

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 2006

This meeting was called to order at 7:30pm at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Kenny Chamberlin, Steve Space, Lewis White, Road Foreman Wayne Emery, and Administrative Assistant Laurie Frechette.

Shorty moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2006 and Warrants 17 and 17P. Paul amended the motion to remove the sales tax from the Perkins Lumber bill. Tom seconded and the motion passed.

Kevin questioned the \$2.29 per gallon charge for diesel fuel from Fleming Oil. Paul explained that the Town is paying a floating fuel price; not a fixed one. Shorty asked Wayne to verify ownership of the fuel tanks.

Road Foreman, Wayne Emery reported that the alarm system has been upgraded at the Town Garage. Wayne and Lee Chamberlin will be attending required courses for the NIMS (National Incident Management System) Program during the end of February and March. Cindy will contact John Angell, the local VEMA official to verify exactly who is required to take these courses.

Wayne advised the Board that the 1999 Ford which is due to be replaced this year needs work on the rear brakes. They will try to do the work in-house to save on expenses. He also advised that the cracked fuel tank on the 2001 truck has been replaced.

Dompier Electric has recommended leaving the electric heat on in the utility room and restroom; it should not overload the generator if it is set on automatic. Paul would like Wayne to ask Dompier why they provided a generator that is not large enough to accommodate our needs. Wayne has contacted Dompier; Steve is away on vacation until next week. Wayne advised that the electrical service in the Town Office will need to be upgraded in the near future.

Merrill Gas has suggested that two wall gas heaters be installed to heat the entire Town Office. Laurie will look up the energy audit report to confirm which type of heater has been recommended.

Paul questioned Wayne on a citizen's call regarding a deep ditch in front of the Bolster home on Miller Road; Wayne advised that the situation has been taken care of.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed Carpenter Gravel Pit. Tom reported that Attorney Slason recommends that the towns proceed with the Act 250 permit. Wayne suggested using the current surplus in the sand budget to purchase sand at \$9-10 per yard to stockpile for future use.

A letter was received from VTrans regarding the Town Highway Financial Plan for 2007. The plan is due by April 1, 2006. Action was tabled until the next meeting.

Correspondence was received from Susan Daigler regarding the storage of hazardous materials at a property on Camp Arden Road. Cindy will contact Zoning Administrator, Alan McBean and then follow up with Ms. Daigler.

The revised quarterly report was received from Zoning Administrator, Alan McBean. The Board expressed their satisfaction with the additional information provided.

A letter from the Dummerston Community Center was received regarding their proposed schedule to repay the Town for expenditures on the handicapped ramp project.

A report was received from the Windham County Sheriff's Department reflecting their new billing process. Shorty and Paul reported on the presentation held last week. The contract between the Sheriff's Department and the Town may need to be updated and/or upgraded as the Department believes their primary role lies in traffic enforcement.

After reviewing a report from the Town Auditors, Paul made the following motion, "At the close of each fiscal year, any excess funds will be moved to a 12-month Certificate of Deposit, to be rolled back into the General Fund upon maturity." Shorty seconded and the motion passed.

On a motion from Shorty, the Board authorized payment on a bill from the VT-NH Veterinary Clinic for an unlicensed dog picked up for killing chickens in the Poplar Commons neighborhood.

On a motion from Paul and second by Tom, the Board authorized Doug Hamilton to contact Beverly Knapp to come in and work as a Lister's Assistant on an as-need basis between now and Town Meeting.

A Pre-Town Meeting will be held at the Dummerston School on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30pm.

Town Meeting articles were assigned for presentation. An error was noticed on the Warning on Article 10; it should not read (*by petition*).

Much discussion took place on the topic of Town Administrator/Town Manager. The subject will be placed on a future agenda.

Cindy asked Laurie to send a letter to Dave Hannum advising of the Board's recommendation for the second Emergency Reception Center to be located in Wilmington.

Paul and Shorty presented information on the possible use of Community Service workers from the Department of Corrections in painting the Town Office building. Paul will invite a representative from that department to make a presentation at the March 29th meeting.

Tom advised the Board that he will be testifying next week at the Senate hearing in favor of Bill S.0124, sponsored by Senators Jeanette White and Rod Gander regarding the possible Entergy/Vermont Yankee uprate. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Tom to speak on behalf of the Selectboard.

There being no further discussion to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant