

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

May 19, 2010

This meeting was called to order at 7:14pm at the Dummerston Community Center in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Charlotte Annis, Ginny Carter, Lee Chamberlin, Ann Davis (at 7:20pm), Jared Flynn, Pam McFadden, Jean Momaney, Jean & Harold Newell, Paul Normandeau, Dan Snow, Mary Tyler, Lewis White, & Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from May 5, as well as the payment of Warrants 24 & 24P.

The Board recognized Jean Momaney, Mary Tyler and Ginny Carter from the Community Center's Board of Trustees. Jean spoke about the increasing costs of running the Community Center, especially the drastically increased insurance premium, and asked the Board about the possibility of the Town absorbing this cost in the future. She also presented estimates for refinishing the hardwood floor in the front room. Andrew and Tom explained that these expenditures were not included in either the FY 2010 or 2011 budgets and encouraged the trustees to come back to them at budget time in the fall. Pam McFadden urged the Selectboard to consider including needed repairs to the Community Center in the Capital Budget Plan.

The Board recognized Town Clerk Pam McFadden and Paul Normandeau, members of the ad-hoc Traffic Calming Committee, who presented the committee's request to be appointed by the Selectboard as an official town committee. After some discussion on the pros and cons of having another official town committee, it was decided to table the request until more information is received from the requesting members.

Pam McFadden, in her role as Delinquent Tax Collector, advised the Board that a tax sale has been scheduled for July 13th for the Cleon Barrows property at 360 Hill Road.

Road Foreman Lee Chamberlin presented his report. The Mine Safety Hazard Association (MSHA) inspection has been done of the Carpenter Gravel Pit. No violations were found for the town.

The following bids were received and opened for the stone work rebuilding to be done on the Tucker Reed Road Bridge: Jared Flynn - \$15,000; Dan Snow - \$16,000. No decision was made; the paperwork needs to be sent to the grant administrator at VT AOT for approval.

The Board reviewed a Curb Cut application for Chris Bell on Hescoc Road. On a motion by Wayne and second by Zeke, the application was approved 5-0.

There was no update on the covered bridge grant.

Wayne moved to accept with regret the resignation of Linda Aiken as Town Auditor. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 5-0. Andrew will send a letter of thanks to Linda. Laurie was asked to post the vacancy on the town's website, along with the usual three posting places around town.

On a motion by Tom and second by Greg, the Board voted 4-1 to approve a proposed resolution for an upcoming Afghanistan Peace Corps Reunion.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding recent emails from a member of the Planning Commission and responses, along with the application of the open meeting law. Zeke suggested holding a workshop on the Open Meeting Law and encouraging the attendance of all official Town boards, commissions and committees.

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

Zeke reported on his May 15th visit as interim health officer to 52 Johnson's Curve Road. He does not believe there is any public health threat.

Greg gave a brief update on the former regional library building.

Lewis White advised the Board that his employer, who manufactures window quilts, is donating one to be used in the Town Office's restroom.

At 9:04pm, Greg moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. Wayne seconded the motion; it passed 5-0. Laurie was invited to stay for the Executive Session.

At 9:26pm, the Board left Executive Session and the regular meeting reconvened.

On a motion by Greg and second from Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the counter-offer to the State of Vermont on the former regional library building.

On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to contract with Stevens & Associates for \$3000 to perform a feasibility study on a possible gravel source.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant