

## UNAPPROVED

### SELECTBOARD MINUTES

March 25, 2009

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

Members Present: Chair Andrew MacFarland, Vice-Chair Tom Bodett, Greg Brown, Wayne Emery and Zeke Goodband

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Paul & Terry Chapman, Marguerite DeMotte, Jean & Harold Newell, Deputy Sheriff Dana Shepard, Chris Thomas from TENCO, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Greg and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the meeting minutes from March 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> and to approve the payment of Warrants 20 and 20P.

The Board recognized Cemetery Committee members, Terry Chapman & Jean Newell, who agreed to serve on the Committee for another year. Terry spoke to the Board about the requirements and restrictions for a "green burial". The body must be placed in a biodegradable container and buried at least 5' deep; embalming is not required in the State of Vermont. Dummerston's current rules of operation for town cemeteries required covered vaults for all burials. Before this rule was put into place, there were maintenance issues due to the sinking of the gravesites after many years. Discussion took place as to whether or not a vault with four sides and a cover would be an acceptable alternative. Ms. DeMotte will research this item and report back to the Board at a meeting in the near future. Andrew thanked Terry and Jean for their ongoing work with the Cemetery Committee.

The Board recognized Deputy Dana Shepard from the Windham County Sheriff's Department. He has recently been appointed as the Sheriff's liaison to Dummerston and will be keeping in close contact with the Selectboard.

The Board then recognized Emergency Management Director, Dawn Hubbard who presented Lee Chamberlin and the Highway Department with a certificate of commendation for their hard work during the ice storm in December of 2008.

Dawn spoke to the Board about the federally-mandated NIMS training that is required of all Board members.

A brief discussion took place regarding the evaluation of the March 18<sup>th</sup> VY evacuation exercise. The next exercise will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup>, with the full VY evaluated drill scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Andrew requested that a discussion of the RERP be put on the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. Laurie was asked to invite Fire Chief, Marty Forrett to that meeting.

The Board recognized recently appointed First Constable, Ron Hubbard, who introduced himself to the new Board members. A brief discussion took place regarding the Constable's duties, including animal control. Laurie was asked to provide Ron with a copy of the current animal ordinance.

The Board invited Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin to the table to open bids for the new dump truck and body. Truck bids were received from Clark's Truck Center, J & B International Trucks, L & B Freightliner, McDevitt Truck Sales and SG Reed Truck Services. Equipment bids were received from Howard P. Fairfield, LLC and TENCO. Lee will review the bids and create a spreadsheet to send out to all Board members. The bids will be awarded at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Lee spoke to the Board about the recent meeting at the Covered Bridge to investigate the use of epoxy on the existing decking. Before any work can be done, an engineering study needs to take place to check on the current structural integrity of the bridge. Greg is checking on possible grants through VTrans. On a motion by Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to contact the company who performed the engineering study before the covered bridge renovation in 1998 to check on the current structural integrity.

The Board and Lee reviewed the bid specifications that were recently sent out by the Town of Putney for the crushing of gravel for both towns. A joint meeting should be scheduled of the two Selectboards when the bids are opened and awarded.

Wayne spoke to the Board about his recent conversation with Mike Renaud about the gravel located on his land on Route 5.

On a motion by Greg and second by Wayne, the Board approved 5-0 a request from the Marlboro Morris Ale Association to perform in Dummerston on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

No action was taken on an email from Marie Caduto regarding a proposed work force reduction at the VT Agency of Natural Resources.

Andrew and Greg are planning to attend the economic stimulus conference in Brattleboro on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Andrew and Zeke will attend the budget hearing on April 6<sup>th</sup> and the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> for the WSWMD.

Wayne reported on his conversation with the Sheriff's Department regarding the illegal dumping situation on Bear Hill Road. The debris was to have been cleaned up by March 21<sup>st</sup>; no word on whether or not this has been done.

On a motion by Tom and second by Wayne, the following Town Officers were appointed: Housing Advisory Commission (3 year terms to expire 2012) – Cindy Jerome, David Ryan & Tonia Wheeler; (all 1 year terms) Health Officer – Mary Lafayette; Weigher of Coal – Ruth Barton; Fence Viewer – Nelson Jillson; Windham Regional Commission – Lew Sorenson & Roger Turner; Recreation Board – Melanie Chamberlin, Layla Lewis & Anna Piergentili; Windham Solid Waste Management District Representatives – Michelle Cherrier & Lester Dunklee; Connecticut River Joint Commission – Daniel Marx; Enhanced 9-1-1 Contact Person – Doug Hamilton; Farmland Committee – Vernon Grubinger, Nelson Jillson, Jack Manix, D. Read Miller III, William Schmidt; Police Advisory Board Liaison – Greg Brown; Cemetery Committee – Terry Chapman & Jean Newell.

The Board noted Sarah Evans' decision not to seek reappointment to the Recreation Board and agreed to send a letter thanking her for the time and energy she invested in the committee's efforts during her tenure.

On a motion from Tom and second by Greg, the Board accepted, with regrets, the resignation of John Warren from the Conservation Commission.

On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board signed the 2009 Trailer Park License for Amy Dews on Schoolhouse Road.

On a motion by Greg and second by Wayne, the Board signed the 2009 Trailer Park License for Ralph & Delia Bolster on East West Road.

On a motion by Wayne and second by Greg, the Board signed the 2009 Trailer Park License for the VT Housing Foundation on Route 5.

Tom moved, with a second by Greg, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:20pm and immediately convene as the Liquor Commission.

On a motion by Wayne and second by Zeke, the Liquor Commission voted 5-0 to sign the liquor and tobacco license renewals for IQ, Inc. on Route 5.

There being no further business to come before the Liquor Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23pm.

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Approved

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Andrew MacFarland, Chair

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Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant