

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

May 7, 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, Paul & Terry Chapman, Dawn Hubbard, Pam McFadden, Joe Vaughn, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Pat and second from Wayne, the Board approved, 5-0, the minutes from April 23rd and payment of Warrants 23, 23P and 23RB.

The Board recognized Terry & Paul Chapman and Joe Vaughn, residents of the West Dummerston Village. They reported on their recent meeting with Alex Wilson and Bob Taylor regarding the street lighting project in the Village. They discussed their issues with the lights not illuminating the fire station parking lot and illuminating the Tiers' property too much. They are all working with CVPS to solve these problems.

The Board recognized Delinquent Tax Collector, Pam McFadden who gave an update on the status of Arthur Fisk's trailer on Camp Arden Road. On a motion by Andrew and second from Cindy, the Board voted 5-0 to move the judgment order from the trailer to the individual; retain the judgment order and to garnish his wages.

Pam advised the Board that she sent final notices by certified mail to seven delinquent taxpayers, giving them a June 1st deadline to make payment arrangements. To date, she has heard from four individuals.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Dawn Hubbard who spoke about the upcoming Disaster LAN Training on May 15th. Due to scheduling conflicts, no Selectboard members are able to attend.

Dawn reported on the practice evacuation drill held on April 17th. It went quite smoothly on the Town's part. The State had serious communications problems; their radios and cell phones did not work.

The next drill will be held on Wednesday, May 28th.

There was no Road Foreman's report.

The Board reviewed a request from Zoning Administrator, Gina Faro to implement a \$25.00 demolition fee. Upon reviewing the zoning bylaws and not seeing the word demolition listed, the Board declined to approve this request. Andrew will contact Gina; Laurie was asked to contact Steve Mindel from the Planning Commission.

Lewis will attend the animal ordinance meeting at the Sheriff's Department on May 19th.

Wayne reported to the Board on his recent visit with Mary Lafayette to the Cleon Barrows property on Hill Road. To date, the property has not been cleaned up as directed in the Emergency Health Order. Andrew will contact Town Attorney, Bob Fisher to find out the next step to be taken by the Town.

The Board briefly discussed the failed septic system on Ralph Bolster's property on East West Road. The State of Vermont has taken over this issue since there are two dwellings on a single parcel of property.

On a motion by Cindy and second from Pat, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the FY 2009 contract with Rescue, Inc.

The Board reviewed the existing lease agreement for the former Regional Library building on Route 5. This building is owned by the State of Vermont, who leases it to the Town of Dummerston, who sub-leases it to the Southeastern Vermont Community Learning Collaborative. The current lease expires July 31, 2008. Historically, the Town has been billed \$1.00 annually by the State for the building rental. This year, the Town was billed \$5000 for "operation and maintenance costs". Before authorizing any payment, Andrew will contact the State and request receipts for all monies that have been expended.

At 9:04PM, Cindy moved to recess the meeting and convene the Liquor Commission. Wayne seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0.

On a motion by Cindy and second from Wayne, the Liquor Commission voted 5-0 to approve a request for a catering liquor license from Windham Wines for a wedding reception to be held at the Scott Farm on May 25th from 4:00-10:00PM.

Cindy moved and Andrew seconded to adjourn the Liquor Commission and reconvene the Selectboard meeting. The motion passed, 5-0.

Andrew moved to enter Executive Session at 9:07PM to discuss a personnel matter. Wayne seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

At 9:36PM, the Board exited the Executive Session with no decisions made. They immediately reconvened the Selectboard meeting and discussed actions the Board can take to ensure a successful path for new staff.

On a motion by Cindy and second from Andrew, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM.

May 21, 2008
Approved

Lewis White, Chairman

Patricia J. Stello, Clerk

Submitted by Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant