

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

July 27, 2011

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

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

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Mary Ellen Copeland, Susan Daigler, Doug Hamilton, Pam McFadden, Brian Siano & Fred Cheney from Lane Construction, Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from July 13th and 25th, as well as the payment of Warrants 2 and 2P.

The Board recognized Mary Ellen Copeland, the Chair of the Conservation Commission, who reported that the Windham County Soil Conservation Commission has asked the Town to take over the maintenance of the Rain Garden, located at the Park & Ride on RT 30. Zeke and Bill will look at what needs to be done, meet with Mary Ellen, and report back to the Board. Mary Ellen left the meeting at 7:11pm.

The Board opened paving bids from Lane Construction (\$77.95 per ton) and Springfield Paving (\$76.70 per ton). Greg moved to award the bid to Springfield Paving pending comparison of conditions. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 5-0. The gentlemen from Lane Construction left the meeting.

On a motion by Greg and second by Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to approve Curb Cut Permits for Jennifer Brown and Natalie Brennan on Canoe Brook Road and the Meadows Estate on Middle Road.

Tom went over the projected timeline for the opening of the Renaud Gravel Pit.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Thom Chiofalo and Cris White regarding the parking and safety issues along RT 30 near Rock River. On a motion by Zeke and second by Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to send a letter to VTrans endorsing their requests for safety measures.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. The roadside mowing has been completed. The new dump truck will be picked up on Monday. The Stickney Brook Road project is scheduled to begin on August 4th.

Correspondence for Information included: fire alarm reports for Town Office, Highway Garage and Covered Bridge; Wastewater System Permit for Dustin & Cortney Manix on East West/Nourse Hollow Roads; letter from VT ANR to David Baker re: wastewater system at 713 East West Road; memo from VLCT PACIF re: casualty coverage.

Zeke updated the Board on Arthur Phaneuf's dogs at 140 Camp Arden Road. They are still unlicensed at this time; the deadline he was given is July 29th at 3pm. The dogs are supposed to be chained and/or confined at all times. Many complaints have been received about these vicious dogs. After some discussion, Lewis moved to have the dogs picked up and destroyed. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

No action was taken on the Go Vermont Pilot Program; the Energy Committee is working on this.

Zeke moved to accept Matthew Hoffman's resignation from the Planning Commission and subcommittees with regret. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Sheriff's Department regarding their proposed animal control services. Zeke will invite Sheriff Clark to attend the August 24th meeting.

On a motion by Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize Tom's signature on the VLCT Health Trust Carrier Choice form.

The Board reviewed a letter sent by the VT Dept. of Taxes to the Board of Listers regarding homestead classifications. On a motion by Zeke and second by Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to waive the 8% penalty for late-filed HS-131 forms.

Greg, Tom and Zeke reported on the recent meeting with the Learning Collaborative (SVLC) and the State. It is possible for the Town to withdraw from the entire process, leaving the State to negotiate directly with SVLC. Legal fees incurred by the Town to date total \$3515.40. The Town Attorney's estimate of costs related to a direct closing is \$2500-5000. Greg moved to authorize Tom to write a letter to Commissioner Obuchowski withdrawing the Town from participation in the transaction and endorsing the sale to SVLC. Bill seconded the motion. Lewis adamantly requested SVLC's written agreement to pay the Town's legal fees before a letter of endorsement is sent. After much discussion, Greg withdrew his original motion, and moved to present SVLC with an invoice for legal expenses incurred to date along with the information received from Atty. Jodi French. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Tom presented the Board with the escrow account paperwork for the SB Land Partnership Reclamation Agreement. On a motion by Greg and second by Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize Tom's signature on this agreement. Lewis and Greg will check with Atty. Fisher's office to see if the Town's attorney can be the signer instead of the Selectboard Chair.

The Board recognized Delinquent Tax Collector, Pam McFadden who reported that the Colonel's Cabin is now two months in arrears in making the scheduled payments on their delinquent taxes. Zeke moved to authorize Pam to begin tax sale proceedings immediately. Lewis seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

On a motion by Greg and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to sign three Certificates of Amendment to the 2011 Grand List (dated 7/21, 7/26 & 7/27).

On a motion by Lewis and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the FY 2012 RERP Grant Agreement.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Approved

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Zeke Goodband, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant