

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

JUNE 21, 2006

This meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM 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: Ron Svec and Wayne Emery

Kevin moved and Lewis seconded to approve Warrants 26 and 26P and the June 7<sup>th</sup> minutes. Discussion followed, and Paul moved to defer a just-arrived gravel bill to the next warrant. Kevin seconded, and the amendment was defeated. The Board unanimously approved the original motion.

The Board recognized resident Ron Svec, who sought the Board's support in finding a solution to siting a new leach field to serve his property, the VT-NH Veterinary Clinic. The current, failed leach field encroaches on the Town's right of way to a Town Trail, and has rendered the Trail unusable to the public. Dr. Svec would like to formalize an easement to continue his use on the Trail, and would restore the erosion damage caused by the failed system. Discussion followed, with Board members expressing concern that the Trail be retained for the good of the Town. It was observed that the Town's and Dr. Svec's goals were not mutually exclusive, though he should first exhaust any other possible solutions. Paul will contact the Town Attorney for advice. Paul moved that the Town allow Dr. Svec to investigate the Trail site, and the motion passed unanimously.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery asked if the Town will seek bids for purchasing diesel fuel. The Town will seek bids, and Paul will contact Chris Ryan in Putney to discuss.

The Highway Department has continued scraping the roads when possible, and putting down gravel and surepack. The culvert pipe for the School drainage project is due in soon.

Wayne recut the ditch on Kipling Road between the Scott Farm lower driveway and the field road to help the landowner prevent excessive runoff from entering their septic field area. Further, more permanent solutions to the problem are being examined with the landowner.

Wayne went over the FY '06 expenditure report with the Board. General maintenance issues were discussed, along with the costs of repairs in the current budget and preventative measure that could take place to possibly reduce future repair costs. Wayne is putting together a list of major road projects, to help with future budgeting.

On a motion by Paul and seconded by Lewis, the Board voted to approve a trailer park license for The Housing Foundation, Inc.

On a motion by Paul and seconded by Lewis, the Board voted to send a letter of support for Farmlands for the Future's agricultural project at the Stoneholm Farm parcel.

On a motion by Paul and seconded by Lewis, the Board voted to recommend approval of a liquor permit for a July 8, 2006 wedding at the Scott Farm.

Lynda Meeder submitted Miller Fund requests to help two children attend summer camps. Kevin moved and Tom seconded that the requests be granted, and the motion passed.

Susan McCanna submitted a Miller Fund request for reimbursement of monies she has spent to provide healthy snacks for a Kindergartner whose family could not afford to pay for this service. Lewis moved and Tom seconded that the request be granted. Discussion followed about the proper role of the Fund in such circumstances. The motion was approved, with the condition that a letter be attached to the response, indicating that the vote was not unanimous, and that future requests should be to fund a need, not to reimburse an expense that an individual has chosen to incur.

The Board discussed heating oil prices, with no action taken.

Paul and Lewis met with Bill Banta to discuss road options at Hopkins Road. It was reported that Mr. Banta is willing to work with the Town to re-site the road, with reservations.

Requests for bids recently went out for constructing the access road for the Carpenter gravel pit.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:30 PM to discuss a personnel issue. The Board returned to its regular session at 11:00 PM, and subsequently voted to offer the interim Treasurer's position to Michelle Cherrier.

The Board discussed Draft 2 of the Selectboard Goals outline. The next Goals work session was scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2006 at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 PM.

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Cindy Jerome, Chair

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Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kevin Ryan, Clerk