

This meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Cindy Jerome at 7:30pm at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Member Absent: Paul Normandeau

Also Present: Virginia Carter; Elizabeth Catlin; Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin; VT State Police Lt. Rick Hopkins; Nelson Jillson; Mark Kracum; Paul Heintz from the *Brattleboro Reformer*; Town Clerk, Pam McFadden; Dick Virkstis and Administrative Assistant, Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Lewis and second from Andrew, the Board approved the minutes from August 29th and payment of Warrants 6 and 6P.

The Board recognized Lt. Rick Hopkins from the Vermont State Police, who introduced himself to the Board and presented a "Report Card" of all incidents investigated in Dummerston between January 1 and August 21, 2007. He requested feedback from the Town on what areas of police coverage they are most concerned with. Cindy asked him to submit a short paragraph for publication in the upcoming *Views of Dummerston*.

The Board recognized East-West Road resident, Dick Virkstis who spoke to the Board about excessive speeding in town and some possible solutions to this problem. Cindy invited him to join the Traffic Committee and draft some ideas to present to the Board at their November 7th meeting.

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter received from the Affordable Housing Group. Cindy and Andrew spoke to the Board regarding the group's request to form a Housing Advisory Commission. On a motion from Tom and second by Andrew, the Board moved to appoint David Baxendale, Greg Brown, Larry Cassidy, Elizabeth Catlin, Cindy Jerome, Andrew MacFarland, Reg Rockefeller, David Ryan, Diane Wahle, Tonia Wheeler and John Wilcox to the Housing Advisory Commission to serve terms not to exceed three (3) years to be determined by the members of the commission.

The Board recognized Planning Commission member, Elizabeth Catlin who presented a resolution to be signed by the Board for a municipal planning grant in the amount of \$13,000. The monies from the grant will be used to rewrite the Town Plan in conjunction with the Windham Regional Commission. The work is due to be completed in 2009. On a motion by Andrew and second from Lewis, the Board authorized Tom to sign the resolution.

The Board reviewed an amendment to the grant for the Slab Hollow Project, which reflects the amount of in-kind work the Town will be providing to Renaud Bros. On a motion from Lewis and second by Andrew, the Board authorized Cindy to sign the grant amendment.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin updated the Board on the status of the closed bridge on Tucker Reed Road. He is still waiting for word from the State on whether or not a stream alteration permit will be needed before work may begin.

The Board reviewed a Stormwater Mitigation grant application and letter of support for work to be done on the Tucker Reed Road bridge. On a motion by Andrew and second from Lewis, the Board authorized Tom to sign the grant application and supporting letter.

The Board and Lee reviewed a 2007 Better Backroads grant application for work to be done on Stickney Brook Road. Lee will work on the application and report back to the Board at their next meeting.

The Board reviewed the application for the USDA's Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). On a motion by Andrew and second from Lewis, the Board authorized Tom to sign all paperwork as needed.

The Board received information on Vermont State Infrastructure Bank Funding which is available for municipal construction projects. Lee will review the information and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

Ginny Carter thanked Lee and the Board for paving the parking lot at the Dummerston Community Center.

The Board reviewed a letter from Town Attorney, Bob Fisher along with the settlement of the property tax appeal from Dan Normandeau and Carrie Ritson. On a motion by Lewis and second from Andrew, the Board moved to sign this agreement.

Cindy presented the Board with a letter from the West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department regarding the proposed Rock River access improvement project. The letter was in support of NewBrook Fire Department's request to be included in future planning on this project.

The Board reviewed correspondence received from Margaret Everitt and John Evans regarding the possibility of a truck stop to be located at the end of Black Mountain Road in Brattleboro.

Tom presented the update on the VELCO/Southern Loop. The Planning Commission's letter has been completed; the Energy Committee will give their comments to Tom tomorrow. On a motion by Lewis and second from Andrew, the Board gave their approval for Tom to submit the Selectboard's letter in support of the Planning Commission's letter.

The Board reviewed the revised Personnel Policy. Town Clerk, Pam McFadden asked the Board to clarify the sentence in the paragraph on health insurance benefits, which reads "Health insurance is available for all employees who work more than 35 hours per week and for regular part-time employees on a pro-rated basis if they work 30 or more hours per week." The Board advised that for an employee working 30 hours per week, six sevenths of their health insurance premium will be paid by the Town.

On a motion by Andrew and second from Lewis, the Board adopted the revised Personnel Policy.

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter from Emergency Management Director, Larry Lynch who advised that he will not seek reappointment in March. Mr. Lynch has served the Town in this capacity for twenty four years and wishes to retire.

Andrew moved to create a Search Committee comprised of Lewis White (Chair), Larry Lynch and Lee Chamberlin. Tom seconded the motion and it carried.

The Board reviewed a Certificate of Change to the 2007 Grand List dated August 29, 2007. On a motion by Lewis and second from Andrew, the Board signed the Certificate.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Andrew, the Board authorized Tom to sign a letter to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources regarding the Town's flood hazard ordinance.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Andrew, the Board authorized Tom to sign the letter being sent to all members of the Cemetery Committee.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Andrew, the Board signed a Certificate of Change to the 2007 Grand List, dated September 12, 2007.

Cindy presented to the Board a sample of an ID badge to be used in the EOC. The Board gave their approval of these badges; Laurie will contact Larry Lynch to let him know of their decision.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23PM and immediately reconvened as the Liquor Commission.

The Commission reviewed an application for a pre-wedding reception at the Scott Farm on September 29th. On a motion from Lewis and second by Andrew, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the application as submitted.

There being no further business to come before the Liquor Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM.

September 26, 2007

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant