



**Town of Berlin  
Municipal Office Building  
108 Shed Road**

**Berlin, VT. 05602  
Regular Select Board Meetings  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Each Month**

### **Special Meeting**

(Please note that this meeting will be held at the Berlin Elementary School)

**Monday, March 1, 2010  
5:00 PM**

Selectboard Members: Brad Towne, Chair; Susan Gretkowski, Vice Chair; Jonathan Goddard, Nancy Driscoll. Absent: Roberta Haskin, Secretary. Present: Jeff Schulz, Town Administrator; Patti Lewis, Town Treasurer. All items are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

#### **APPROVED MINUTES**

**Brad Towne** called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

#### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### Accounts Payable/Vouchers

Motion by **Susan Gretkowski** to approve the accounts payable and vouchers. Second by **Jonathan Goddard**. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Berlin Fire District #1 - Merger

**Jeff Schulz** stated that the Board had discussed this issue at a previous meeting and had authorized Jeff to update the existing resolution on the proposed bill to merge Fire District #1 with the City of Montpelier. He stated that those revision are complete and one of the key dates to keep in mind was the crossover date for Legislature which is March 12<sup>th</sup>. **Pat McDonald** stated that someone from the Town should be ready to testify on behalf of the Town during the session regarding this bill. **Jeff** stated that, if the Board signed the resolution, they would send the resolution to the Chair of the Government Operations Committee. **Susan Gretkowski** stated that she would talk to the members of the committee but could testify if the Board did not have anyone else who was interested. Motion by **Jonathan Goddard** to authorize **Susan Gretkowski** to speak on behalf of the Town regarding merging Fire District #1 with the City of Montpelier. Second by **Nancy Driscoll**. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by **Susan Gretkowski** to approve the resolution to oppose merging Fire District #1 with the City of Montpelier. Second by **Nancy Driscoll**. Motion carried 3-0.

**Brad Towne** asked if the well testing on the Dodge Farm property has been started. **Jeff Schulz** responded that the testing was started a couple of days ago and will continue for a few weeks.

**Brad Towne** stated that he had talked with **Ed Stanek** and was informed that Developer's Diversified is selling their property in Berlin, which includes the Mall and 15 acres of land behind the Mall. He asked **Jeff Schulz** if anyone had been asking about this property. **Jeff** responded that an engineer had requested information and asked if the land could be subdivided and if so, would subdividing the property limit the ability to add to the existing structure. **Jeff** stated that the ordinance allows for expansion of the existing building and to subdivide. There was discussion on the various rumors that Shaw's Supermarket was

leaving Berlin and conjecture on what would replace them. **Jeff Schulz** stated that the Development Review Board has issued the findings for the Ames Plaza and the property owners were going through the ACT 250 process. He stated that the plans for Ames Plaza included bringing in T. J. Maxx, expanding Price Chopper into the Dollar Store outlet and moving the Dollar Store into the suite vacated by the Medical Store.

The Selectboard meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

For the Select Board:

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Rebecca Richardson – Administrative Assistant