

**Town of Huntington Selectboard Meeting**  
**Date: Monday, April 20, 2009 @ 7:00p.m.**  
**Location: Town Office**

Approved  
Minutes

**Attending:**

Board Members: Edmund Booth - Chair, Joe Segale – Vice-Chair, Jim Hildebran, Jim Christiansen, Wayne Curley

Absent Members: N/A

Recorder: Ed Wildman (Town Administrator).

Other Attendees: Cathleen Gent (Zoning Administrator), Dan Stoddard (Town Treasurer), Duncan Keir, Jean Sturm, Frank Flemings, JoAnn Flemings, Jim Barth, Suzy Barth, Ed Thomlinson, Laurie Thomlinson, Cathleen Gilbert, Pat Rojax, Sue Hamlin, Lucinda Hill, Spence Hill, Nichole Lewis, David Merchant, Tammy Merchant

Ed Booth called the meeting to order at 7:03.

**Minutes/Warrants:**

- Joe Segale moved, Wayne Curly seconded, to approve the minutes of February 16 and April 6, 2009 as written. Unanimous approval.
- Five warrants were signed.

**Reports/Guests:**

- Jean Sturm, representing Huntington Everyone Resource Organization (HERO), reported on the status of their planning grant application to develop strategies to provide access to transportation for all citizens of Huntington. Ed Wildman will sign the grant for submission by Friday.
- Duncan Keir commented on the Richmond roads as affected by the bridge closure. He encourages citizens to be considerate and understanding of the slower and more difficult travel conditions.
- Yogi Alger, Road Foreman, reported that he received three proposals for repairing the 1715 Main Road slide caused by river erosion. The low bid was \$69,000 by G.W. Tatro Construction, Inc. Ed Wildman will write a letter to Jim Fecteau explaining the project which abuts the Fecteau property.
- Yogi discussed the proposals requested for re-insulating the Fire Station and replacing the roof and insulation on the Town Garage.
- Yogi provided proposals for new plow trucks to be considered by the Selectboard. He was asked to provide estimated savings associated with buying a tandem truck instead of a four wheel truck and expenses related to hauling all of the sand and gravel required annually instead of having it trucked in as previously done. He was asked to report at the May 4 meeting.

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- Ed Wildman, Town Administrator, and Joe Segale reported on their meeting with Yogi concerning the various bond projects to be initiated this construction season. The Main Road Stokes Bridge is finished and the other projects are moving forward. The two building projects are getting updated proposals and the two bridge and the slide projects have permits in place and construction has will start next week blasting rock for the slide. The Sand Shed RFP is almost ready to go to VTrans for approval and will then go to contractors. Ed Wildman will determine the possibility of getting an extension for the Storm Water Grant which is now scheduled to end May, 2010.
- Ed W. reported that each municipality is required to have an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) in place to be eligible for Federal moneys. He is working with the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCRPC) and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to put the county and then Huntington plans together for approval by the Selectboard.
- The Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) asked that the selectboard vote on their annual budget proposal before May 11. It is on the agenda for the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Residents from Huntington Woods were present to discuss two concerns. First they spoke of noise emanating from the Marquis property in the middle of the night. Cathleen Gent, Zoning Administrator, stated that the Vermont State Police have been to the property a number of times and all is quiet by the time they arrive. She suggested that obtaining decibel levels would be the best way to build documentation for the police to pursue the problem. Documentation of dates and times the noise occurs will be helpful. Cathleen, Ed, and Heidi Racht, Service Officer, will develop a plan of action working with the authorities. Open fires are also a problem on the property which Ken Russin, Fire Warden has been working to correct. Dean Grover, Health Officer, will be asked to look into health issues concerning the burning and the recent diversion of the drainage system onto a neighbor's lawn.
- The second concern of the Huntington Woods residents is property owned by Carmichael. The house is leased or rented and inhabited by approximately nine people or more including a ten year old child who has medical issues. Another person living in the house is known to the police as a transient and has frightened people in the neighborhood and in the Lower Village. Ed, Cathleen and the Selectboard will do what they can to determine what the housing situation is and what should and can be done to correct problems if any exist. They will report at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Action Items:**

- The previously voted Hinesburg Hollow Road paving contract, awarded to S.D. Ireland Brothers, Corp., was signed by Ed Booth.
- The audit proposal from Fothergill, Segale & Valley was accepted for the 2009, 2010, and 2011 fiscal years. Jim Hildebran moved, Wayne Curley seconded, and the proposal passed with Joe Segale abstaining. Ed Booth signed the contract. The fee will not exceed \$12,500 each year and is the same contracted

fee for the 2007 and 2008 audits. The 2008 fee paid was actually less than \$12,500.

- Dan Stoddard reported on the application for the Fire Truck Bond. Ed Wildman will ask Tate Jeffrey, Fire Chief, to attend the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to clarify the department's plans.
- Budget reductions were discussed. Cemetery, Lister tax mapping, and Selectboard expenses were mentioned as possible sources for further reduction. Employee salaries and benefits will be considered at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Adjourn:** Jim Hildebran moved to adjourn, seconded by Joe Segale. Unanimous approval and adjourned at 9:40 pm.

**Next Meeting:** April 27, 2009

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Date Unapproved Minutes to Town Clerk:	Friday, April 24, 2009
Date Minutes Approved by Selectboard:	Monday, May 4, 2009
Date Approved Minutes to Town Clerk:	Tuesday, May 05, 2009