

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

October 20, 2010

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

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

Also Present: Jean Momaney, Terry Chapman, Paul Normandeau, Mark Whitaker, Ginny Carter, Brenda Davis, Chris Garofolo from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Matt Mann from the Windham Regional Commission, Capt. Robert Lakin from the Windham County Sheriff's Dept., Chris Buckley from the VT State Police, Carrie Doyle from the VT Land Trust, Rock River Preservation Group members Thom Chiofalo, Chris Keefe, Bruce Landenberger & Rick Dodge, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Wayne, the Board voted 3-0 (with 2 abstentions) to approve the meeting minutes from October 6th.

On a motion from Zeke and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 8, 8P & RB-3.

Much discussion took place regarding the parking issues along Route 30, near the access to the Rock River swimming area. No parking lines and signs have been painted and installed along the west side, close to Depot Road; enforcement is needed. Tom moved to have the Dummerston Selectboard write a letter to the State Traffic Committee requesting a lower 3-month seasonal speed limit; a blinking yellow caution light at the southern end of the bridge; restricted parking on the west side of RT 30, and at least one marked crosswalk. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 5-0. Greg would like to have logistical advice from the Windham Regional Commission.

Jean Momaney asked when the green iron bridge will be open for traffic. Wayne responded that it will be at least two more months, due to unforeseen rust issues.

Paul Normandeau questioned the appointment of members of the Corridor Study Committee and its composition of local residents. He spoke of his feeling that a sense of bias may be perceived if residents living in the RT 5 or RT 30 corridors serve on this committee. Paul suggested that an independent group be appointed to do the study, preferably made up of some or all people from out of town with no interest, real or perceived, in the outcome of the study. Greg explained that a diverse group of Dummerston citizens will make up the advisory group, with technical assistance to be provided by Windham Regional Commission.

The Board reviewed the FY 2012 contract for Rescue, Inc. The cost to the Town will increase by \$785. Tom moved to approve the contract; Greg seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

A request was received from Hannah Robinson and Sonny Cole to use the Town Common (in conjunction with the Grange Hall) for their wedding reception on either June 25 or July 2, 2011. The request was tabled under further information is received.

The Board reviewed the Cemetery Mowing Bid specs. Laurie will send the advertisement to the *Reformer* for publication; bids will be due by November 17th and opened at that evening's meeting.

Andrew advised the Board that a meeting with Rick Manson from The Richard Group will be held on November 4th at 8:30am to discuss PACIF insurance. A meeting will be held with VLCT on November 3rd at 10am to discuss health insurance. Laurie will warn both meetings and send reminders.

Zeke and Tom reported on the recent interviews for the DRB alternate position. On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Jack Lilly to the DRB as an alternate. Andrew will call both candidates to inform them of the Board's decision.

There was no update on the SB Land Partnership Bond Account.

As Health Officer, Zeke informed the Board that the dog removed from Arthur Phaneuf's residence was euthanized at the Humane Society. The other dogs have since been vaccinated and licensed.

Greg reported that the Learning Collaborative is requesting that the closing on the former regional library building be postponed from November 15th to the 24th.

The Board discussed and approved the FY 2012 budget schedule.

On a motion by Wayne and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to sign a Better Back Roads Grant application for a project on East-West Road near the Covered Bridge.

Zeke will invite Michelle Cherrier, the Town's representative to the WSWMD to the November 3rd meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant