

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

July 28, 2010

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

Members Present: Vice-Chair Tom Bodett, Greg Brown, and Zeke Goodband

Not Present: Andrew MacFarland and Wayne Emery

Also Present: Rebecca & Theresa Chapman, Thom Chiofalo, Brenda Davis, Casey Donovan, Jared Flynn, Deb Forrett, Chris Garofolo from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Maria & Steve Glabach, George Goodrich, Nelson Jillson, Regina Rockefeller (at 7:20), Tom Simeon, Claudia Teachman-Blocher, Tom Vickers, Mark Whitaker, Lewis White, Les Wyse, & Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the meeting minutes from July 14 & the public hearing minutes from July 21.

On a motion from Greg and second by Zeke, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 2, 2P & Cemetery Fund-1.

The Board recognized Thom Chiofalo from the Rock River Preservation Land Trust who spoke about several issues with the swimming areas along the Rock River and West River, i.e. parking along Route 30, sanitation, etc. He would like the towns of Dummerston and Newfane to request a seasonal lower speed limit of 35 mph on Route 30 in that area from the VT AOT. The two Selectboards will be meeting on August 19th at the Newfane Town Offices (**this meeting has since been cancelled – the new date is TBA**).

Several residents in attendance spoke of their disapproval of Tom Bodett's contacting Chris Garofolo from the *Reformer* to express his displeasure with the recent article about last week's public hearing on the Town Plan. Tom stepped aside and Greg took over as acting Chair at 7:25pm. A lengthy and heated discussion ensued.

At approximately 8:45pm, Tom continued as acting Chair and briefly updated the Board on the covered bridge grant project; it is still on schedule.

All Board members received an invitation to the VT Emergency Management budget meeting on August 26th; Greg will attend.

The Board reviewed a request from Curtiss Reed to participate in an advertisement campaign condemning the recent vandalism at the covered bridge and the quarry. On a motion by Zeke and second from Greg, the Board voted 3-0 to send the following response: "Rather than call further attention to these unfortunate events, we respectfully decline to participate."

The Board decided to not pursue an insurance claim with VLCT for the bridge abutment vandalism.

The Board reviewed a request from Rescue, Inc. to sponsor a joint towns meeting on August 18th, which will be hosted by the Town of Putney at their fire station. On a motion from Greg and second by Zeke, the request was approved 3-0. Laurie will send out the invitations tomorrow by email.

Greg updated the Board on the former regional library building. Greg moved to publish the warning for the special Town Meeting as prepared by the Town Attorney. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 3-0. Voting will be by paper ballot.

On a motion by Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 3-0 to sign the FY 2010 RERP Financial Report.

The Board discussed the appointment of John Warren to the Development Review Board. It was agreed that the opening should be posted so that any interested residents may apply for the position.

The next Selectboard meeting will be held on August 11th at 7pm in the Community Center.

At 8:47pm, Zeke moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 3-0. Laurie was invited to stay for the Executive Session.

At 9:13pm, the Board left Executive Session with no action taken.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14pm.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Vice-Chair

Greg Brown

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant