

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD HEARING NOVEMBER 9, 2005 7:00PM
SELECTBOARD MEETING 7:30PM

This hearing regarding changes in the zoning by-laws was called to order at 7:00pm at the Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members Present: Chair Cindy Jerome, Vice Chair Paul Normandeau, Clerk Kevin Ryan, and Tom Bodett

Absent: Shorty Forrett

Also Present: Planning Commission Members, Steve Mindel and Cindy Wilcox, Jody Normandeau, Ron Wright, Jim Matteau, Kendall Gifford, Road Foreman Wayne Emery, Brattleboro Reformer reporter Bob Audette, and Administrative Assistant Laurie Frechette

Due to difficulty warning the hearing in the Brattleboro Reformer, the formal hearing on the changes in the zoning by-laws will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:30pm at the Town Office.

Cindy Wilcox presented an overview of the changes in the zoning by-laws. Cindy Jerome thanked the Planning Commission for all of their hard work on this ongoing endeavor.

This hearing was adjourned at 7:25pm.

The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Kevin moved to approve the minutes of October 24, October 26, and November 2, 2005 and Warrants 10 and 10P. Tom seconded and the motion passed.

The Board recognized Jim Matteau and Kendall Gifford from the Windham Regional Commission regarding the Community Center Project. Jim reported that the original project design was flawed although it was approved by the VT Dept. of **Labor** and Industry. The WRC will approach the Dept. of **Labor** and Industry to request that they approve the completed work "as is" or to grant an extension until the Spring of 2006. Jim discussed the issues with drainage and a possibility of there being an abandoned oil tank under the parking lot. If this is the case, there are possibilities of obtaining grants through the WRC. Wayne will look into the drainage issues to see what the Town can do to alleviate them. The current contractor has requested direction as to what work needs to be completed in the immediate future; Paul will contact Jim Lucy to work out the details.

Paul asked Jim about the priority status of the Green Iron Bridge on the State's funding list. Jim will check into it and respond to the Board with the information.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that there is a "junk business" being operated on Camp Arden Road. School buses and oil tanks are being stored at this property. Wayne has notified Zoning Administrator, Alan McBean of this situation.

Warning signs have been received and installed for Schoolhouse Road and East-West Road (for the covered bridge).

The new dump truck from McDevitt Truck may be ready for delivery in the near future. Tom moved to authorize Pam McFadden to pay the "approved amount". Paul seconded and the motion carried.

The Board recognized Windham Solid Waste District Management representative, Ron Wright who gave an update on the status of the budget. He predicted that the budget will increase by approximately \$50,000 per year for the foreseeable future.

Cindy moved and Tom seconded to appoint Mark Brown as Green Up Chair for 2006; the motion passed. Laurie will contact Mark to verify his acceptance and submit the application.

The Board clarified the mileage reimbursement policy. Prior to August 31, 2005, the mileage reimbursement was 37.5 cents per mile; from August 31 to September 28, 2005, the reimbursement was 40.5 cents per mile; after September 28, 2005, mileage is being reimbursed at 48.5 cents per mile. As of November 9, 2005, the mileage reimbursement will match that of the IRS; i.e. on the date that the IRS changes their reimbursement rate, the town's rate will change as well.

Paul updated the Board on the situation with the Cyril Z. Meadow Institute. The State of VT is attempting to pursue mediation with all parties involved before scheduling an Act 250 hearing.

The Board will sponsor a public meeting shortly after Town Meeting to discuss the economic future of Dummerston; i.e. affordable housing options, commercial development, etc.

Tom reported on findings from the borings at the Carpenter Gravel Pit. At this time, approximately 50,000 yards of gravel and 200,000 yards of sand have been located

At 9:35pm, Tom moved and Kevin seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. The Executive Session was adjourned at 10:05pm. No decisions were made.

The Board returned to their regular meeting at 10:06pm.

A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Kevin to authorize Cindy to contact realtor, Rick John to make an offer on the Moore Gravel Pit; requesting acceptance within 72 hours, with the stipulation that the Town will post a 30-day warning of a Town Meeting within **48** hours of receiving the acceptance, with the added stipulation that the meeting will not be held on a Sunday. The motion also includes that Cindy will contact Town Attorney, Bob Fisher with questions about this offer. The motion also includes the authorization for Pam to write a check for \$5000 in "earnest money".

Cindy will write the report from the Selectboard for the annual Town Report.

Cindy passed out information from the VLCT regarding Town Administrators.

The budget schedule was distributed by Cindy. Laurie will be doing the data entry for the budget on the computer in the Town Office.

Tom moved and Kevin seconded signing the Grand List amendments dated November 3rd. The motion passed.

Tom distributed the results of the townwide Internet survey.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:25pm.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Administrative Assistant Laurie Frechette