

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

October 7, 2009

This meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the Evening Star Grange in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Elizabeth Catlin, Steve Mindel, Corin Nelsen, Regina Rockefeller, David Ryan & Bob Wainwright from the Planning Commission, Glenn & Charlotte Neer Annis, John Anderson, Ed Anthes, David Baker, Bill Banta, Merrill & Ruth Barton, Cliff Bergh, Debbie Brookes, Mary Ellen Copeland, Faith & Roger Evans, Hector Galbraith, Chris Garofolo from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Maria & Steve Glabach, Gerald & Tamara Gray, Sam Griffis, Catherine Dianich Gruver, Chip Hellus, Matthew Hoffman, Nelson Jillson, Tom Johnson, Erich Kruger, Matt Latiolais, Lynn Levine, Steven Meggiolaro, Jean Newell, Dan Normandeau, Paul Normandeau, James Olmstead, Stephen Phillips, Liz & Mark Richards, Bill & Mary Lou Schmidt, Gail & Lew Sorenson, Erika & Norbert Stahl, Robert Taylor, Roger Turner, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Wayne and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from September 23, 29 & 30 and the payment of Warrants 8, 8P & RB4.

The Board opened discussion on the land use section of the Town Plan. There was active discussion of the language in the plan from those attending. Some of the changes made by the Board were:

Add the West Dummerston Post Office to the facilities included under Public Services/Cultural uses.

Include Village District in Land Use Districts. Adjust wording in Mixed Density District.

Ask Planning Commission if rural areas (undeveloped fields) off Bunker Road and Miller Road should be rezoned.

Ask Planning Commission to create description of Exit 3 district.

Revise wording in several sections of Land Use Goals, Policies, and Action Steps to make it less restrictive.

Under Goal 1: Policy 1.1: Action Step iii, the Board agreed to keep the 1 unit per 27 acre language but to clarify that the 27 acres is a goal, refers to density not lot size, and language should encourage non-coercive mechanisms such as working with landowners, conservations organizations and innovative zoning ideas.

Tom presented the Transportation Enhancement Grant application to the Board for their review and approval. The Board approved the expenditure of up to \$100 for the copying & binding of the application. On a motion from Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the signing of the application.

The Board agreed to pay the matching grant funds out of the West River Crossing Fund and possibly sponsor a separate article at the 2010 Town Meeting.

Andrew will contact Mark Brown to see if he wishes to continue as Dummerston's Green Up Day Coordinator.

Andrew will attend the DRB's meeting on October 20th, where they plan to discuss the Carpenter Gravel Pit.

The Board reviewed and briefly discussed the new lease from the VT Dept. of Building Services for the former regional library building on RT 5. On a motion from Greg and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the lease.

Greg reported on the recent meeting held with the Dept. of Building and General Services and the Southeastern VT Learning Collaborative. The State is planning to sell the building in the near future and would like to give the Town the first option. On a motion from Zeke and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to pursue the option of purchasing of the property.

Wayne moved and Tom seconded to recess the Board meeting at 10:17pm and immediately convene as the Liquor Commission. On a motion by Tom and second by Greg, the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the application for a special event permit/outside consumption permit for the Colonel's Cabin on October 18th.

The Selectboard reconvened their regular meeting at 10:22pm. Zeke moved to enter Executive Session at 10:23pm to discuss a real estate matter. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 10:40. No action was taken.

The Board adjourned at 10:41.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chairman

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant