

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

April 8, 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 Normandeau, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Wayne and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from March 25th and to approve the payment of Warrants 21, 21P and CC-4.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin reviewed the worksheet for bids on the new dump truck and body with the Board. On a motion by Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to award the bid for the new truck and body to J & B International for \$75,773 (without a trade-in) and Tenco for \$39,053 (a total of \$114,826).

The Board and Lee reviewed an email from Mark Whitaker regarding the road conditions on Kipling Road during this year's mud season.

The Board reviewed an email from the Agency of Transportation regarding the green iron bridge renovations. The Agency is recommending making the bridge one-way, traveling from Rice Farm Road to RT 30. Wayne made a motion to not make it a one-way bridge. Tom seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Lee and Paul spoke to the Board about the recent meeting of the Traffic Committee. They are considering applying for a grant for upgraded signage along Middle Road. On a motion by Tom and second from Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to endorse the Traffic Committee's recommendations for the grant application.

The Board and Lee briefly discussed the recent meeting held at the Carpenter Gravel Pit. The gravel pit will reopen for use on April 15th.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Judith Carpenter asking them to explore the possibility of the Town's taking over of Sunrise Lane. On a motion from Wayne and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to not pursue the issue. Andrew will contact Ms. Carpenter to advise her of their decision.

Paul questioned the status of the Ancient Roads Committee. Tom will schedule a meeting in the near future.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Sigrid Pickering regarding the housing of livestock at 781 Rice Farm Road and her concerns about the possibility of the animal waste contaminating the West River watershed. Wayne will go with Town Health Officer, Mary Lafayette to visit the site and report back to the Board.

On a motion by Greg and second from Tom, the Board approved 5-0 a request from the Recreation Board to use the debit card to purchase \$75 in gas cards as thank-you gifts for basketball coaches.

The Board reviewed a memo from Delinquent Tax Collector, Pam McFadden regarding tax sale proceedings. On a motion from Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize Laurie to write a check for the certified mail postage.

The Board declined a request from the Emergency Management Director for an advance in the final payment of her FY 2009 compensation.

On a motion by Wayne and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint the following Town Officers:

- Fence Viewer – Ernest Clark
- Assistant Zoning Administrator – Paul Normandeau (term to expire in December 2011)
- Conservation Commission – Patricia Jaquith (3 year term to expire in 2012)
- Conservation Commission – Matthew Hoffman (3 year term to expire in 2012)
- Poundkeeper – Ron Svec
- Cemetery Committee – Janice Duke, Sylvio Forrett, Tom Johnson
- Council on Aging – Shirley Perkins
- Rescue, Inc. Representative – Heidi Fischer
- VT Community Development Program – Larry Cassidy, John Lilly, Jack Manix

The Board reviewed and discussed correspondence received and sent regarding the former regional library building on RT 5 and the State of Vermont’s plan to transfer ownership of the building. The Board has made it very clear to our State legislators that they need time to consider all options before any decision can be made on behalf of the Town.

Wayne reported that more illegal dumping has taken place on Bear Hill Road. He would like the town to explore the possibility of closing off the upper part of Bear Hill Road.

Zeke and Andrew spoke to the Board about their attendance at the recent Windham Solid Waste Management budget hearing.

Andrew reported that Steve Mindel is trying to schedule an all-boards meeting. Andrew suggested May 13 or 27, since the May 20 date proposed by Steve conflicts with a regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting. All present agreed the 13th and 27th are possible.

Wayne will work with Constable, Ron Hubbard to provide traffic control for the Congregational Church’s Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11th.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant

