

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

June 16, 2010

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

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

Also Present: John Anderson, Ruth Barton (at 8:55pm), Ginny Carter, Lee Chamberlin, Chris Garofolo from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Catherine Dianich Gruver (at 7:12pm), Lynn Levine, Harold Newell, Jody & Paul Normandeau, Charlie Richardson, Regina Rockefeller, Bill Schmidt, John Warren, 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 19 and June 2; to ratify Warrants 25 & 25P, as well as the payment of Warrants 26 & 26P.

Much discussion took place on the draft Town Plan, especially the Commercial Overlay sections along RT 5 and RT 30. Any changes made by the Selectboard must be submitted to the Planning Commission at least 15 days prior to the Board's public hearing. On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to set the date/time for the Public Hearing on the draft Town Plan as July 21, 2010 at 7pm at the Evening Star Grange.

Tom reported that Joel Perrigo will be the state's project manager for the Covered Bridge project. Wayne expressed his concern about the dip in the road at the east end of the bridge. He also voiced his opinion that the large tree on the RT 30 end of the bridge should be taken down in the very near future as the roots are pushing the wing wall away from the bank. Zeke and Tree Warden, Charlie Richardson stated that the roots may actually be holding the wall together. They both feel that the tree is very healthy and should not be removed at this time.

The Town has received notice that the federal funding has been allocated for the Tucker Reed Road bridge project. On a motion by Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to award the contract to Jared Flynn.

The Board received notification of inclusion in the 2010 High Risk Rural Roads Program for Middle Road (between RT 5 and Dutton Farm Road).

Lee reminded the Board that the Covered Bridge will be closed from 7am-5pm (approximately) on June 26th for the lighting upgrade. The bridge will be open for emergency vehicles.

Greg requested that Lee have the graffiti removed from road signs along Middle Road and East-West Road.

Charlie Richardson reported that a large sugar maple in the Baptist Cemetery was damaged in the recent storm and needs to be taken down. On a motion by Wayne and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize payment not to exceed \$2200 to Turner & Renaud for the tree removal.

Harold Newell spoke to the Board as a deacon of the Baptist Church about the maintenance of the cemetery and reported that the leaves are not being removed by the lawn care company; simply dumped over the stone wall onto the adjacent property. They should be removed before the tree work is done. He also reported that the tree company's boom truck broke through the old, no longer used septic system next to the Baptist Church. The highway crew will take care of filling it in with dirt.

The Board reviewed a request from the School Nurse for funding for an eye exam and glasses from the Miller Fund. On a motion by Wayne and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to grant the request not to exceed \$290.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to request the “softening” of the proposed T-intersection for RT 5 and Middle Road.

Zeke and Andrew will attend the June 17th meeting of the Newfane Selectboard to discuss the Dummerston/Newfane town line. Andrew thanked Town Clerk, Pam McFadden for her extensive research of this matter.

On a motion by Tom and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the FY 2011 contract with the Windham County Sheriff’s Department.

Greg reported on the recent State Police Advisory Board meeting. Since January 1st, the State Police have responded to 175 incidents in Dummerston; 26 of these being on Routes 5, 30 or 91.

Andrew will send a letter to the Lydia Taft Pratt Board of Trustees once again requesting their FY 2009 financial report.

Regina Rockefeller presented the Board with her letter of resignation from the Development Review Board. Zeke moved to accept her resignation with regret. Tom seconded the motion with sadness and it passed 5-0.

Harold Newell questioned the Board on the status of the rubbish at 270 West Street. Zeke reported (as Health Officer) that he had investigated the situation; the bags contain clothing and toys, not actual garbage so there is no health issue involved.

At 9:34pm, Wayne moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. Tom seconded the motion; it passed 5-0. Laurie and Lee were invited to stay for the Executive Session.

At 9:53pm, the Board left Executive Session with no action taken.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant