disbursement (Discussion/Action Item). Kramer explained and read the list of items on the contract that employees signed. Childs **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Blake) to disburse the \$4,567 dollars evenly to the twelve employees who signed contracts. **Motion passed.**

2. Public Forum on Route 132 and Union Village Intersection Continued. The Selectboard has received crash data and his thoughts from Chuck Wise, cost breakdowns from Hodgdon, Chief Robinson's accident specifics, Flanders thoughts and analysis and an email from Norm Miller with his thoughts. Chief Robinson's accident specifics were gone over. Flanders spoke about his data. Flanders believes the signage may be helpful to drivers unfamiliar with the road. After some discussion, it was agreed going forward that careful accounting of all incidents at the intersection would be kept by Public Works, Fire and Police Departments. Gold would like to see at least 4-10 signs removed. Kaufman, who drives the route every day, has been opposed to the island from the very beginning, but feels it is inappropriate to remove now. Tuggle spoke about his earlier meeting with Lupien, Nunan, Webster and Hodgdon where he shared his plan regarding the signs. Tuggle has collected 100 signatures of concerned citizens who want the new signs removed. He also spoke about Union Village Road being part of the scenic resource areas on Resource Map C of the Norwich Zoning Regulations and being referred to in the Town Plan. Goodrich thanked the Board and Webster for the bandstand, sidewalk and park-and-ride at Huntley and the corridor project. Goodrich is delighted with the Union Village/Route 132 project. He fully supports from his prospective as a professional. Fulton said that the signs do help EMS people, especially those from out of town. Several people present suggested giving the project a year and reevaluating it as the State has recommended. Blake said that by rights the State should redesign the road. Blake also spoke about the State choosing this road as a high risk route. Racusin believes the entire process was flawed and that the island is the major problem. She also said she was blinded by the reflectors on the route. Childs felt the Selectboard should have dissected the project better and that he has respect for the experts involved. Nunan spoke about respecting those who signed the petition and asked the Board how they planned to respond to the people who signed. Nunan also asked if the Selectboard wanted to send a letter to the petitioners regarding follow up on the signs. There followed considerable discussion about which signs and how many should go and the Town's relationship with the State. It was agreed that Gold and Tuggle would represent the petitioners. After that, Racusin **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Nunan) that Webster and a representative of the petitioners would drive the road, identify signs to be removed and review this with the State for approval. **Motion passed.**

Blake **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Racusin) to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on January 13, 2010.

By Nancy Kramer  
Assistant to the Town Manager

Sarah Nunan  
Selectboard Chair

Special Selectboard Meeting – January 11, 2010 at 6:30 PM

Next Regular Meeting – January 13, 2010 at 6:30 PM

Pending Items:

- 1) Town Report FY09
- 2) Vehicle Acquisition and Replacement Policy/NORCAP Report/Strategic Planning
- 3) Municipal Enforcement of the VT Fire Prevention and Building Code
- 4) Code of Conduct for Town Officials/Employees
- 5) Listening Posts
- 6) Town Boundaries
- 7) Lister Roundtable
- 8) Ownership of Foley Park