



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

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

**Monday, July 7, 2008
7:00 PM**

Selectboard Members: Pat McDonald, Chair; Susan Gretkowski. Absent: Brad Towne, Vice Chair; Kitty Langlois, Secretary; Don Blanchette. Present: Jeff Schulz, Town Administrator; Patti Lewis, Town Treasurer. All items are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Pat McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Pat stated that because there was no quorum for tonight's meeting, the meeting shall be an informational meeting on the Berlin Bike Path and the Water Supply Study.

Water Supply Study – Otter Creek Engineering

Tom Willard updated the board on the Water Supply Study. **Tom** stated that Otter Creek Engineering has completed the Water Supply Study and submitted their report. **Tom** stated that Otter Creek Engineering would like to address the Selectboard and the public at the Selectboard meeting on July 21st. He also stated that he recommended that the Selectboard pursue the selected ground water by drilling one well this summer at the Dodge Farm; and if there was not sufficient volume, then to drill in another selected area. The cost per well is approximately \$15,000. **Tom, Jeff Schulz** and **Otter Creek Engineering** visited several proposed well sites and the best one is Dodge Farm Community on Airport Road. The testing for a well generally takes approximately one year to determine the volume at different times throughout the year. A Request for Proposals for the drilling of the wells will need to be prepared. **Pat McDonald** suggested a mail out to invite all of the businesses and residents along the proposed water lines to the meeting on July 21st.

Montpelier – Berlin Bike Path Agreement

Kevin Russell updated the board on the Bike Path Agreement. He stated that the purpose of the agreement is to cover project changes by the project engineer. The changes amount to an approximate cost increase of \$76,237 for a total cost amount of \$599,119. This amounts to an increase cost to the Town of Berlin of \$2,444. The changes to the contract pertain to VAOT's required revision of formatting of driveway drawings; resurvey the railroad right of way; and changes to the alignment of the path working with the Ames Plaza owners who have donated a bike path right of way through this property. Kevin asked that the board signs the agreement within the next week. Pat McDonald stated that the bulk of the community does not live near the Bike Path and so would the Town be liable for parking to use the path. Andrea Chandler stated that most people would be using the Bike path during the weekend and that the State of Vermont parking lot would be available. The Bike Path Committee has had discussions with JKL Management regarding parking in the Ames Plaza parking lot and they have agreed to provide some parking. Susan Gretkowski asked if the Town were to decline signing the agreement, would the municipality be liable for the remainder of the costs? Kevin stated that we have reached a point of no return and the brunt of the costs would rest with the municipalities in the event that one or both declined the agreement.

For the Select Board:

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