

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

July 2, 2008

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

Members Present: Chair Lewis White, Wayne Emery, Cindy Jerome, Andrew MacFarland and Jack Manix

Also Present: Ruth Barton, Tom Clynes, Richard Cogliano, Cary Gaunt, Ellen Hayes, Beverly Kenney and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Wayne and second from Jack, the Board approved 5-0, the minutes from June 18th and payment of Warrants 1 and 1P.

The Board invited Cary Gaunt, Tom Clynes and Ellen Hayes to the table to discuss the recent work of the Southern Loop committee. Andrew gave a brief history of the committee and discussed the time constraints for filing questions and responses with the Public Service Board. Cary thanked the Town Office staff for their assistance in putting together the paperwork and mailing the responses.

Tom Clynes is a member of Brookline's Southern Loop committee and has been working closely with Cary on this project; pooling resources and thereby saving money for both towns.

Andrew reported that the Windham Regional Commission is going to stay neutral on the Southern Loop project but will be available to assist the towns involved as necessary.

Ellen Hayes, from the Advocates for Community Empowerment gave a presentation on how her organization has assisted towns in preventing unwanted projects from taking root in their jurisdiction.

The Board thanked Cary for all of her hard work on this project.

Andrew moved to endorse the Town's response to the Discovery Requests from CVPS/VELCO. Jack seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

The Board recognized Beverly Kenney who discussed the upcoming Whirled Peace Day on Sunday, September 21st. On a motion from Cindy and second by Jack, the Board voted 5-0 to grant permission for the Town Common to be used and the event to be included on the Town's website.

In Lee Chamberlin's absence, Lewis presented the Road Foreman's report. On a motion by Wayne and second from Andrew, the Board voted 5-0 to have the road crew go to a 4-day work week, with Mondays off. They will work 10-hour days, 6AM-4:30PM, beginning next week and going until November 1st.

The Board reviewed correspondence from VT Emergency Management regarding the FY 2009 grant. The Emergency Management Director's annual stipend has been increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for FY 2009. Laurie requested that the Board make a decision on how this stipend will be paid – either treating the EMD as a town employee or as an independent contractor. On a motion by Cindy and second from Jack, the Board voted 5-0 to pay the EMD as an independent contractor.

The Board briefly reviewed the FY 2009 Education Tax Rates from the VT Department of Taxes. The 2008 tax rate will be set on Monday, July 7th at 7PM.

Wayne gave an update on the Cleon Barrows property on Hill Road. He reported that clean-up has started. The court hearing was cancelled. Mr. Barrows signed an agreement with the court to have the property cleaned up by July 6th.

Wayne updated the Board on the Arthur Fisk delinquent tax issue. This hearing was also cancelled. Mr. Fisk has signed a Judgment Order to pay \$25 per week toward his delinquent taxes.

Lewis advised the Board that Marie Caduto from the VT Agency of Natural Resources will be attending the July 17th Newfane Selectboard meeting to discuss the Rock River access project. Lewis will also attend this meeting and report back to the Board at a later date.

On a motion by Andrew and second from Jack, the Board voted 4-0 to elect Cindy Jerome as Clerk of the Selectboard.

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

Andrew moved to grant a request from Cormar LLC to cater a wedding reception at 485 Rice Farm Road on July 12th from 3-7PM. Wayne seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

On a motion from Wayne and second by Cindy, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve a Liquor License application from Circle K Vermont, Inc. on RT 30.

On a motion from Wayne and second by Andrew, the Commission voted 3-2 to approve a Tobacco License application from Circle K Vermont, Inc. on RT 30.

There being no further business to come before the Liquor Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18PM.

July 16, 2008
Approved

Lewis White, Chairman

Cindy Jerome, Clerk

Submitted by Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant