

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

July 16, 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 and Cindy Jerome

Absent: Andrew MacFarland and Jack Manix

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Dawn Hubbard, Mary Harvey and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Wayne and second from Cindy, the Board approved 3-0, the minutes from July 2nd & 7th.

On a motion from Wayne and second by Cindy, the Board voted 3-0 to authorize payment of Warrants 2, 2CF and 2P and to ratify Warrant 2A.

The Board recognized Windmill Hill Road resident, Mary Harvey who spoke about a dead tree located on the property abutting hers which is in danger of falling on her house. She has sent a certified letter to the property owner but has not yet received a response and asked for direction from the Board. Cindy suggested that she attempt to contact the person by phone to make direct contact with them.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Dawn Hubbard who presented the revised RERP. Cindy will do the first review and pass it along to another Board member.

The Board and Dawn discussed the FY 2009 grant from VT Emergency Management. Discussion took place regarding the proposed locations of emergency sirens around town. It was suggested that a special meeting with town residents might be helpful to provide information regarding the placement of these sirens.

Cindy questioned Dawn about the distribution, maintenance and programming of the emergency radios. She is working with Fire Chief, Marty Forrett to schedule having the fire department coordinate the distribution.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin reported that the paving projects on West Street and Sugar House Road have been completed. They will be finished hauling sand for this coming winter tomorrow. The road crew will begin working on culvert replacement soon.

The Board reviewed an agreement for the town to participate in VLCT's road salt purchasing collaborative, allowing the town to purchase salt in bulk below current market price. On a motion by Wayne and second from Cindy, the Board voted 3-0 to authorize Lewis to sign this agreement.

The Board reviewed and agreed not to complete a Mass Discontinuance Certificate for Ancient Roads from the VT Agency of Transportation.

Lee and the Board discussed the four-day work week for the road crew. There has been some concern from town residents that this schedule does not comply with the town's current Personnel Policy. After some discussion, Wayne moved to pay overtime for any hours worked over ten (10) in one day during the four-day work week periods. Cindy seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

Wayne moved to pay ten hours of holiday pay during the four-day work week periods. After some discussion, he withdrew the motion to allow this issue to be decided by a full board at a future meeting.

The Board reviewed an email received from Town Health Officer, Mary Lafayette updating them on septic issues at the Cleon Barrows property on Hill Road and Ralph Bolster's property on East West Road. She also informed them of illegal trash dumping on Bear Hill Road.

The Board reviewed an invitation from Rescue. Inc. to attend a meeting of area towns on August 14th at the Chesterfield, New Hampshire town hall. Laurie was asked to invite Heidi Fischer to the next board meeting to give an update as Dummerston's representative on Rescue's Board of Directors.

After reviewing quotes from Alarms Unlimited and Code 3 Products for the annual fire alarm inspections at the town garage and town office, Cindy moved to award the contract to Code 3 Products again this year. Wayne seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

The Board discussed the second set of Discovery Requests for the Town of Dummerston received on July 8th & 9th for the VELCO/CVPS Southern Loop project. The Discovery Requests directed specifically to the Town of Dummerston were not sent electronically with all of the others so the Selectboard was not aware of them in a timely fashion and was unable to meet the July 14th deadline. The Board agreed to delay responding to these requests until Cary Gaunt and Andrew return from their respective vacations.

Lewis advised the Board that all instances of animal cruelty should be reported to the State Police, not the Sheriff's Department, as they are criminal offenses. This issue was brought to his attention by Deputy Lakin from the Sheriff's Department. Laurie was asked to give this information to the Humane Society.

The Board reviewed the policy for allowing use of the town's bulk mail permit. It was agreed that each request will be reviewed individually and that all requests must be approved by the Board before the permit may be used.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Wayne, the Board voted 3-0 to sign a Certificate of Change to the 2008 Grand List.

At 9:15PM, the Board adjourned the regular meeting and immediately convened as the Liquor Commission.

Cindy moved to grant a request to cater a wedding reception on July 19th from 3:30-11PM; a request to cater a rehearsal dinner on August 15th from 7-10PM, and a wedding reception on August 16th from 4-11PM. All events are to be held at the Scott Farm and catered by Harvest Moon. Wayne seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 vote.

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

Approved

Lewis White, Chairman

Cindy Jerome, Clerk

Submitted by Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant