

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

December 30, 2008

This meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Absent: Cindy Jerome

Also Present: Dan Normandeau, Lee Chamberlin and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Wayne and second by Andrew, the Board approved the minutes from December 17th and 23rd (as revised) by a 4-0 vote.

On a motion from Wayne and second by Andrew, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the payment of Warrants 14 & 14P.

The Board recognized Lee Chamberlin who presented the Road Foreman's report. Discussion took place regarding the town's policy for the removal of illegally dumped items along town roads. The Board decided to leave the policy as is – the road crew will take care of anything dumped within the town's right-of-way; anything outside of that right-of-way will be removed at the discretion of the Road Foreman.

Lee presented the Board with a list of infrastructure projects to be given to the Windham Regional Commission. Included on the list are the covered bridge decking, green iron bridge, intersection of Quarry Road & East-West Road and the intersection at the east end of the covered bridge.

Notification was received from the VT Agency of Transportation regarding the approval of the stormwater mitigation program grant for the Tucker Reed Road bridge. A meeting with Jane Brown from VT AOT will be scheduled in the near future.

Lee spoke to the Board about the upcoming paving of RT 5 from the Veterans' Bridge in Brattleboro to the Putney town line. This project is scheduled for 2010. Any concerns that the Board may have should be directed to Matt Mann at Windham Regional.

On a motion from Andrew and second by Wayne, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize Lewis to sign the grant agreement for the High Risk Rural Roads program. This grant will provide signage and traffic calming measures on East-West Road beginning at the covered bridge to the intersection with School House Road; continuing on School House Road to the intersection with RT 5.

Andrew agreed to attend the Windham County annual budget meeting on January 16th.

The Board received a letter from Cindy Jerome, resigning her seat on the Selectboard effective January 1, 2009. On a motion from Andrew and second by Jack, the Board voted 4-0 to accept her resignation.

Andrew moved to appoint Cindy Jerome as Selectperson to serve until the March 3, 2009 Town Meeting. Jack seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

The Board reviewed a project review sheet from the VT Agency of Natural Resources regarding a request from Allard Lumber on Old Ferry Road to expand their operations. Wayne spoke of his concern about the potential increase in water volume and drainage problems. Jack and Wayne will visit the site and report their findings back to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed proposed changes to the Delinquent Tax Collection policy. On a motion by Andrew and second from Jack, the Board approved the policy 4-0.

Wayne and Jack updated the Board on the status of the five horses located at Arthur Wood Jr.'s property on Stickney Brook Road. The town continues to receive complaints that the horses do not have adequate shelter. The owner of the horses has stated that they are in the process of constructing a shelter but have run into problems in doing so. Wayne would like the Board to set a deadline at the next meeting for completion of the shelter and take stronger action if that deadline is not adhered to.

Andrew and Jack spoke to the Board about Charette's trailer park and the water situation. The VT Housing Authority is considering pumping water up from the former Moore farm on Dummerston Station Road. Before that takes place, Jack would like to see a plot plan and location of the three existing wells in Dutton Pines. Jack and Andrew will meet with Greg Brown from the Housing Advisory Commission and report back to the Board on their findings.

At 8:22pm, Andrew moved and Wayne seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Laurie was excused from the meeting and left the building.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:32pm with no action taken.

On a motion from Andrew and a second from Wayne, Cindy was elected Clerk of the Selectboard., 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

Approved

Lewis White, Chair

Andrew MacFarland, Vice-Chair

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant
Andrew MacFarland, Vice-Chair