

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

June 15, 2011

This meeting was called to order at 6:45pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Town Attorney, Jodi French

On a motion from Greg and second by Lewis, the Board voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. Attorney French was invited to join them.

The Executive Session was recessed at 7:20pm on a motion by Greg and second by Bill.

At 7:25pm, Greg moved to reconvene the Executive Session. It was seconded by Bill and approved 4-1. Casey Murrow, Fletcher Proctor, Paul Smith and Julie Peterson were invited to join the Board, as well as Town Attorney, Jodi French.

Executive Session ended at 7:55pm, on a motion by Lewis and second by Bill. All except the Selectboard members left the building.

Cindy Wilcox, Dan Normandeau and Laurie Frechette joined the meeting.

On a motion by Greg and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes of June 1st and 8th, along with the payment of Warrants 25, 25P, EC1 and CC2.

Discussion of the proposed purchase and sale of the former regional library property was tabled until the next meeting. Attorneys French and Proctor will present options at that time.

Zeke moved to sign the FY 2012 Annual Financial Plan for VTrans. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

On a motion by Lewis and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to sign a Curb Cut Permit for Dustin Manix at 564 Nourse Hollow Road.

There was no update on the Renaud Gravel Pit.

Tom reported that the State has not yet approved the plans for the Covered Bridge Wingwall Project.

The Board reviewed Bill McKim's letter of resignation from the Conservation Commission. Zeke moved to accept it "with regret"; Greg seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Letters were received from Eesha Williams, Marguerite DeMotte, Lisa Blake and Stewart McDermott encouraging the Board to investigate having bus service in town. Zeke will contact Eesha and recommend that he get in touch with the Energy Committee and the ad-hoc Traffic Committee.

Greg agreed to attend the 6/20 Town Mitigation Plan meeting.

Tom reported on his recent conversation with David Baxendale of SB Land Partnership regarding the reclamation agreement account. This should be taken care of in the near future.

The Board reviewed the 2011-2012 contract with the Windham County Sheriff's Department. On a motion by Zeke and second by Bill, the Board voted 4-1 to approve the contract.

Lewis will write a letter to Assistant Emergency Management Director, Larry Lynch, confirming the \$1000 quarterly stipend payment for FY 2012.

Discussion of the proposed 2011-2012 contract with the Windham County Humane Society was tabled until the June 29th meeting.

On a motion by Lewis and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the 2011 Certificate – No Appeal or Suit Pending from the Board of Listers.

The Board discussed the possibility of implementing an Interim Zoning Bylaw to add social, educational and cultural events up to a certain size to the list of exemptions to the current Zoning Bylaw, Section 701. The interim bylaw could remain in effect for up to 2 years, or until the Zoning Bylaw rewrite process is complete, whichever comes first. Tom reported on his discussion with VLCT attorney, Jim Barlow, who suggested this idea as a stopgap measure to allow local businesses and organizations to hold such events without incurring penalties while the Town works on the actual update of the zoning bylaws. A discussion ensued between Tom and Dan Normandeau, who disagreed with this option, suggesting that it is not to be assumed that such events will be permitted in the new Zoning Bylaw. Tom pointed out that such activities on agricultural lands are encouraged in the new Town Plan and it is highly likely the new Zoning Bylaw will reflect that.

Tom explained the public process for adopting an Interim Bylaw requires a public hearing conducted by the Selectboard with a 15 day warning once language for the bylaw has been established and accepted by the Selectboard. Once the hearing is closed, the Selectboard may convene a regular or special meeting to discuss the matter and vote to adopt, amend, or reject with immediate effect.

Greg offered some ideas which use the verbiage "allowed events" rather than "permitted events", so that a permit wouldn't necessarily be needed; providing that a specified number of attendees and/or a specified frequency were not exceeded. On a motion from _____? and a second by _____? the board voted 5-0 to request the Zoning Bylaw Rewrite Committee discuss some specific language for an Interim Bylaw at their June 27th meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chair

Zeke Goodband, Clerk

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