

November 8, 2006 Minutes **Town Village Merger Task Force**

Present: Nick Heyniger, Steve Carter, Sally Shane, Mark Curran, Paul Highberg, Jan Noskey
Candace Coburn

1. Reports from last week:

- Survey questions were reviewed – Jan gave the items to change to Candace. I have emailed Tom Debevoise asking him to nudge Dan Lavin.
- Once we get the go-ahead, I'll be looking for volunteers to stuff envelopes.

1. Pamphlet revisions. I have sent the revisions out to you all this morning. Next week's meeting will be the last before we go to print.

3. Mark brought up the consequences of the taxes and, after looking at previous studies, is concerned about the amount. Mark will set up a time this week and meet with Phil to get a better idea on the tax implications.

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November 06	Promotion of Web Site
December 06	Survey
January 07	Tabulation of Survey
January 07	Begin Vermont Standard weekly column
March 07	Possible vote, depending on survey results

Next Meeting: Wednesdays, November 15, 2006 5:15pm , Town Hall

WE WILL BE MEETING ON THURSDAY'S, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 22ND

November 15, 2006

Present: Nick Heyniger, Steve Carter, Sally Shane, Mark Curran, Paul Highberg, Marilyn Spaulding, Candace Coburn

1. Discussed printing options. Sally to look into Spaulding Press (Sally – I will leave a disk of the brochure on my kitchen counter)
2. Jan Noskey sent an email last night regarding getting the question on the March ballot – we have time to discuss.
3. Mark met with Phil to discuss the numbers and the statements made in the Tom Hayes study regarding education taxes. Phil assured Mark that those statements have no basis behind them – which has also been corroborated by Tom Debevoise. An initial look at what the tax impact could be looks like around \$47.00 per 100,000 of valuation for Town residents. Village would go down.
4. Nick and all who worked on the brochure were thanked.
5. Went through the final check of the pamphlet. A few small changes (done) and now we are ready for print.
6. Ask “fresh” eyes to proof – not content, just typos.
7. Candace to try and get photos clearer.
8. Candace to send to Paul as a pdf file. Paul will get the Web site ready for public access.
9. Committee members asked to donate towards printing costs – estimated to be about \$450. We’ll see if we can get them in the survey mailing. Here’s what the donations will hopefully look like – we have included every member who signed up for the committee:

Candace Coburn
Sally Shane
Steve Carter
Jan Noskey
Mark Curran
Dennis Shillen
Trish Compton
Grettie Howe
David Schwartzman
Priscilla Pannell
Byron Kelly
Allen Dougherty

Nick Heyniger
Marilyn Spaulding
Wittie Lynn
Susan Inui-Kelly
Alison Clarkson
Marion Koetsier
Liza Deignon
Joe Dinatale
Jirah Billings
Corwin Sharp
Bruce Gould
Patsy Mathews

If each of us donate \$10.00, that would be \$1,200.00, which should also cover postage. – But not everyone will donate.

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Next Meeting: THURSDAY November 30, 2006 5:15pm , Town Hall

WE WILL BE MEETING ON THURSDAY’S, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 30TH

November 30, 2006 Minutes **Town Village Merger Task Force**

Present: Nick Heyniger, Steve Carter, Sally Shane, Marilyn Spaulding, Susan Inui-Kelly, Grettie Howe, Mark Curran, Paul Highberg, Jan Noskey, Tom Rutkowski, Candace Coburn

1. Reviewed costs of printing the brochure – have on legal size increases the cost significantly (about \$300 more).
2. Presented the brochure formatted on 8 _ X 11. We lose the pictures on the inside. While not quite as nice, we opted for the smaller size paper to save on costs.
3. Luis Bango, computer teacher at the school, has a local contact who is willing to charge us wholesale for the color printing. Candace to finalize details tomorrow now that we have chosen the format.
4. As mentioned previously, Paul Highberg has stepped up as bookkeeper for this project. We decided on a suggested donation amount of \$25.00. Please send your check to:

Paul Highberg
PO Box 436
Woodstock, VT
05091

And we appreciate any donation you can make.

1. No meetings scheduled until the printing is done. We will get together at that time and have a folding party. Yahoo.
2. Reviewed status of support from the Select Board and Trustees – climate is looking very good.
3. Reviewed petition timelines.

