

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

MARCH 1, 2006

This meeting was called to order at 7:31pm at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Kenny Chamberlain, Lester Dunklee, Wendy McGrath, Andy Simonds, Steve Space, Road Foreman Wayne Emery and Administrative Assistant Laurie Frechette.

Paul requested a correction in the minutes of the February 15th meeting regarding a ditch issue on Miller Road. They should read that Wayne is aware of the problem; it has not yet been taken care of. Kevin moved to approve the minutes of February 15th as corrected and Warrants 18 and 18P. Tom seconded and the motion passed.

The Board recognized Steve Dompier from Dompier Electric Co. who was present to discuss the recently installed generator at the Town Office. Cindy questioned Steve about the feasibility of installing propane gas heaters in the Town Office to be used in place of the electric heating system. He stated that it may be cost-effective to do so but would still recommend using electric heat in the utility room and restroom. Steve advised the Board that the generator is only large enough to support the Town Office. The Fire Station and Church should each have their own generator. Kevin and Paul volunteered to work with Wayne and Steve to come up with a viable plan for the generator and heating/electrical options for the Town Office.

Road Foreman, Wayne Emery reported that the February 17th windstorm caused a great deal of tree damage in town. The road crew has been cleaning ditches and a large culvert on Old Ferry Road. Wayne advised that they have also been working on several minor truck repairs. Wayne and Lee Chamberlin are attending required courses for the NIMS (National Incident Management System) Program during the end of February and March. Paul has asked Wayne to check a deteriorating bridge abutment on Tucker Reed Road. Cindy asked Wayne to purchase a carbon monoxide detector for the Town Office.

Correspondence was received from Atty. Bob Fisher regarding the Jenness and Berrie Zoning Appeal. Cindy will contact Lew Sorenson to request that he represent the Town in the upcoming deposition.

A notice from VTrans was received regarding the scheduling of centerline painting on Class 1 and 2 town roads. This request was passed along to Wayne to complete and submit.

A geological survey on the Moore Gravel Pit was received from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior. Wayne will complete and submit the survey, advising that the Town did not remove any gravel during the past year.

The grant application from the VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force is being turned over to the Fire Department for completion.

Correspondence was received from the VT Agency of Human Services regarding the 2007 appointment for Town Service Officer. Laurie will contact Tom Johnson to see if he is interested in continuing to serve in this capacity.

A grant application was received from VT Better Backroads; it was decided not to pursue it at this time.

Other correspondence circulated included a February 27th letter from Zoning Administrator, Alan McBean to Robert Johnson regarding the denial of a Change of Use permit for West Street Arts; a February 16th letter to the Board of Listers from the VT Dept. of Taxes regarding the CLA recalculation; a February 17th Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Permit for Carlene and Henry Hellus III on Hemlock Hill Drive; a copy of the February 21st DRB Meeting Agenda; the February 2006 WRC Newsbriefs and the Spring 2006 VLCT workshops schedule.

The Post Office Drive/Lyons Street situation is still under review. At Tom's suggestion, it was agreed to do a town-wide reassessment of all roads to possibly be "given up". Wayne will provide a list of roads for consideration to Tom for discussion at a meeting in the near future. Then the Board will consider hiring someone to do the title research necessary to find and document relevant records.

Cindy will sign the VTrans Town Highway Financial Plan for FY 2007 as is.

Tom advised that he will not be able to attend Town Meeting. Paul will present the Carpenter Gravel Pit article to the voters in his place. Laurie will make copies of the Dummerston/Putney Gravel Pit Vital Statistics sheet to be handed out at Town Meeting.

Cindy reported on her conversation with Phyllis Alberici regarding the NIMS training requirements. All road crew, Selectboard and EOC members are required to attend twelve hours of initial training. Selectboard members are required to attend an additional twenty-four hours of training. Board members expressed their displeasure and frustration with the additional unfunded mandates. Board members will contact other towns' Selectboards to obtain their feedback on complying with these mandates. Shorty also spoke about increasing regulations driving volunteers away.

Cindy and Kevin will plan to attend the Town Officers' Conference at Mount Snow on April 20th.

A motion was made by Shorty and seconded by Paul to sign the Dog Warrant. The motion passed.

A letter was received from Michelle Grover requesting permission to erect horseback riding signs at the corners of Miller & Bunker Roads; Miller & Greenhoe Roads; Bunker & Park Laughton Roads and at the Putney/Dummerston town line. Wayne will contact Michelle to advise her of the Board's approval.

The Board adjourned at 8:57pm on a motion by Shorty with a second by Paul. The Liquor Commission convened at 8:58pm. A Liquor License Renewal was approved for the Dummerston Neighbors store on Route 30. Shorty moved and Kevin seconded to also approve the Tobacco License renewal for Neighbors. The motion passed, with Cindy abstaining.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:01pm.

At 9:02pm, Shorty moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul seconded the motion and requested the minutes to reflect that “The Board wants to acknowledge Shorty’s twenty-nine years of wonderful service to the Town of Dummerston. Thank you, Shorty!”

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant