

This meeting was called to order at 7:30pm at the Town Hall in the basement of the Dummerston Congregational Church in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Member Absent: Andrew MacFarland

Also Present: Regina Rockefeller, Steve Mindel, Michael Kohout, Patrick Crowley from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Lester Dunklee, Susan Daigler, Ginny Carter, Mark Kracum, Linda Rood, Roger Turner, Fred Taylor, Debbie Cook, Larry Lynch, John Quain, Jr., Bryan Wittler, Thomas Zopf, Hector Galbraith, Ed Anthes, Lynn Levine, Patti Smith, Mary Ellen Copeland, Charlene Ellis, Dan Snow, Jillian, Calvin & Sam Farwell, Corin Nelsen, Mary Louise Nelsen, Paul Hoak, Lew Sorenson, Bill Schmidt, Suzanne Weinberg, Charlie Richardson, John Warren, Pam McFadden, and Laurie Frechette.

On a motion by Paul and second from Lewis, the Board approved the minutes from June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Paul moved to authorize payment of Warrant 1, to ratify Warrant 1P and to not ratify Warrant 26A. The motion died for lack of a second.

On a motion by Cindy and second by Lewis, the Board ratified Warrants 26A and 1P and approved payment of Warrant 1.

The Board recognized those present to discuss the proposed Southern Loop/Coolidge Connector in "The Hague" section of West Dummerston. Steve Mindel and Reg Rockefeller from the Planning Commission asked that residents bring their written comments to the public hearing on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM at the Community Center. Representatives from VELCO, CVPS and Windham Regional Commission will also be in attendance. The Planning Commission is working on putting together their statement of comment for submission before the deadline of July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mary Ellen Copeland spoke for the Conservation Commission and presented a list of their concerns.

Lew Sorenson spoke on possible ways for the Windham Regional Commission to assist in representing the Town.

Calvin Farwell gave a brief history of "The Hague" and distributed an updated map showing the proposed power line. He spoke of their hope that the Town will "go to bat for them" and presented a petition signed by approximately 117 residents. He invited everyone to attend one of the two walkabouts on their property scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM and 2:00PM.

The Board recognized Larry Lynch, Susan Daigler and Lester Dunklee, who presented several changes to the RERP. Cindy will send the Selectboard's approved footnote to VT Emergency Management for inclusion in the RERP. Larry and Susan spoke about the upcoming drills scheduled in August and September and the graded exercise on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Board recognized Steve Mindel and Reg Rockefeller from the Planning Commission and Lew Sorenson from the Development Review Board. Discussion ensued on whether or not the Selectboard is supportive of ordinances in general. It is the consensus of the Board to consider each proposed ordinance on its individual merits.

Lewis presented the Highway Report for Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin. Lee will speak with John Alexander from VTrans regarding the availability of funds for culvert replacements and bridge decking. Lee and the road crew have discussed the proposed changes in the personnel policy, especially the no-smoking clause. Cindy will contact VLCT to check on other towns' policies. Cindy will draft a paragraph on Compensation Time to be added to the personnel policy.

Lee is unable to attend the upcoming bio-diesel meeting at the Marlboro Fire Station on August 13<sup>th</sup> and would like a Selectboard member to attend in his absence.

The possibility of storing sand for the winter on the west side of town is being considered.

The Board discussed the option of putting the roadside mowing out to bid for this summer.

On a motion from Paul and second by Lewis, the Board approved an hourly pay raise for Ernie Wood from \$11.94 to \$12.50.

The Board reviewed a proposal from Alarms Unlimited for the monitoring of the alarm systems at the Town Office and Highway Department. Pam will ask Lee to get more information and report back to the Board.

The Board reviewed a proposal from VT Agency of Natural Resources to amend General Permit #3-9020 (2006). Laurie was asked to get further information on this permit and report back to the Board.

There was no update on the Covered Bridge plaque.

Lewis updated the Board on the status of the generator at the Town Office. No progress has been made with Dompier Electric; the generator is out-of-service at this time. Pam will find the contact information for the customer service department of Generac and give it to Tom for further action.

Discussion on revisions to the Personnel Policies was tabled until a future meeting when Andrew will be present.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Tom, the Board approved a \$435 request from the Miller Fund for a Dummerston youth to attend a softball camp at Stoneleigh-Burnham School.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Paul, the Board signed the Dog Warrant.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Paul, the Board set the 2007 Municipal Tax Rate at 0.1832 and the Local Agreement at 0.00400.

The Board rescheduled their Goals Work Session to July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35PM and immediately reconvened as the Liquor Commission.

The Commission reviewed an application for a wedding at the Scott Farm on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:00PM till midnight. Cindy moved to approve the application as presented. The motion died for lack of a second.

On a motion from Lewis and second by Paul, the Commission voted 3-1 to approve the application with the ending time amended to 11:00PM.

There being no further business to come before the Liquor Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38PM.

July 18, 2007  
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Tom Bodett, Chairman

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Cindy Jerome, Vice-Chair

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant