

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

September 10, 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: Dawn Hubbard, Ginny Carter, Jean Newell, Lee Chamberlin and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Cindy and second from Wayne, the Board approved the minutes from August 25th & 27th on a 5-0 vote. Approval of the warrants was tabled until later in the meeting.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. The Board and Lee agreed to request bids for lawn mowing for the next two years. Laurie will place an ad in the *Reformer*.

Lee reported that he is checking with VLCT to see if the Town's insurance will cover roof repairs at the Town Garage due to ice damage caused last winter.

He is working on applying for two Better Backroads grants. One project is to install rip-rap at the intersection of Miller Road and East-West Road; the other is to install rip-rap along the edges of the "steep hill" roads.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Andrew, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the new contract from Tri-State Industrial Laundries for uniforms for the highway crew.

As Dan Snow was unable to attend the meeting, Wayne spoke about the siting of the historic livestock pound in front of the Historical Society building. Lee will speak with Dan to clarify what brush needs be cut before the project begins.

Lewis questioned Lee about the \$50 invoice received for the trapping & disposal of a beaver. Lee explained that the beaver was damming up the culvert at the pond on Middle Road and it was disposed of in a humane manner.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Dawn Hubbard who presented an email from Mark Gilmore stating the following: "Entergy is placing two sirens per the Towns request at the highway garage and West fire station. Entergy will maintain and test the sirens. If dismantle is needed or requested Entergy will be responsible for that work also." The Board requested a signed copy of this letter.

Cindy requested a policy for the operation of the emergency sirens.

On a motion by Jack and second from Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 6, 6P, RB-3 & CF-4.

The Board reviewed and briefly discussed an email from Rick Hege at Rescue, Inc. regarding Rescue's pending loan application to purchase an ambulance. He requested that the Board sign an "Evidence of Community Support" document. On a motion by Wayne and second from Cindy, the Board voted 5-0 to approve his request.

The Board briefly reviewed correspondence sent to the Board of Listers from the Board of Civil Authority. Jean Newell was present to answer questions from the Board.

The Board reviewed information on upcoming workshops sponsored by VLCT. Andrew will plan on attending the budgeting workshop.

Andrew updated the Board on the Southern Loop project. The Board reviewed the Town's response to VELCO's Request for Ruling regarding *Pro Se* Representation. On a motion from Jack and second by Cindy, the Board voted 5-0 to ratify the response.

Andrew moved to accept VELCO's offer to allow Kurt Yeager's prefiled testimony to be entered into the record and forego his deposition, relinquishing the Town's opportunity to cross-examine other witnesses on the basis of his testimony, after checking with Town Attorney, Bob Fisher. Jack seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

The Board reviewed and discussed a complaint of suspected animal cruelty on Rice Farm Road. Jack and Wayne will investigate the complaint and report back to the Board. Lewis reiterated that all reports of animal cruelty should be reported to the State Police for investigation as they are criminal offenses. Laurie was asked to contact the Humane Society to let them know that the State Police should be called and not the Sheriff's Department.

Andrew will contact the Sheriff's Department to clarify that they are Dummerston's Animal Control Officer, not just the Dog Officer.

On a motion by Wayne and second from Cindy, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Dog Warrant.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Andrew, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Lewis and Wayne to serve as authorizing officials for the Municipal Planning Grant program.

On a motion by Wayne and second from Cindy, the Board voted 5-0 to give permission to Dan Snow to build a replica of the town livestock pound to the southeast of the Historical Society building.

Ginny Carter questioned the Board about the status of Post Office Loop; is it a town road or a private one? All Board members agreed that the status needs to be clarified. Lewis, Wayne and Lee will conduct a site visit and do further research to clarify the situation. They will report back to the Board at the October 8th meeting.

Andrew spoke to the Board about Charette's trailer park on RT 5; they are running out of water.

Cindy and Andrew reported that the Housing Advisory Commission will be visiting the former Regional Library building on September 29th to look at possible senior housing options for the future.

Jack asked when the Zoning Administrator's performance review will take place. Andrew advised they had planned to do it in the fall. Laurie was asked to place it on the October 8th meeting agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42PM.

Approved

Lewis White, Chairman

Cindy Jerome, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant