

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

**VILLAGE OF LUDLOW
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Gilmore, Chairman

Jim Fuller

David Rose

STAFF:

Frank Heald

OTHERS PRESENT:

Willow Feller

Glenn Heitsmith

Duncan Love – LPCTV

Marji Graf

John Norton

1. **Call to Order**

A. Chairman, Bob Gilmore, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All members present.

2. **Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings**

A. Bob Gilmore advised the minutes to be approved are from the regular meeting of August 3, 2010.

B. **MOTION by David Rose and seconded by Jim Fuller to approve minutes from the meetings of August 3, 2010 as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Comments From Citizens**

A. There were none.

4. **Consider Support for Route 100 Scenic Bypass Designation**

A. Bob Gilmore advised that a brochure has been received that discussed scenic byways and that the Select Board had already voted to support this.

B. Marji Graf advised that this is not part of the highway program and is not regulated. There are already 6 scenic byways in the state and nothing in this area. The procedure calls for the organizers to get letters of support from the towns that will be affected by this. They have created a council of interested people from Plymouth, Ludlow, Weston, Killington and Londonderry to work on this. They are planning to include Route 100 from Londonderry up to Killington and Route 103 south to Route 131 and it will include Fletcher Farm. Route 131 is already a scenic byway. Grants are available from the state for beautification and improvements along the byway.

C. Bob Gilmore said it is a worthy project and will enhance the region.

D. Marji Graf said it would be called the Scenic Route 100 Byway.

E. Jim Fuller asked who sponsors the program.

F. Marji Graf said it is a federal program and John LeBarge is responsible at the state level.

G. **MOTION by David Rose and seconded by Jim Fuller to support this program and have Frank Heald draft a letter of support. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. **Ludlow Rotary Chili Cook-off Request**

- A. Glenn Heitsmith said that he is the chairman of the committee and this is the 20th year that the Rotary is doing this event. Most of the proceeds go to support the Senior Center. The request is to close Depot Street from Main Street to Pleasant Street on October 9, 2010 from 7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
 - B. Bob Gilmore asked if the event has grown each year.
 - C. Glenn Heitsmith said there were more chili entrants last year and traffic is good. They serve about 450 people and sometimes run out of chili. It is a successful event.
 - D. Bob Gilmore said that the new mini park is along side the area.
 - E. Glenn Heitsmith said that Liz Crowley had mentioned a rededication of the Daniel Kesman Park on that day.
 - F. **MOTION by Jim Fuller and seconded by David Rose to permit the Rotary to close Depot Street on October 9, 2010, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the Chili Cook-off as requested.**
 - G. Frank Heald said that Liz Crowley did speak to him, but that the parks fall under the area of the Select Board and it will be on their agenda.
 - H. **Motion passed unanimously.**
6. **Receive and Act on Errors and Omissions from the Ludlow Board of Listers**
- A. Bob Gilmore said that this is generated by the listers.
 - B. Frank Heald advised that the listers omitted these 5 properties from the grand list and this was discovered during the annual review that is required by law.
 - C. **MOTION by David Rose and seconded by Jim Fuller to receive and accept the report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**
7. **Consider and Approve Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Refunding RE: Gill Hill Water Bond**
- A. Frank Heald advised that the state has been able to remarket and lower interest rates on bonds. This will produce a savings of about \$12,000 for the balance of the life of the bond.
 - B. **MOTION by Jim Fuller and seconded by David Rose to approve and sign the refunding.**
 - C. Bob Gilmore said they need to sign the original.
 - D. Frank Heald said he has it. He added that this is actually the Lawridge Hill bond from 2000-2001.
 - E. **Motion passed unanimously.**
8. **Consider and Approve Vermont Municipal Bond Bank Refunding RE: Village Sidewalk and Stormwater Bond**
- A. Frank Heald advised that this one will produce a savings of about \$5,945 for the balance of the life of the bond. He added that this is an old stormwater bond that is about 20 years old.
 - B. **MOTION by Jim Fuller and seconded by David Rose to approve and sign this refunding. Motion passed unanimously.**
9. **Consider Water/Wastewater Allocation Removal/Refund Request RE: 20 Main Street**
- A. Bob Gilmore said that this is a request to remove water/wastewater allocation for a second unit at 20 Main Street. There is supporting documentation.
 - B. Frank Heald said that on September 3rd, the Zoning Administrator and chief lister viewed the property and agreed that it is now a single unit. There is one unit and a storage area. The kitchen has been removed from the area now used for storage. The applicant has been informed that if the unit does return to a second dwelling unit, they will have to come to this board to increase the allocation.
 - C. Jim Fuller said that years ago the units were side by side.
 - D. Frank Heald said there is an upper and lower unit.
 - E. Bob Gilmore said that this request is not retroactive for the 2 years that the unit has been used for storage, as this board was not informed until recently.
 - F. Frank Heald said the refund would only be for this semi-annual payment.
 - G. **MOTION by David Rose and seconded by Jim Fuller to reduce the sewer allocation for the Rolka property at 20 Main Street from 2 units to 1. Motion passed unanimously.**

