

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

May 6, 2009

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

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

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Mary Ellen Copeland, Marty Forrett, Shorty Forrett, Dawn Hubbard, Larry Lynch, Paul Normandeau, and Laurie Frechette (at 8pm)

On a motion by Greg and second from Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from April 22nd.

On a motion by Tom and second from Zeke, the Board voted 4-0 (with 1 abstention) to authorize payment of Warrants 23, 23P and RB-7.

The Board invited Emergency Management Director, Dawn Hubbard; Assistant EMD, Larry Lynch and Fire Chief, Marty Forrett to the table to discuss route alerting during a potential emergency. Some alternatives were discussed, including auto-telephoning. Dawn will draw up a list of the negative reasons and present them to VT Yankee's management.

The Board and Dawn discussed the two recent drills. The Board asked her to do random calling three times during the remainder of the year to find out who would be available if there was a need to activate the Emergency Operations Center.

The Board recognized Mary Ellen Copeland from the Conservation Commission, who spoke about the recent sightings of black bears in town, one of which was shot and killed by the State Police. She is hoping to sponsor a presentation on teaching people about bear behavior, along with providing educational materials to the school, etc.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin reported that there is more work to do on the Tucker Reed Road Bridge grant.

The hired commercial crusher is currently producing approximately 500 yards of material per day at the Carpenter Gravel Pit.

The Town is no longer subject to MSHA regulations because we no longer operate a crusher in the gravel pit.

Lee asked the Board to request a change in operating times at the gravel pit from the Development Review Board. On a motion from Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to submit the request to the DRB.

On a motion by Greg and second from Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to install "Slow – Children at Play" signs at either end of West Street.

On a motion by Tom and second from Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to advertise the crusher for sale in the *VLCT News* and the VT Local Roads publication.

Wayne spoke to the Board of his concerns with ongoing rubbish dumping along Bear Hill Road and Nourse Hollow Road. Andrew will check with Town Attorney, Bob Fisher to see what the Town's options are.

Wayne updated the Board on his recent meeting with the engineering firm Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, regarding the structural integrity of the covered bridge. Several issues were discovered that need to be addressed before any repairs can be made to the decking. Wayne will contact Matt Mann from Windham Regional to find out the best way to proceed.

On a motion by Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to approve a request from Sara Ryan to set up a refreshment stop at the Park & Ride on June 27th for the Windham County Reads "Tour de Book" fundraiser.

The Board reviewed a memo from the Town Clerk regarding a request for a link to a private website to be added to the town's municipal website. On a motion by Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to not allow links to private websites to be listed on the town's municipal website. A policy addressing this subject will be drawn up and presented to the Board at their next meeting for adoption.

On a motion from Tom and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the transfer of the administration of the 2009 fire truck lease from E-One.

Zeke updated the Board on his recent conversation with WSWMD regarding the disposal of the illegally dumped tires on Quarry Road. They have agreed to provide a roll-off container on-site and charge a discounted rate of \$2.40 per tire, with the stipulation that the landowner agree to pay the charges.

There will be an All-Boards meeting on May 27th at 7pm in the basement of the church.

Andrew reported that Town Health Officer, Mary Lafayette has turned over the investigation of septic issues at 781 Rice Farm Road and 270 West Street to the State of Vermont.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chairman

Wayne Emery, Clerk