

## SELECTBOARD MINUTES

June 4, 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, Wayne Emery and Cindy Jerome

Also Present: Dan Brown, Ginny Carter, Lee Chamberlin, Richard Cogliano, Hector Galbraith, Ezekiel Goodband, Mark Kracum, Diana Lischer-Goodband, Pam McFadden, Harold & Jean Newell, Jody & Paul Normandeau, Robert Taylor, Suzanne Weinberg, Margaret Wilson, Chris Garafolo from the *Brattleboro Reformer* and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Andrew and second from Wayne, the Board approved, 4-0, the minutes from May 21<sup>st</sup> and payment of Warrants 25 and 25P.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin reported that work on the Stickney Brook Road project is scheduled to begin on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Board and Lee reviewed the bids for the new one-ton truck. Lee recommended that the town purchase the truck from Gateway for \$27,771.59 (including a 6-year/75,000 mile warranty) and the equipment package from Fairfields for \$20,995.00. On a motion from Wayne and second by Cindy, the Board voted 4-0 to approve Lee's request.

The Board reviewed a recent article from VLCT which discussed the topic of compensatory time for town employees. Dummerston's current personnel policy is not in compliance with the state statutes. Employees are entitled to overtime compensation at one and one-half times their regular rate. On a motion by Andrew and second from Wayne, the Board voted 4-0 to change the personnel policy to allow a full-time employee to accumulate up to 24 hours of compensatory time at a rate of one and one half hours of comp. time for each hour of overtime worked.

The Board reviewed and briefly discussed an email received from Paul Normandeau regarding the Tucker Reed Road bridge. Paul has offered to help in re-writing the grant application for repairs on this structure.

The Board reviewed letters from Richard Cogliano and Ezekiel Goodband, expressing their interest in being appointed to the Selectboard seat recently vacated by Patricia Stello. Zeke and Rich both spoke to the assembled group to clarify misinformation included in recent emails circulating around town regarding their stands on various issues. Andrew asked that everyone present wishing to speak be allowed to do so with the Board entering Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the appointment.

The Board reviewed a letter from Town Attorney, Bob Fisher regarding an upcoming court hearing on June 25<sup>th</sup> for Arthur Fisk. Wayne will attend to represent the town.

Town Clerk/Delinquent Tax Collector, Pam McFadden reported to the Board on recent tax collections. In the past two months, she has collected \$15,687 in delinquent taxes.

The Board, Pam and Laurie discussed the purchase of a new telephone system for the Town Office. Pam presented the Board with information regarding the use of voice mail boxes through Fairpoint Communications. The cost would be \$12 per month, with an installation fee of \$12.90. This would allow up to 8 mail boxes, each with a 40 message capacity. The Board decided they wish to pursue the purchase of a more extensive telephone system. Pam will contact Marty Grimes to get a more comprehensive cost estimate.

Andrew reported on his recent meeting with members of the Southern VT Learning Collaborative and Buildings & Grounds Services (BGS) regarding the former regional library building on RT 5. Both groups wish to meet with the Selectboard in the near future to discuss the lease renewal and any possible changes to the lease.

The names of Board members abstaining from votes will be entered into the minutes. Members' aye or nay votes for any vote will be recorded in the minutes upon a request for a roll call vote by any member.

Lewis advised the Board that the Ancient Roads deadline has been extended to January 2010.

Andrew reported to the Board that Arthur Phaneuf has been served with a Notice of Foreclosure due to non-payment of zoning violation fines; he has 20 days to respond to the filing.

The Cleon Barrows non-compliance health order has been turned over to the court for processing.

At 9:04PM, Andrew moved to enter executive session to discuss the appointment of a public official. Wayne seconded the motion and it passed by a 4-0 vote.

The Board ended executive session and reconvened in regular session at 9:15PM. Discussion followed about the process to use to expand the search for a replacement member of the Selectboard. All agreed to approach former members of the Selectboard to see if one of them would be interested in taking a temporary position on the Board. The Board will be seeking a person who will commit to not seeking a position on the Board in March of 2009.

At 9:33PM, on a motion by Wayne and second by Andrew, the Board adjourned on a 4-0 vote.

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June 18, 2008

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Lewis White, Chairman

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Andrew MacFarland, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant

