

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

May 5, 2010

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

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

Not Present: Tom Bodett

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Jean Newell, Regina Rockefeller, Roger Turner (at 7:20pm) & Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Wayne and second by Zeke, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting minutes from April 21, as well as the payment of Warrants 23 & 23P.

The Board will send a letter to the Lydia Taft Pratt Library Board of Trustees requesting the library's cash flow report for FY 2009.

Town Auditor Jean Newell reported that Linda Aiken will be handing in her resignation from the Board of Auditors due to her pending move from Dummerston.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding last night's Planning Commission hearing on the proposed Town Plan revisions. The Selectboard's public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday June 9th at 7pm.

Road Foreman Lee Chamberlin presented his report. He went over a list of prioritized upcoming culvert/bridge projects. Lee suggested to the Board that they consider creating a Structures Reserve Fund and put any future surpluses from the highway fund into this reserve. The Board agreed with the concept and will discuss it further at budget time.

Lee reported that gravel crushing will begin tomorrow in the Carpenter Pit; the abutting neighbors have been notified.

Zeke spoke to the Board about the large oak tree at the west end of the covered bridge. Tree Warden Charlie Richardson and arborist Godfrey Renaud have examined the tree and believe that it is actually helping to hold the wing wall together. It will be evaluated further once the renovation project begins.

Andrew reported on the recent test of the new covered bridge lights. The majority of the Board liked the LED lights and the gable light at the end of the bridge. June 26 has been set as the date for the bridge to be closed and the new lights to be installed.

Roger Turner spoke to the Board about the legislature's proposed changes to the state's regional planning commissions and what effect this may have on individual towns.

The Board reviewed a letter sent by Andrew to the Newfane Selectboard inviting them to a combined meeting to discuss the Dummerston/Newfane town line.

Greg reported that the Learning Collaborative is preparing a counter-offer to the State for the former regional library building.

Greg reported that the 1100' well drilled in Dutton Pines only produced approximately 1 gallon per minute for the trailer park on Route 5.

On a motion by Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted 4-0 to recommend Zeke Goodband's appointment as the Town's Health Officer. This recommendation will be sent to the VT Dept. of Health.

Wayne moved to enter Executive Session to discuss real estate options and performance evaluations. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 4-0. Lee and Laurie were invited to stay for the real estate option discussion. They left the meeting at 8:50pm.

The Board left Executive Session at 9:15pm with no action taken.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant