

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

June 13, 2008

This meeting was called to order at 9:00AM at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members Present: Chair Lewis White, Vice-Chair Andrew MacFarland, and Cindy Jerome

Member Absent: Wayne Emery

Also Present: Janice Duke, Pam McFadden, Harold & Jean Newell and Laurie Frechette

Town Treasurer, Laurie Frechette and Town Clerk/Assistant Treasurer, Pam McFadden discussed with the Board the fact that the Town is currently operating in a deficit situation. This is partially due to the \$70,000 voted article that was mistakenly left out of the 2007 tax rate calculation.

Much discussion ensued regarding whether the budget voted on at the March 2007 Town Meeting should have been \$808,068 which was the total amount of the General Operating Budget, as indicated on page 21 of the 2006 Town Report (which included capital expenditures in the amount of \$100,000) or the amount of \$708,068 which was requested by the Selectboard and approved by the voters in Article 6. The difference between the two amounts of \$100,000 was approved by the voters (as presented by the Selectboard) in Article 5 of the same Town Meeting.

Cindy requested that Laurie contact the Secretary of State to ascertain the correct protocol for both the deficit retirement and the budget presentation. Janice Duke stated her belief that the contact should come from a Selectboard member as they are responsible for the budget, not the Treasurer. However, the majority of the Board members present agreed to have Laurie contact Deb Markowitz and report back to them in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45AM.

June 18, 2008

Approved

Lewis White, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Vice-Chair

Submitted by Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant