

## UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

February 13, 2008

This meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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: Wayne Emery, Rich Cogliano, Ginny Carter, Dawn Hubbard, Larry Lynch, Zeke Goodband, Pat Stello, and Allen Pike (9:00).

On a motion by Lewis and second from Cindy, the Board approved, 5-0, the minutes from Jan. 30.

Lewis moved and Paul seconded to pay Warrants 17 and 17P. The motion passed 5-0.

Larry Lynch discussed the upcoming Emergency Management Transportation Drill and asked that the Board write a letter to John Angill with specific elements to be included in the drill. Cindy wrote a letter at the meeting outlining the board's wish to have someone physically go where persons with special needs are located and to make arrangements for daycare centers and schools. The letter was given to Larry at the meeting.

Lee Chamberlin was unable to attend the meeting because he was out plowing, sanding and salting town roads due to the ice storm. Tom reported that he asked Lee for a town lighting schedule that will be given to the Energy Committee for an efficiency study.

Paul moved that the Certificate of Highway Mileage be corrected to add the upper portion of Beaver Pond Road and the section of road between Hague and Evans Roads as Class 4 roads, and that the Certificate be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded by Cindy and passed 5-0.

An email from Emily Boedicker at the Nature Conservancy requesting a letter of support from the board for funding the Housing and Conservation Trust Fund (HCTF) was discussed. Cindy moved and Lewis seconded that the Board send a letter stating that Dummerston benefited from HCTF assistance in the Black Mountain property purchase and we support their efforts. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed a letter from the VT Agency of Natural Resources regarding the gravel pit General Permit expiration, a letter from VT Agency of Transportation regarding highway control, an anonymous letter regarding speeding and an announcement from VT Telecommunications Authority regarding the broadband grant program. Tom agreed to contact the Authority about the possibility of creating wireless "hot spots" in Dummerston.

Paul updated the Board on the schedule for repair of the green iron bridge. Ads for bids will be going out on May 21. The delay is due to the need for a stream alteration permit from the Agency of Natural Resources. Completion of the project is tentatively scheduled for spring, 2009.

Paul also clarified the maintenance issues the town will be responsible for once the project is completed. Most of the town's obligations will be for minor maintenance tasks with the major items remaining the responsibility of the State.

The Board reviewed the Southern Loop filings and noted that Dummerston has been granted intervener status.

Paul informed the Selectboard candidates attending the meeting that there is a VLCT Selectboard Institute scheduled in Montpelier on Mar. 22.

Tom and Lewis updated the Board on Energy Committee Activities. The Committee will be reviewing Town lighting usage, investigating LEC exit signs and will have informational materials and low energy bulbs for sale at Town Meeting. The Board discussed the possibility of the Energy Committee raising funds and using them for Committee activities. Tom will ask Laurie to investigate with VLCT how this could be done legally.

Cindy asked the board to authorize a working group to review the existing RERP and present ideas for revisions to the Board by May 1. The board agreed.

Tom reviewed an email from Mary Ellen Copeland updating the membership on the Conservation Commission. The expiration dates for some terms however, were not consistent with those in the last Town Report. Tom will return the list to her and will ask her to contact Laurie to make sure we have an accurate list. The Board will make new appointments after Town Meeting.

Andrew reported on the Housing Advisory Commission's housing assessment. The assessment should be completed by the end of February.

At 8:40 the Board started interviews for the Emergency Management Director. Dawn Hubbard was interviewed at 8:40 and Allen Pike was interviewed at 9:00. Each candidate was offered the opportunity to be interviewed in Executive Session. Both agreed to be interviewed in open session. At the end of the interviews a candidate was selected pending reference checks. Cindy will call the references and Lewis will contact the candidates after references have been contacted. The candidate will be formally appointed at the next Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM.

Submitted by Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

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Approved

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Tom Bodett, Chairman

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