

**Minutes of Tri-Town Selectboard Meeting
Thursday, November 13, 2008**

Board Present: Robert Vasseur, Ed Read, Cindi Hartshorn-Jones, Burton Bauchner, Erin Russell-Story, Kirsten Reilly, Andrew Cunningham, Roy Hadden, Paul Hartshorn, Charles Hosford, Kate Williams, Valerie Capels and Patti Lewis

Guests: Joshua Schwartz, John Malter, Sue Frechette, Chuck Martell, Valerie Hale, Helmut Hietzker, Ken Felderman, Doug Bernstein, Peter Laskowski, Chris Cole, Tawnya Kristen, Margo Wade, Steve Gladczuk, Nancy Rice, and Adam Greshin

Meeting called to order 6:00 P.M. at the Waitsfield Elementary School.

Ed Read, moderator for the 2008 Tri-Town Selectboard meeting opened the meeting and welcomed all.

1. MRV Solid Waste Alliance – John Malter

Mr. Malter noted the name change from MRV Solid Waste Alliance to the Mad River Resource Management Alliance. He went over the draft budget, hazardous waste collection, price of commodities (dropped 80% in the last month), and use of the land fill (cell number three is in use, cell number four ready and their gas recovery system will begin 12/1/08). See attached material. The Town assessments per capital rate will remain at \$2.00. Increases to the Town based on a 2006 census are; Fayston increases 68 people to \$2,502.00. Waitsfield increases 24 people to \$3,420.00. Warren increases 98 people to \$3,492.00.

2. MRV Health Center – Sue Frechette & Chuck Martell

Mr. Martell gave an overview of the Health Center and its history. They are asking for a donation of \$5,000.00 from each Town for 2009, the same as it was in 2008 (plus \$3000.00 from Moretown). This represents 20% of their operating budget. Noted were no new construction plans but for exterior items like trees, signage stone benches or herbal gardens, the fact that Central Vermont Hospital has taken over Fran Cook's practice and will continue to serve the needs of all regardless of ability to pay and that the electronic transfer of records system is under way. See attached.

3. MRV Seniors – Valerie Hale and Helmut Hietzker

Mr. Heitzker went over the past years activities including fundraisers, town donations (request \$6,000.00 for 2009 as it was in 2008, from Waitsfield, Fayston and Warren and \$1000.00 from Moretown), other revenue sources. He discussed the amount of people served within the communities, amazing volunteer drivers for the Meals on Wheels program (Sue Markowit coordinator) and the hot and nutritious meals prepared by Lorraine Wimble. See attached.

4. MRV Recreation District – Ken Felderman and Doug Bernstein

Mr. Felderman requests the same donation of \$12,500.00 for 2009 as given in 2008 from each of the Towns. He went over the funded projects for 2008 and possible or anticipated projects for 2009. See attached. Approved funding request for 09 include; Mad River Path, Skatium (new pump and white surface), Warren School playground, the MR Bike Program, nature trail behind Theatre, and the Kingsbury fields. Possibilities are; Brook's field lights, Eaton parcel trail for MR Path, Waitsfield Skate Park (the Warren Skate Park is a disappointment).

5. Constable Association – Peter Laskowski

Mr. Laskowski discussed the possibility and/or need of a Valley wide constable association. By 2010, constables will have to participate in mandatory training if they wish to do any law enforcement other than tax collection or dog complaints. Mr. Laskowski's vision is that there is an office space within the Valley that would provide a meeting space for him and the constables as well as provide space for office equipment. This would be tri-town funded and allow cross patrol within the Valley. Possible cost might be \$2000-\$3000 per year. He believes that much of the cost of this would be off set by ticket revenue, at least initially. Question asked as to the meaning of the legislation that requires constable training and Mr. Laskowski said that the concern for lack of training on the part of constables had triggered the change. The training in essence requires a one-year commitment by a participant.

6. Green Mountain Transit Agency – Chris Cole, Tawnya Kristen, Margo Wade & Steve Gladczuk

All speakers touched on the background, services offered (particularly medical transportation), restructuring possibilities with CCTA, and what the route will be within the Valley this winter. See attached. For the year 2009 GMTA is asking for the following amounts, Fayston - \$588.00, Waitsfield - \$923.00, Warren - \$943.00.

7. VTrans – Nancy Rice

Ms. Rice explained the Go Vermont program. See attached. There was no request for funds.

8. Central Vermont Humane Society – Marcia Bellas

Ms. Bellas was unable to attend this meeting. Joshua Schwartz initiated discussion regarding the possibility of a tri-town contract with CVHS to take in stray animals. See attached sample contract. After discussion, it was felt that a tri-town contract was not necessary and that each Town should make their own decision whether to contract or donate with/to CVHS.

9. MRV Planning District – Joshua Schwartz

Mr. Schwartz first thanked everyone for attending and thanked Fayston for moderating and taking minutes.

Mr. Schwartz then briefly explained what has been happening during his three months as executive director. The top priority has been the Mad River Path Association projects, the Kingsbury Farm project has been a success, he has participated in several grant writing/successes, as well as many other activities. See attached summary.

Mr. Schwartz noted that the support from each Town would remain the same for 2009 as it was for 2008, being \$19,100.00.

As Mr. Schwartz had recently met with each of the Selectboards they had no further questions for him at this time.

The Selectboards did thank Mr. Schwartz for organizing this meeting as well as all the hard work he has put into the MRVPD thus far.

8:40 p.m. – Robert Vasseur made a motion to adjourn, Charlie Hosford seconded. No further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patti Lewis

Approved: _____ Date: _____