10. **Water Project Update**

- A. Frank Heald advised that the water project is approaching completion and other than house connections, other outstanding items include digging the 6” connection pipe at Pond Street, Vail Bridge, and 3 old valves to be replaced. The sidewalk at Pond will be worked on this week, followed by Depot Street. Paving will follow as soon as there is enough paving work to bring back the paver. The tank will be chlorinated and filled this week.
- B. Bob Gilmore said they did a nice seamless repave on Pond Street.
- C. Frank Heald said that all of the patch paves would be done within the next few weeks.
- D. John Norton asked why the roads are in such bad condition and it has been like this all summer. There is a new hole by the Armory. He said that he spoke to Mr. Heald and did not like the answer he got, that the road had to settle.
- E. Bob Gilmore said that the patch on Pond Street is pretty good.
- F. John Norton said that there should not be any bumps. They should have had it in the specs to put it back the way they found it. The Palotta Hill bump is still there from last year.
- G. Bob Gilmore asked Frank Heald if there are any plans to review the roads.
- H. Frank Heald said that anything Ron Tarbell is not happy with would be fixed.
- I. Bob Gilmore said the complaints would be noted. He asked Frank Heald to ask Ron Tarbell to review the roads.
- J. John Norton said that he has complained to the Agency of Transportation office in Rutland about the state roads.
- K. Bob Gilmore said they would do a follow-up with Ron Tarbell and ask him to review the roads. He hopes that the company doing the sewer project on Andover will do diligence and try to make the roads as smooth as possible. He added that the brick facades and the crosswalks would be replaced.
- L. John Norton asked if the contracts were given with the paving at the end.
- M. Frank Heald said it was a contractor option and this contractor used grindings to fill in and it didn’t work well. He added that the engineer did not specify patch paving.
- N. David Rose asked if the sensor at the traffic light would be fixed.
- O. Frank Heald said yes.

11. **Andover Sewer Project Update**

- A. Frank Heald advised that there is about 6 more weeks of construction on this project.

12. **Radar Speed Signs Reports**

- A. Bob Gilmore said that the reports are for August. He added that a letter was received from Ralph Pace in support of the efforts made to calm traffic speeds. There is also a letter from Chief Billings and he concurs that the signs are effective. Bob Gilmore agrees with both Mr. Pace and Chief Billings that the signs have been effective. The goal is to slow traffic, not to give out tickets.
- B. Jim Fuller asked where the speeds are read.
- C. David Rose said that the signs.
- D. Jim Fuller said he notes from the reports that more cars are exceeding 35 MPH than are under it.
- E. Bob Gilmore said that coming into town from the north, vehicles are coming in faster. There are signs to decrease from 50 MPH to 40 MPH to 30 MPH.
- F. Jim Fuller noted that vehicles leaving town, south on Route 103 are speeding and there is no reading for that direction.
- G. David Rose said that he has noticed officers on both ends of town and they are doing exactly what the board requested.

13. **Other Business**

- A. **Junkyard Ordinance**
 - i. Bob Gilmore advised that he had spoken to the Beckers and they advised that their neighbor’s junk had been pushed back, but not removed and there were veiled threats against them for making a formal complaint.
 - ii. Frank Heald said that he had sent a letter to the individual and the person agreed to accomplish some clean up within a certain period of time. He added that he was not

sure when that period of time would end. He will check and if the person does not comply, the matter will come before this board. He added that it does look like some progress has been made.

- iii. Bob Gilmore asked to what extent does the ordinance apply.
- iv. Frank Heald said that he would have to check, however it is to the extent allowed by state law. There are fines allowed. He will follow up on this and let you know what the date is that the person agreed to comply by.

B. Abandoned Building Ordinance

- i. Jim Fuller asked if this board should bring in its concerns.
- ii. Bob Gilmore said that board members, as individuals, might make complaints.

14. **Set Date for October Meeting**

- A. Next regular meeting will be October 5th at 6:00 p.m.

15. **Possible Executive Session/Personnel/Contracts**

- A. Frank Heald said that no Executive Session is needed.

16. **Adjourn**

- A. **MOTION to adjourn by David Rose and seconded by Jim Fuller. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisha Klaiber

Robert Gilmore, Chairman

David Rose

Jim Fuller