

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

September 24, 2008

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

Members Present: Vice-Chair Andrew MacFarland, Wayne Emery, Cindy Jerome, and Jack Manix

Member Absent: Chair Lewis White

Also Present: Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Wayne and second from Andrew, the Board approved the minutes from September 10th on a 4-0 vote. Approval of the September 17th meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

On a motion by Cindy and second from Jack, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 7, 7P, EC-1 & RB-4.

The Board reviewed an email from Emergency Management Director, Dawn Hubbard regarding the location of a satellite dish at the Town Office for satellite internet service. On a motion by Wayne and second by Cindy, the Board voted 4-0 to approve Dawn's request to locate the dish on a pole near the fire pond/stream, as low-profile as possible.

The Board briefly reviewed and discussed the Judgment Order & Decree of Foreclosure & Order for Public Sale for Arthur Phaneuf's property on Camp Arden Road. Andrew spoke to the Board about his conversation with Town Attorney, Bob Fisher who advised that this is the best and least expensive option for the Town at this time.

The Board discussed the creation of an emergency siren activation policy for the Town. They briefly reviewed Vernon's policy. Laurie was asked to contact Dawn and request that she draft a policy for Dummerston to include a chain of command and a list of people authorized to activate the sirens.

Andrew updated the Board on the Southern Loop project; there has not been much activity lately.

Wayne and Jack spoke to the Board about their recent visit to Rice Farm Road to investigate a case of suspected animal cruelty. They reported that the animals appear to be well cared for although in a rather small area.

It was agreed that clarification is still needed on the Sheriff's Department's role as Dummerston's Animal Control Officer. Andrew will contact them and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Bids for the mowing of town-owned cemeteries and the Town Common/Town Office lawn were received and opened from Wayne Holden, Howe's Lawn Care and Dynamic Landscaping. A decision on awarding the bid was tabled until the next meeting.

On a motion from Wayne and second by Cindy, the Board voted 4-0 to sign the loan renewal paperwork with Chittenden Bank for the Carpenter Gravel Pit loan.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Jack, the Board voted 4-0 to approve a request from Windham Solid Waste Management District to hold a hazardous waste disposal day at the Town Garage on Saturday, November 1st.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Wayne, the Board voted 4-0 to sign an amendment to the RERP Grant for FY 2008.

The Board went into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter at 8:17PM on a motion from Cindy and second by Wayne. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:28PM; no decisions were made.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32PM.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Vice-Chair

Cindy Jerome, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant
Cindy Jerome, Clerk