

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

May 18, 2011

This meeting was called to order at 6:00pm at the Carpenter Gravel Pit in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Road Foreman Lee Chamberlin; Putney Selectboard members Josh Laughlin, Scott Henry, Brad King; Putney Town Manager Chris Ryan; Putney Road Foreman Dennis Wilson

The two road foremen told the group they expect to be able to get gravel out of this pit for at least two more years and sand for many more than that. The group toured the sand and gravel portions of the pit. The meeting was recessed at 6:41pm.

The meeting reconvened at the Dummerston Town Offices at 7:05pm. All Board members were present. Also present at this meeting: Mary Ellen Copeland, Atty. Jodi French, Casey Murrow, Atty. Fletcher Proctor, Harold & Jean Newell, Rick Davis (at 7:45pm), Dan Normandeau (at 7:54pm), Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Lewis and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from May 4th, the ratification of Warrant 22A and the payment of Warrants 23, 23P, CF-3 & RB-8.

The Board recognized Town Attorney Jodi French, Casey Murrow from the Learning Collaborative, and the Collaborative's attorney Fletcher Proctor. Jodi explained the need to have the Purchase & Sales Agreement listed as an agenda item under "Unfinished Business", not under "Visitors & Public Comments" in order for action to be taken.

The Board learned that the Town now has the right of first refusal, should the Collaborative decide to sell the property after the purchase. The State has withdrawn their requirement of first refusal (Jodi had emailed this information to Greg on March 24th). Due to an email snafu, this information had not been received or distributed to the remaining Board members. It was agreed that all communications shall also be sent to Laurie for distribution and to be kept as public record.

Zeke stated that he would like the Town to have a 10-year right of first refusal at the \$45,000 sale price, plus improvements. Greg questioned whether it would be possible to attach the Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement to the property title.

After much discussion, it was agreed that this subject will be added to the June 1st meeting agenda.

The Board recognized Mary Ellen Copeland, the Chair of the Conservation Commission. Discussion took place about the composition of the Commission and the Selectboard's wish for a diversified membership. Mary Ellen advised that David Greenewalt, Jeanne Michaud and Dana Aquadro may be interested in joining the Commission. Letters of interest should be submitted to the Selectboard by May 31st and interviews will be scheduled accordingly.

There was no update on the Covered Bridge Wingwall Project.

On a motion by Lewis and second by Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to approve Fairpoint's Petition and Order for pole replacements near 682 Miller Road and on Waterman Road.

The Board briefly reviewed the May Treasurer's Report. Zeke commended Delinquent Tax Collector Pam McFadden for collecting over \$50,000 in delinquent taxes to date.

Correspondence for information included: a report from VT Secretary of Administration re: State-Owned property values for FY 2012 PILOT payment; application for Certificate of Public Good for interconnected net metered power systems for Scott Farm on Kipling Road.

Tom reported that he will be attending the May 24th WSESU Boards Meeting to discuss the proposed Sovernet broadband project which will bring a fiber optic line into the school.

Discussion of the proposed Events Permit was postponed until the June 1st meeting.

On a motion by Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to sign Trailer Park Licenses for the VT Housing Foundation on RT 5 and Amy Dews on School House Road.

Lewis spoke to the Board about the War Memorial in West Dummerston Village. It was agreed that Tom will send letters of thanks to Shorty Forrett, Harold Newell and Jack Manix for their donations of time, energy, flags, and flowers and ask them to continue their good works.

Lewis gave a brief update of recent visits to two of the five town-owned cemeteries.

Lewis moved to recess the meeting at 8:54pm and immediately convene as the Liquor Commission. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Commission reviewed a Liquor Catering License application from the Putney Inn for a wedding to be held at the Scott Farm on June 25, 2011 from 4:30-11pm. Zeke recused himself from the discussion and the vote. Dan Normandeau spoke against issuance of the catering license; expressing his belief that no licenses should be issued while the Scott Farm is not in compliance with the current zoning bylaw. On a motion by Greg and second by Bill, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the catering license application.

At 9:15pm, the Selectboard reconvened their meeting.

The Board reviewed upcoming agenda items and Board members were asked to send their vacation schedules to Laurie as soon as possible.

At 9:30pm, Lewis moved and Greg seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and real estate contract negotiations. Rick Davis was invited to join the Board in the Executive Session.

The Board ended the Executive Session at 10:40pm. Greg moved to direct the Town's Attorney to include the Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement in the deed for the former Regional Library Building and to give Greg the authorization to write a first refusal clause at \$45,000 plus improvement minus depreciation. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chair

Zeke Goodband, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant
Zeke Goodband, Clerk