

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

July 25, 2011

This meeting was called to order at 1:26pm at the Southeastern Vermont Learning Collaborative (SVLC) in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Paul Smith, Casey Murrow, Amelia Stone, Julie Peterson, Lyn Haas, State Senator Jeanette White, Susan Wooster

Participating by speaker phone: Jeff Lively, Michael Obuchowski and Wanda ??

Tom gave a summary of the SVLC/Town of Dummerston history. Amelia Stone gave a summary of these events from the SVLC perspective. Jeanette White filled in some gaps regarding the State of Vermont's involvement.

Jeff Lively explained Act 43 from 2009, at the end of the day, the State has no requirement to sell to one party or another; has the freedom to sell to convey to either party.

Tom spoke of the problem of legal fees. The Town Meeting did not authorize the expenditure of funds.

The possibility of the State dealing directly with the SVLC was discussed. Michael Obuchowski said that would require a letter from the Selectboard requesting that and sending it to him. Jeff Lively left the conference call at 2pm; Michael Obuchowski and Wanda left at 2:05pm.

The group then discussed working through the remaining issues (legal fees) and a timeline for resolving them. Tom stated that the SVLC is not automatically property tax exempt and would have to ask voters at the next Town Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chair

Zeke Goodband, Clerk

Submitted by: Zeke Goodband, Clerk