

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

June 30, 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, and Zeke Goodband

Not Present: Wayne Emery

Also Present: Maria & Steve Glabach, Ron Hubbard, Jody Normandeau, Tom Simeon, Gail Sorenson, Lew Sorenson (at 8:42pm), Mark Whitaker, Lewis White, & Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting minutes from May 19 and June 16, and the payment of Warrants 27, 27P and Cemetery Fund-6.

The Board recognized Mark Whitaker who voiced his concern and displeasure with an email sent by Planning Commission member Elizabeth Catlin to a quorum of the Planning Commission and the Selectboard. Much discussion ensued, with the Board agreeing that the Commission's public process should have been handled better. At Greg's suggestion, the Selectboard will schedule a joint meeting in early September with the Planning Commission to map out the process for the zoning bylaw rewrite throughout the next year.

Comment:

Steve Glabach spoke to the Board about his concerns regarding the proposed T-intersection of Middle Road and Route 5. Jody Normandeau urged the Board to push VTrans to abandon the T-intersection plans and to construct a passing lane for northbound traffic on Route 5. Andrew will send an email to Matt Mann at Windham Regional reminding him of the Board's concerns.

Tom updated the Board on the status of the Covered Bridge grant. We have received a draft RFP from Stevens & Associates and are waiting for a signed grant agreement from the State. On a motion by Greg and second by Zeke, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the issuance of the RFP per VTrans approval.

Work on the Tucker Reed Road bridge is to begin on July 6th. Lewis White asked to have the pent gates on Nourse Hollow Road opened for the two weeks that the bridge will be closed.

The pothole at the east end of the covered bridge and the hole in the roof of the bridge are scheduled to be fixed on Friday, July 2nd. The fire department will be washing the bridge deck at 6:30pm on July 6th.

The Board briefly reviewed the FY 2009 financial statements from the Lydia Taft Pratt Library trustees. Laurie asked that the Selectboard and Town Auditors firmly request these reports be submitted in a more timely fashion.

The Board reviewed emails from former Zoning Administrator, Jean Momaney and DRB Chair, Herb Rest regarding the recent postponed/recessed/rescheduled DRB site visit and hearing.

Andrew and Zeke will meet with members of the Newfane Selectboard on July 7th on Lost Mile Road to identify the town line.

Greg briefly updated the Board on the upcoming purchase of the former regional library building. Lewis and Jody questioned whether the Town can have the right of first refusal should the Learning Collaborative decide to sell the building in the future. All agreed this is a good idea.

On a motion by Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 4-0 at 8:51pm to recess the meeting and immediately reconvene as the Liquor Commission.

A Liquor Catering request from the Riverview Café for a farm dinner at the Sweet Tree Farm on July 28th from 5-10pm was reviewed. On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the request was approved 4-0.

A Liquor Catering request from the Harvest Moon Restaurant & Catering for a wedding at the Scott Farm on July 24th from 3-11pm was reviewed. Zeke recused himself from the discussion and vote. On a motion by Tom and second by Greg, the request was approved 3-0.

The Liquor Commission deliberations were ended and the regular meeting reconvened at 8:54pm.

On a motion by Zeke and second by Tom, the Board voted 4-0 to enter Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. Laurie was invited to stay for the Executive Session.

At 9:06pm, the Board left Executive Session with no action taken.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Tom Bodett, Vice-Chair

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant