

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

March 10, 2010

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

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

Also Present: Elizabeth Catlin, Lee Chamberlin, Mary Ellen Copeland, John Evans, Casey Murrow, Jean & Harold Newell, Charlie Richardson, Mary Lou & Bill Schmidt, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from February 27th and March 2nd, as well as the payment of Warrants 19 & 19P.

The Board recognized Prospect Hill trustees, Mary Lou Schmidt and Elizabeth Catlin; Mary Ellen Copeland and Charlie Richardson from the Conservation Commission, and John Evans from the Dummerston Trails Committee. John presented a map of the proposed changes in the trail which accesses Prospect Hill. Charlie and Mary Ellen spoke about the need to keep the hill free of overgrowth. Some tree removal will need to be done by a professional logger in the not too distant future. Some discussion took place regarding the balance in the Prospect Hill Pasture Fund (currently \$13,146.18), most of which is invested in a Certificate of Deposit to mature in September 2010.

The Board recognized Casey Murrow from the Learning Collaborative, who spoke about the Collaborative's desire to purchase the former library building on Route 5. Negotiations are ongoing with the State of Vermont.

All five Board members agreed to sign the letter to Gov. Douglas regarding the VT Yankee resolution passed at Town Meeting.

The Board discussed correspondence received from Dawn Hubbard and Rich Cogliano regarding Emergency Management training. They agreed to ask Dawn and Rich to set up regional instead of individual training.

An email was received from Steve Glabach, requesting appointment to the Planning Commission. Applications for this vacancy will be accepted until 5pm on Wednesday, March 24th. Letters of interest should be sent to the Selectboard.

It was noted that the court filings reference the failed septic system at 270 West Street, not 72.

There was no update on the Dummerston/Newfane town line issue.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report to the Board. They reviewed the insurance appraisal for repairs to the 2007 Ford F550 and plow, which were damaged during a collision with the covered bridge on February 25th. On a motion by Wayne and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and sign the appraisal.

The new fixtures have not yet arrived for the covered bridge project.

On a motion from Zeke and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Public Notice for the May 19th hearing on the Stickney Brook Road alteration project.

The Board reviewed a letter written by Deborah Cook to VELCO regarding the heavy equipment use on Camp Arden and VELCO's response. Andrew will follow up with Deb.

On a motion by Tom and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Chad Farnum as First Constable for the ensuing year.

On a motion by Greg and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Zeke Goodband and Wayne Emery as Animal Control Officers for the ensuing year.

On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint the following town officers:

Regina Rockefeller	Planning Commission (4 years – term to expire in March 2014) Development Review Board (3 years – term to expire in March 2013) Housing Advisory Commission (3 years – term to expire in March 2013)
Herb Rest	Development Review Board (3 years – term to expire in March 2013)
Cindy Wilcox	Development Review Board (3 years – term to expire in March 2013)
Rick Sullivan	Development Review Board alternate (1 year)
John Warren	Development Review Board alternate (1 year)
John Anderson	Conservation Commission (2 years – term to expire in March 2012)
Pat Jaquith	Conservation Commission (2 years – term to expire in March 2012)
Bill McKim	Conservation Commission (2 years – term to expire in March 2012)
Greg Brown	Housing Advisory Commission (3 years – term to expire in March 2013) Police Advisory Board Liaison (1 year)
Andrew MacFarland	Housing Advisory Commission (3 years – term to expire in March 2013)
Diana Lischer-Goodband	Energy Committee (3 years – term to expire in March 2013)
Bob Sherwood	Energy Committee (3 years – term to expire in March 2013)
Suzanne Weinberg	Energy Committee (3 years – term to expire in March 2013)
Alex Wilson	Energy Committee (3 years – term to expire in March 2013)
Lee Chamberlin	Road Foreman (1 year)
Laurie Frechette	Selectboard Assistant (1 year)
Ruth Barton	Weigher of Coal (1 year)
Ron Svec	Poundkeeper (1 year)
Shorty Forrett	Poundkeeper (1 year) Inspector of Wood & Lumber (1 year) Cemetery Committee (1 year)
Ernie Clark	Fence Viewer (1 year)
Nelson Jillson	Fence Viewer (1 year) Farmland Protection Committee (1 year)
Harold Newell	Fence Viewer (1 year)
Pam McFadden	Current & Delinquent Tax Collector (1 year)
Michelle Cherrier	WSWMD Representative (1 year)
Lester Dunklee	WSWMD Representative (1 year)
Dawn Hubbard	Emergency Management Director (1 year)
Rita Ramirez	Town Service Officer (1 year)
Mark Brown	Green Up Day Chairman (1 year)
Heidi Fischer	Rescue, Inc. Representative (1 year)
Terry Chapman	Cemetery Committee (1 year)
Janice Duke	Cemetery Committee (1 year)
Tom Johnson	Cemetery Committee (1 year)
Jean Newell	Cemetery Committee (1 year) Social Services Advisory Committee (1 year)
Larry Cassidy	VT Community Development Program (1 year)
Jack Lilly	VT Community Development Program (1 year) Social Services Advisory Committee (1 year)

Jack Manix	VT Community Development Program (1 year) Farmland Protection Committee (1 year)
Dan Marx	CT River Joint Commission (1 year)
Doug Hamilton	E-911 Contact Person (1 year)
Vern Grubinger	Farmland Protection Committee (1 year)
Read Miller	Farmland Protection Committee (1 year)
Bill Schmidt	Farmland Protection Committee (1 year)
Roni Byrne	Social Services Advisory Committee (1 year)
Cindy Jerome	Social Services Advisory Committee (1 year)
Amanda McCulloch	Social Services Advisory Committee (1 year)
Jody Normandeau	Social Services Advisory Committee (1 year)
Sara Ryan	Social Services Advisory Committee (1 year)
Jane Sbardella	Social Services Advisory Committee (1 year)
Gail Sorenson	Social Services Advisory Committee (1 year)
John Wilcox	Social Services Advisory Committee (1 year)

Appointments of Town Health Officer, Windham Regional Commission representatives, Recreation Board members, Assistant Emergency Management Director, and Council on Aging Representative will be placed on next meeting's agenda.

The Board reviewed an application for a Special Event Permit from Kristen Carmichael-Bowers for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to be held at the Community Center on April 16th. The Board declined to sign the application; deciding it was not necessary as there won't be 2000 people present at the same time. Any decision to rent the Community Center is made by their Board of Trustees, not the Selectboard.

Tom moved to authorize the Chair or the Vice-Chair (in the Chair's absence) to sign on behalf of the Board time-sensitive written decisions or orders in the absence of a quorum. These will automatically be placed on the agenda for the following meeting for review and approval. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Chair or the Vice-Chair (in the Chair's absence) to examine and allow claims against the town for town expenses and draw orders for such claims to the party entitled to payment. The orders drawn by these Board members should be specific about the purpose for which they are drawn and will authorize the Treasurer to make the payments. At the following meeting, the full Selectboard must be provided with a record of orders drawn under this provision of law whenever orders are signed by less than a majority of the Board.

With no further business to come before the Board, at 8:53pm Greg moved to adjourn the meeting and reconvene as the Liquor Commission. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Commission reviewed a Liquor License renewal application from the Colonel's Cabin. On a motion by Wayne and second by Greg, it was approved 5-0.

With no further business to come before the Liquor Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant