

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

February 27, 2008

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 and Paul Normandeau

Member Absent: Lewis White

Also Present: Rich Cogliano, Zeke Goodband, Dawn Hubbard, Kevin Ryan, Pat Stello and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Andrew and second from Paul, the Board approved the minutes from February 13th & 19th by a 4-0 vote.

Paul moved and Andrew seconded to pay Warrants TR-07, 18 & 18P. The motion passed 4-0.

Cindy moved to ratify Dawn Hubbard's appointment as Emergency Management Director. Andrew seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. The Board congratulated Dawn on her appointment.

Dawn asked the Board what their priorities are for her new duties. Cindy would like to begin work on the revisions to the RERP and the distribution of the new weather alert radios.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin was unable to attend the meeting due to a snowstorm earlier in the day.

The Board reviewed email correspondence between Joyce Marcel and Tom regarding the road conditions this winter on Spaulding Hill Road. Paul presented his concerns about Tom's response to an email addressed to the entire Selectboard without it first being discussed at a meeting and the Board responding as a whole. After some discussion, Laurie was asked to contact VLCT to get their feedback on an individual Board member responding to an email addressed to the entire Board.

The Board gave their approval for Lee to attend the VT Local Roads Management Academy which will be held for five months during each of the next two years.

The Board reviewed the article published in the February 2008 *WRC Newsbriefs* regarding the upcoming Stickney Brook project.

Tom advised the Board that he will not be continuing as a member of the Ancient Roads Committee.

The Board reviewed and gave Tom their approval to sign a letter to ADT Security Services advising them that the Town will not be renewing their contract this spring.

The Board reviewed an invitation from the Windham County Sheriff's Department to an Open House on March 19th; discussion will include the department's billing concepts.

The Board reviewed and briefly discussed the Revenue/Expenditures report from the Treasurer. Paul expressed his concern that the Highway Department is presently over-budget on diesel fuel and that the Board may not have allocated enough funds for this item in the FY 2009 budget.

The Board reviewed and discussed an email from Janice Duke regarding her concerns about recent expenditures from the Miller Fund. Tom had responded to Mrs. Duke's email and discussion again took place regarding whether or not it was appropriate for any board member to respond to correspondence before it was reviewed and discussed by the entire board.

Discussion took place regarding the wording of the original bequest by Fred Miller and its interpretation by various board members.

The Board recognized Town Treasurer, Laurie Frechette who presented several corrections to the 2007 Town Report. Corrected pages 15, 16 & 17 will be distributed at Town Meeting along with a cover sheet explaining the corrections. It was also discovered that the Town's long-term loan for the Carpenter Gravel Pit needs to be accounted for in the Town Report; this will be added to page 17.

The Board reviewed and assigned articles for presentation at Town Meeting.

On a motion from Andrew and second by Paul, the Board authorized the Town Treasurer to open a separate restricted funds account for the Energy Committee. The motion passed by a 4-0 vote.

The Board reviewed the agreement between the Town of Dummerston and the Windham Regional Commission for the revision of the Town Plan. On a motion from Cindy and second by Andrew, the Board authorized Tom to sign the agreement by a 4-0 vote.

Cindy questioned Laurie about the Town Office not having current Town Plans available in print form. Laurie advised her that she and Pam had asked the Planning Commission for more copies but had not received them, although they recently received an electronic copy and it's now available on the town's website. The Board asked Laurie to contact Windham Regional Commission to see if they can provide a complete copy that may be duplicated.

On a motion by Cindy and second from Andrew, the Board adjourned their regular meeting and immediately reconvened as the Liquor Commission.

The Liquor Commission reviewed a liquor and tobacco license renewal from Rice Oil and a liquor license renewal from Dwight Miller & Son Orchards. The Board declined to sign the liquor license renewal from Rice Oil due to a discrepancy on the form. On a motion from Paul and second by Andrew, the commission approved the tobacco license renewal by a 3-1 vote.

On a motion by Paul and second from Andrew, the commission approved Dwight Miller & Son Orchards' liquor license renewal by a 4-0 vote.

There being no further business to come before the Liquor Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44PM.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Submitted by Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant

