

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING

JUNE 6, 2007

7:30PM

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

Members Present: Chair Tom Bodett, Vice-Chair Cindy Jerome, Clerk Andrew MacFarland, Paul Normandeau and Lewis White

Also Present: Bill Banta, Jeff Henry, John Whelan, Atty. Bob Fisher, Virginia Carter, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Andrew and second from Cindy, the Board approved the minutes from May 23rd and 29th.

On a motion from Paul and second by Lewis, the Board approved payment of Warrants 25 and 25P.

Wayne presented his final report as Road Foreman. On behalf of the Board, Paul thanked Wayne for his dedication to the Town and saluted him for all of his years of hard work and service.

Paul moved and Lewis seconded to dedicate the 2007 Dummerston Town Report to Wayne Emery. The motion passed by a unanimous vote and the Board gave Wayne a standing ovation.

The Board recognized Hopkins Road residents Bill Banta, Jeff Henry and John Whelan, along with Town Attorney, Bob Fisher. Paul gave a brief history of the Town's maintenance of Hopkins Road which is a private road. He explained that the Town has had the road surveyed and has recently discovered the existence of a pent road along a portion of Hopkins Road. Attorney Fisher explained that a pent road may be gated but the gates must not be locked.

Mr. Banta presented his issues with speeding traffic and explained his reasons for the gates being kept closed and unlocked. He stated that "at some point, he would like to see the road moved to behind his barn, rather than between his house and the barn".

After some discussion, Cindy made a motion to lay out Hopkins Road and take it over as a Class 3 road to the intersection with the pent road and take that portion over also as a Class 3 road with 2 rods width. Lewis seconded the motion. Atty. Fisher offered a friendly amendment to not take over the pent road but to reclassify it as a Class 3 road with 2 rods width. The friendly amendment was accepted by both Cindy and Lewis. The motion passed as amended. The public hearing will be held on August 1st with a site visit to begin at 6PM.

The Board discussed with Atty. Fisher their plans to also take over Sugar House Road at the same time. The residents of Sugar House Road will be invited to attend the next Board meeting on June 20th.

As no one was present from the Planning Commission, the discussion on ordinances was tabled.

The Board recognized Town Clerk, Pam McFadden who spoke about the recording fees being increased from \$7 to \$8 per page, effective July 1st. She is waiting to hear back from the Secretary of State's office regarding the allocation of the additional funds.

Paul expressed his strong feeling to Pam and the Board that the \$1 fee being charged for a copy of a Lister Card is too high. As Andrew clarified, the Board does not have jurisdiction over the fees charged by the Town Clerk; they can only convey their request to have the fee lowered.

The Board reviewed a request from Mary Ann Runge and Fran Swanson at the Dummerston School for \$300. On a motion from Andrew and second by Cindy, the motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and briefly discussed the 45-day Notice of Project Filing for Southern Loop Transmission Upgrade Project from VELCO/CVPS. This topic will be put on the July 5th agenda.

There was no update on the Covered Bridge plaque.

Lewis moved and Paul seconded to appoint Michelle Cherrier as Dummerston's representative to the Windham Solid Waste Management District. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote.

There was a very brief discussion regarding the Emergency Management Director. At this time, Larry Lynch has not decided whether or not to retire in the near future. The Board will revisit the topic should he decide to do so.

The revised Personnel Policies were reviewed and discussed. Andrew will bring the updated policies to the next meeting for further review.

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

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant