

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

JUNE 7, 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; Tom Bodett and Lewis White

Also Present: Harold Newell, Gurudharm Khalsa, Rick Sullivan, Ann Davis, Virginia Carter, Mindy Bombach, Ruth Unsicker, Lew Sorenson, Atty. Laurie Rowell, Road Foreman, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

Paul moved to amend the minutes of the May 24th meeting to read "*The Board went on record to express their view that the headline was misleading.*" Kevin seconded and the motion passed.

Kevin moved and Lewis seconded to approve Warrants 25 and 25P and the May 24th minutes as amended. The Board approved the motion.

The Board recognized Harold Newell, Gurudharm Khalsa and Rick Sullivan, candidates for the alternate position on the Development Review Board. The three gentlemen discussed their qualifications and reasons for wanting to serve on the Board. On the recommendation of the current Development Review Board, Tom moved and Paul seconded to appoint Rick Sullivan to serve as an alternate on the Development Review Board. Laurie was directed to send letters to all three candidates.

The Board recognized Ruth Unsicker and Mindy Bombach, residents of Poplar Commons. They advised the Board that there are nine homes and one business situated on Poplar Commons Road, which is a 2/10 of one mile private road. It is the wish of the residents of Poplar Commons that the Town take over the maintenance and plowing of this road. They feel that they are not receiving equitable services for the amount of taxes they are paying. The Board advised them that they have formed a committee to look at all of the roads in town. However, they are more inclined to be "giving up" roads than taking them over.

The Board recognized Ann Davis, who asked the Board to consider raising the speed limit on Schoolhouse Road between Slab Hollow and the school zone to 35 mph from the current 25 limit. The Board expressed their empathy with her request but declined to pursue the matter further. Wayne will check on the signage on the East West Road and Schoolhouse Road to ensure that it is correct.

The Board recognized Attorney Laurie Rowell, who was present to answer any questions on the Liquor and Tobacco License renewals for Exit 4 Sunoco. She confirmed that the corporation is registered in the State of Vermont.

On a motion from Tom and second by Paul, the Board authorized Wayne to hire Chris Lowe to provide the roadside mowing for this year at a cost of \$3800.

Road Foreman, Wayne Emery reported that he met with Virginia Carter regarding her flower pots along West Street. They are within the town right-of-way and he advised her of this fact.

Wayne reported that the town road crew will do the work on the drainage project at the elementary school. The School will pay the \$3400 cost of materials.

Cindy, Wayne and Tom reported to the Board on their conversations with David Tansey regarding drainage issues at the Scott Farm along Kipling Road. Tom and Wayne will meet with Mr. Tansey to work out some feasible options.

Wayne advised the Board of a recent call he had from Matt Mann regarding signage for the Park & Ride. These signs are to be located on Route 30 on either side of the Park & Ride to designate it as such.

Paul requested that Wayne have the road crew trim some low-hanging limbs along East West Road.

The Board reviewed the following correspondence: DRB Land Use Decision for West Hill Shop, Inc.; DRB Public Hearing Notice re: Carpenter Gravel Pit (to be held on June 20th at 7:00pm); copy of Conceptual Settlement agreement for Cyril Z. Meadow Institute; letter from Atty. Bob Fisher re: Jenness & Berrie Zoning Appeal; Project Review sheet for Richard & Virginia Carter on Lyons Street; letter from VT Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs re: completion of DCC grant; DRB Land Use Decision for Elysian Hills Living Trust; letter from Michael Foster to April Hensel re: Amy & Edwin Dews/Black Birch Properties; Code Red Summary Report from Mark Gilmore, Entergy; email from Cory Frehsee re: Carpenter Gravel Pit; letter from Stevens & Associates to April Hensel re: Dummerston & Putney Gravel Pit; DRB Land Use Decision for West Street Arts; letter from Lydia Taft Pratt Library Trustees re: amendments to bylaws; letter from VT State Police re: E911 coverage for Dummerston; notice from VT Agency of Transportation re: Bridge #5 on RT 30 over Stickney Brook – reconditioning work to be done.

The Board approved the draft letter written by Cindy expressing the Board's support for the Nature Conservancy's purchase of the West River Granite Company property.

Cindy distributed copies of drafts of two articles for the upcoming *Views of Dummerston* regarding the Miller Fund. After much discussion, it was decided to not submit the articles. A committee was formed of Cindy, Lewis and Tom to work on options for the disbursement of the excess monies in the Miller Fund.

Tom moved to appoint Rick Sullivan to serve as an alternate on the Development Review Board, on the recommendation of the current DRB. Paul seconded and the motion passed.

On a motion from Paul and second by Kevin, the Board approved the Trailer Park License renewal for Ralph Bolster on the East West Road.

The Board discussed the upcoming contract renewal for police protection. Cindy will research the possibility of the VT State Police providing this service to the Town and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

Cindy advised the Board that four applications had been received for the position of Interim Town Treasurer (one has since been withdrawn). Cindy and Kevin will interview the remaining three applicants and present their recommendation to the full Board at the next meeting.

Cindy reported on a recent conversation that she had with VLCT regarding the possibility of the Fire Department billing for services provided. The Town cannot legally bill for services provided by the Fire

Department; however, it is permissible for the department to bill through their own system. Cindy will draft a letter to the Fire Department to let them know the results of the Board's research.

Cindy advised the Board that David Shaw has been installed as the new head of the Dummerston Rescue Squad.

Tom reported that the next Broadband meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:00pm.

The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 10:15pm and immediately convened the Liquor Commission. On a motion from Lewis and second by Kevin, the Commission approved the Liquor License and Tobacco License renewals for Exit 4 Sunoco.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17pm.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant