

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

December 17, 2008

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

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

Also Present: John & Karen Abel, Pam McFadden, Paul Normandeau, Dan Normandeau (at 7:55pm) and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Andrew and second by Wayne, the Board approved the minutes from December 3rd and 10th on a 4-0 vote.

On a motion from Andrew and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the payment of Warrants 13 & 13P.

The Board recognized Delinquent Tax Collector, Pam McFadden who went over the current policy for the collection of delinquent taxes and some proposed changes to the policy. As the Delinquent Tax Collector is appointed annually by the Selectboard, the policy must be approved by the Selectboard. Pam will present the Board with the proposed revisions at the next meeting.

The Board recognized John and Karen Abel, who were requesting a refund of the \$83 filing fee for an appeal to the Planning Commission for their fence, which was not in compliance with the zoning by-laws at that time. Wayne moved to authorize the refund. Cindy seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. The Abels left the meeting at 7:42pm.

On a motion by Cindy and second from Andrew, the Board signed the final paperwork for the Structures Grant funds for the High Bridge project.

The Board discussed the creation of a policy for the removal of illegally dumped items along town roads and whether or not the road crew should be responsible for anything outside of the town's right-of-way. After a lengthy discussion, a decision was tabled until Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin is able to be present.

A request from Windham Regional Commission was reviewed regarding a list of potential town transportation infrastructure projects. Some suggestions included: resurfacing of the covered bridge decking; turning lanes on RT 30; intersection of Camp Arden Road & East-West Road; green iron bridge; intersection of Quarry Road & East-West Road. This topic will be revisited at the next meeting when Lee is present.

Andrew agreed to write the Selectboard's report for the 2008 Town Report.

The Board reviewed emails between Andrew, Allen Palmer and Casey Murrow regarding the former regional library building.

The Board briefly reviewed the notice from the VT Dept. of Taxes regarding the Town's 2009 COD of 6.92% and the CLA of 100.79%.

Lewis reported on his recent discussion with Steve Mindel regarding the interview/selection process for the hiring of a new Zoning Administrator. The Planning Commission's recommendation is Charlotte Annis or Robin Swett. Wayne would like them to revisit the interview process and possibly interview more candidates. Andrew moved to appoint Charlotte Annis as the Zoning Administrator. Cindy seconded the motion. After much discussion, it was decided to table the decision until the December 23rd budget meeting.

The Board reviewed a letter from Cindy Jerome, resigning her seat on the Selectboard effective March 3, 2009. Discussion took place regarding the logistics of someone taking out a petition to run for the remaining year of her 3-year term. Laurie was asked to contact VLCT and report back to the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Approved

Lewis White, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Vice-Chair

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant