

## UNAPPROVED

### SELECTBOARD MINUTES

January 13, 2010

This meeting was called to order at 7:04pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Pam McFadden, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from December 30<sup>th</sup> and the payment of Warrants 15 & 15P.

The Board invited Town Clerk, Pam McFadden to the table to discuss the warning for Town Meeting. Pam presented information from the recent VLCT workshop on Town Meeting preparation. The Board agreed to omit the phrase (by petition) for articles submitted by petition for inclusion on the warning. They also agreed to continue including the approved requests from social service agencies in the general fund budget.

Wayne made a motion to include \$300 in the budget for Grace Cottage Foundation; it died for lack of a second.

Tom moved that the Selectboard as a whole support the Social Service Agency Review Committee's decisions and to not support any petitions that may be submitted for additional funding. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 5-0. Andrew will send thank-you notes to the members of the committee.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. The covered bridge is scheduled to be closed on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from approximately 7:30am-5pm for work to be done on the lighting project.

The road crew will be assisting Davey Tree Co. in cutting trees for the power company along Spaulding Hill Road next Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Andrew spoke to the Board about emails received from John Kuczek, who owns property on Lost Mile Road in Newfane which continues into Dummerston. There are questions regarding the exact location of the boundaries between the two towns. Andrew will contact Bill Dalton from the Secretary of State's office and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

An email was received from Mary Ellen Copeland, the Chair of the Conservation Commission, regarding a proposed joint commissions meeting in March. No decision was made. Zeke agreed to get more information from the Conservation Commission about what they see as the purpose of the meeting, whether they anticipate it replacing our usual early summer "all boards and committees" meeting, and if they have discussed the idea with the Planning Commission, who usually organize the meeting.

On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Debra Forrett and Matthew Hoffman to four-year terms on the Planning Commission (terms to expire in March 2014).

The Board conducted a final review of the FY 2011 budget. On a motion by Wayne and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to approve a General Fund budget of \$481,614 and a Highway Fund budget of \$411,290 (total \$892,904).

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

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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