

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

March 9, 2011

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

Members Present: Chair Tom Bodett, Greg Brown, Zeke Goodband, Lewis White

Absent: Bill Holiday

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Brenda Davis, Atty. Jodi French, Mark Whitaker, Michelle Cherrier (at 8:05pm), and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting minutes from February 23rd & March 1st.

On a motion from Lewis and second by Zeke, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 18 & 18P.

The Board opened a Public Concerns Session regarding the Covered Bridge wing wall project. No concerns were expressed by those present.

The Board recognized Atty. Jodi French, who spoke about the SB Land Partnership bond item. As all requested changes had been made and the Board felt comfortable with the new reclamation agreement, Greg moved to authorize Tom to sign it. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Board recognized Mark Whitaker, who spoke about the reappointment process for Planning Commission members. He would like all interested persons to be considered for positions when they come up for reappointment, not just the incumbents. The Board agreed with him; Greg will draft a policy for reappointments and bring it to the next meeting.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin reported on the most recent ice/rain storm. He and the Board discussed an email from Doug Morton regarding drainage problems at 384 East-West Road. Lee will meet with him and Tom will respond to his email.

The specs have been sent out for the new dump truck and body. All bids are due back by March 23rd. Lee asked that the Board open the bids on the 23rd and award the bid at the April 6th meeting.

Tom spoke to the Board about the Renaud Gravel Pit and asked that everyone come up with a list of items to be included in the lease agreement.

An email was received from Jody Normandeau requesting that the Board not reappoint her to the Social Services Advisory Committee. Laurie was asked to have the vacancy posted on the website.

The Board reviewed a draft of the Pre-Hazard Mitigation plan. Greg will attend the meeting on March 31st with the plan committee.

Greg and Lewis will attend the Dept. of Liquor Control's training for Town Liquor Commissioners on March 29th.

Letters of interest were received from Brenda Davis, Bill Schmidt and Mark Whitaker to serve on the Planning Commission. Brenda and Bill will be interviewed at 6pm on March 23rd; the interviews for Annamarie and Mark will be held at 6pm on April 6th.

Registration forms for the Spring 2011 Town Officers' Education Conferences were reviewed; this topic will be added to the March 23rd agenda.

An email from Dinah Reed at the Windham Regional Commission regarding the formation of a Regional Technology Team was reviewed. Tom will contact Paul Normandeau to see if he is interested in representing the Town.

Notice of a March 24th meeting with the State of VT regarding Dutton Pines State Park was received. Greg will contact the State to ascertain exactly what the topic of the meeting will be.

A letter from the Board to Lisa Blake regarding burial policies in the Taft Cemetery was approved for Tom's signature. This motion was made by Greg and seconded by Lewis.

On a motion by Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint the following Town officials for one-year terms:

Road Foreman	Lee Chamberlin
First Constable	Chad Farnum
Animal Control Officer	Zeke Goodband
Selectboard Assistant	Laurie Frechette
Current & Delinquent Tax Collector	Pam McFadden
WSWMD Representative (1 of 2)	Michelle Cherrier
Town Service Officer	Rita Ramirez
E911 Contact Person	Douglas Hamilton
Police Advisory Board Liaison	Greg Brown

Zeke recused himself from the meeting at 8:37pm and left the table. The Board discussed an email from Kelly Carlin at the Scott Farm regarding an assurance by Cindy Wilcox of the Planning Commission that the Scott Farm would be able to hold weddings during the summer of 2011; that the zoning issues would be resolved by then. Board members were confused as to how that timeline was decided upon. Tom will invite Cindy, Reg Rockefeller and representatives from the Scott Farm to attend the March 23rd meeting.

On a motion by Greg and second by Lewis, the Board voted 3-0 to recess the meeting and immediately convene as the Liquor Commission.

The Liquor Commission reviewed a request from Windham Wines to cater a wedding at the Scott Farm on July 9, 2011 from 4-10pm. After much discussion, Greg moved to defer any action until the March 23rd meeting. Lewis seconded the motion; it was defeated 2-1.

Following more discussion, Lewis moved to approve the catering request. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 3-0.

The Selectboard meeting reconvened at 8:55pm and Zeke rejoined the Board at the table.

The Board will hold a Goals Work Session on April 13th at 7pm at the Town Office.

The Board will sponsor an All Boards/Committees/Commissions meeting at 7pm on June 8th (site TBA).

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chair

Zeke Goodband, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant