

Approved: October 23, 2006

Selectboard Meeting  
October 9, 2006  
7:10 – 9:30 p.m.

**Present:** Paul Saenger, Walt Pyle, Bob Warren, Steve Goodrich  
Mary Jane James, Barb Kivlin  
**Absent:** Marthe Fisher  
**Guests:** Robin Conway, Shannon Bohler-Small, Ron Kumetz

**Call to order:**

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Minutes approved:**

Minutes from September 25, 2006, were approved. Steve MOVED and Bob SECONDED to accept minutes. Motion carried.

**Announcements:**

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Public Concerns:** None

**Reports:**

1. Shannon came to explain the Platt Memorial Library's fundraising calendar idea. Wanted to make sure that it was okay with the Selectboard before going forward. Board gave their approval.
2. Robin Conway and Ron Kumetz came into review the radio issue for the Town. Ron explained how to fix the issue by using a tone signaling system. The current base station is not programmable and could not be used. The Town trucks have been programmed with their own private channels. Suggesting buying a new multiple channel radio. Paul offered to loan the town a multi-channel station he currently has and is not using. The road crew needs to learn to use the private channel to speak to the Town Clerk's Office and open channel when talking between themselves. Currently, the Rescue Squad has radios and they listen for everything. They could have a different private line or turn the tone off so they don't have to listen to everything. Another solution that Ron suggested was to have new radios set up as pagers. Ron does the programming on a computer. He said he can program radios to reach all of the local towns and sheriff. Robin interested in redeploying what we have now.

Rescue Squad applied and received a grant two years ago because they couldn't talk to the portables so they bought two new antennas. They also purchased a new base radio for Nina and the old base station was moved to the Dame household. Two telephone lines were set up from Robin Conway's home to Catherine Dame's home and to Martha Teer's house. This allowed the person to choose whatever base station was needed. There are problems because one of the base radios is turned off and the phone lines to the east portion of Shoreham have a problem. Robin suggested that perhaps the base station at Nina Benoit's could be moved to the Town Clerk's office. It could be more effective to move the Dame base station back here and use repeaters from Orwell or Whiting. Robin asked if the road crew wanted hand-held radios? Ron suggested looking at older radios in rescue and move them over to road crew and have the rescue get newer radios with multiple channels. The unknown at this time is what the Fire Department has for radios. Ron suggested that the Town do an inventory of fire and rescue departments. He continued by saying that the

road crew might be able use the older radios from these departments based on the inventory. He also encouraged the Board to get new pagers for fire and rescue and retire the old ones. Robin volunteered to take care of the inventory process with Fire and Rescue. She said we need a well-defined list of needs; radios are cheaper than pager. Currently, the Rescue Squad is set up for 2013 standards; however, the Fire Department radio status is questionable and so is the road crew. Ron said that Homeland Security money will run out at some point, now is the time to ask for help. There are some channels that will be used through the protocols. Marthe and Paul will work with Robin and Ron as a subcommittee along with Lois Curtiss to oversee this process. Robin will check with the Fire Department to get an inventory of their radios. The elementary school has two radios - programmed to talk to fire and rescue, Middlebury Ambulance and other channels. There are also radios in the school buses.

### **Roads:**

3. Board discussed who is responsible for the annual phosphorous report. Bob MOVED to authorize the Wastewater Commissioners to handle this report. The Selectboard will make the road crew and records available for this report, which is due on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Steve said they would discuss this at the next Wastewater Commission. Walt SECONDED. Motion carried.
4. Metal collection on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Earth Waste charges \$200 to deliver two containers and the Town would be paid \$50 or \$60 per ton depending on the market prices. If the Town uses its own trucks, they will pay us \$75 per ton. J.R.'s Rubbish and Recycling does not charge the Town for this service. Walt MOVED that the Town have J.R.'s Rubbish and Recycling bring in containers for the metal collection on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Steve SECONDED. Motion carried. Need to put two containers near fuel tanks so it won't interfere with tractor pull. Steve, Bob, and Walt to be at the metal collection on Saturday.
5. Board approved Mary Jane's request to use sick leave for the 3 days she used last week.
6. There were no changes to the Boundary questionnaire/report this year.
7. Board tabled discussion about energy coordinator for Addison County Regional Planning's meeting on biofuels.
8. Barb asked if anyone was interested in being a seminar representative to Town Meeting and no one could go.
9. Board named new road off Torrey Lane. Mary Jane gave the Board a copy of letter requesting this private drive. Walt MOVED to name the new road Lakeview Lane. Bob SECONDED. Motion carried.
10. Mary Jane handed out a pamphlet on the Vermont Tree Stewardship Awards for the Board to review. They tabled this matter.
11. Board reviewed the two different maps, one of which will be used to define the Village Designation District: one from Steve Goodrich and one from the Planning Commission. Bob MOVED to use Steve's blue map for the Village Designation District. Walt SECONDED. Motion carried.

### **Financials:**

12. Board signed the Doolittle Road structures reimbursement document.

13. Paul to help Barb with reviewing Town's insurance for town properties. She said the new building values would affect our premiums. Board reviewed list of town properties. They need an estimate of the rates and then they will make a decision at the next meeting.
14. Vermont Leagues of Cities and Town's is having a Municipal Budgeting and Finance seminar in Montpelier on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Barb wanted to know if anyone was interested in attending.
15. Barb handed out spreadsheet on wages for 2003-2006 to help the Board decide how much to spend on gravel.
16. Jason asked the Road Commissioners who the backup drivers for winter storms would be this year. Bob Warren said he would help observe the roads. It was suggested that the Town should consult with Loren Wood because he makes the call for the elementary school. Jason to check to see who is willing to drive snowplow.
17. Selectboard orders reviewed and signed.
18. No news on computer for Jason. Mary Jane has GE paperwork. Tabled until the next meeting.
19. Mary Jane on vacation next week. Office closed next Wednesday.
20. Steve said that Jason has used \$12,000 in gravel. He is working on replacing culvert on North Cream Hill Road. Concern about trucks leaving George's pit on Basin Harbor. Want to keep them on the pavement.

**Adjournment:**

Walt MOVED to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. SECONDED by Bob. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Karen M. Shackett  
Minute Taker

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marthe Fisher, Secretary  
Town of Shoreham Selectboard