

## UNAPPROVED

### SELECTBOARD MINUTES

March 26, 2008

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

Members Present: Chair Lewis White, Vice-Chair Andrew MacFarland, Clerk Patricia Stello, Wayne Emery and Cindy Jerome

Also Present: Ginny Carter, Lee Chamberlin, Sheriff Keith Clark, Marty Forrett, Chris Garofolo from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Harold Newell, Paul Normandeau, Bob Taylor and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Andrew and second from Wayne, the Board approved, 5-0, the minutes from March 12<sup>th</sup> and the payment of Warrants 20 and 20P. Lewis thanked Harold Newell for the donation of materials and his time in doing electrical work at the Town Office.

The Board recognized Windham County Sheriff, Keith Clark who spoke about upcoming changes in their reporting system. They will now be reporting in an electronic format instead of paper.

Sheriff Clark advised that he is looking into hiring a full-time animal control officer.

The Board briefly discussed the upcoming renewal of the contract with the Sheriff's Department.

The Board recognized Fire Chief, Marty Forrett who presented the paperwork for the purchase of the new fire truck. The final purchase price came in at \$195,128, with a 3.79% interest rate to finance through the dealer. Laurie will look into other financing options and report back to the Board.

The Board recognized Bob Taylor, who presented a proposal to replace the 100-watt Mercury Vapor street lights in West Dummerston Village with 50-watt Metal Halide luminaries enclosed in "full cut-off" fixtures. The proposed lighting plan would reduce energy use by approximately 50% and reduce light pollution significantly. The Board thanked Bob for his work on the project and agreed to ask the Energy Committee to review the proposal. Unless the Energy Committee expresses any concerns the Board agreed to pursue this project.

The Board recognized Harold Newell, who requested to be appointed as the town's Grand Juror and Town Agent for the upcoming year. Mr. Newell ran as a write-in candidate for both positions and missed being elected by a very few votes. The Board thanked him for his interest in serving the town and advised that they would be making appointments later in the meeting.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. He reviewed with the Board the final 2008 Certificate of Highway Mileage that has been signed by the State. Post Office Loop was not removed from the town highway map by the state; it has been listed since 1973. If the town decides this should not be a town road, the proper channels must be followed to throw it up. Ginny Carter questioned why the town has not been maintaining Post Office Loop while continuing to accept funds from the state. The state highway map shows Lyons Street going down to the Community Center from West Street; Post Office Loop connects with West Street at both ends. It was agreed by all that more research needs to be done to clarify this situation.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Matt Mann at Windham Regional Commission regarding a bulk order with other towns for culverts. Lee advised that we are signed up for this program.

On a motion by Andrew and second from Cindy, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the FY 2009 Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways.

The Board reviewed a notice from the VT Agency of Transportation advising that the storm water mitigation grant application for the Tucker Reed Road bridge has been turned down due to lack of available funds. They encouraged the town to reapply in September.

Paul Normandeau spoke to the Board about the historical significance of the Tucker Reed Road bridge and his preference to keep the bridge as close to its current appearance as possible. He suggested that the bridge be raised up or the road crowned differently to hopefully alleviate the drainage problems. Lee will discuss some options with Matt Mann and will work on a possible resubmit of the grant proposal in the fall.

Pat questioned Lee about the possibility of temporarily posting weight limits for dirt roads during mud season. He advised that it has not been done in the past but may be considered for the future.

Lee is looking into the feasibility of constructing a new intersection for Quarry Road and East West Road. He is consulting with Matt Mann from the Windham Regional Commission on the design.

Wayne questioned Lee as to whether the town is working with other area towns in purchasing diesel fuel in bulk. Lee advised that Windham Regional is coordinating this effort and Dummerston is a participant.

On a motion by Cindy and second from Andrew, the Board granted a request from Marlboro Morris Ale Assoc. to perform in Dummerston on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The vote was 5-0.

The Board reviewed a request from Tom Bodett to change the Town's contact person for all Southern Loop correspondence. On a motion from Cindy and second by Wayne, the Board appointed Pat Stello by a 4-0 vote (1 abstention).

The Board reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report for December 1, 2007 through March 26, 2008. Cindy requested that future reports include exactly what the zoning application is for. There were also some questions about addresses that seemed to be inaccurate and the board requested corrections.

The Board reviewed an update on Arthur Phaneuf's zoning violation on Camp Arden Road. The court's Judgment Order dated May 8, 2007 gave him a deadline of November 2, 2007 to have his property cleaned up. He is now in violation of that order. The Zoning Administrator will be visiting the property next week to take photographs to submit to our town attorney for further action.

On a motion from Andrew and second by Wayne, the attached list of Town Officers was appointed.

On a motion by Andrew and second from Wayne, the Board voted 4-0 (1 abstention) to appoint Harold Newell as Town Agent and Grand Juror for a one-year term.

Wayne spoke to the Board about his conversation with Town Health Officer, Mary Lafayette regarding the failed septic situation on the Cleon Barrows' property on Hill Road. Since the Selectboard serves as the town's Board of Health (per state statute), Lewis offered to go with Mary to visit the site next week.

On a motion by Andrew and second from Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting and immediately convene the Liquor Commission.

Cindy moved to approve the liquor license application from Irving Oil Corporation and the liquor license renewal from the Colonel's Cabin. Andrew seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Andrew moved to approve the tobacco license application for Irving Oil Corporation. Pat seconded the motion and it passed by a 4-1 vote.

There being no further business before the Liquor Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46PM.

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Lewis White, Chairman

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Patricia J. Stello, Clerk

Submitted by Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant