

# UNAPPROVED

## SELECTBOARD MINUTES

October 5, 2011

This meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Lewis White at 7:00pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Not Present: Tom Bodett

Also Present: Ruth Barton, Lee Chamberlin, Susan Daigler, Rick Davis, Larry Lynch, Pam & Rich McFadden, Jean Momaney, David Patriquin, Bruce Pollock from the American Red Cross, Bess Richardson, Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Bill, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting minutes from September 21st, as well as the payment of Warrants 7 and 7P.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Rick Davis and his emergency management team of: Larry Lynch, Ruth Barton, Susan Daigler, Jean Momaney, David Patriquin and Bess Richardson. Rick reported on the recent flooding associated with Tropical Storm Irene. Larry commended Jean and Bess on their communications during the storm. The Board thanked Rick and his team for the terrific job they did before, during and after the storm.

The Board invited Bruce Pollock from the American Red Cross to join them at the table. Rick spoke of the possibility of using the Community Center as an evacuation shelter. Bruce will look into this possibility and meet with Rick in the near future.

Much discussion took place regarding the evacuation plans for Dummerston students (both elementary and high school). The current plan calls for students to be bused to the Reception Center at Bellows Falls Union High School and then sent to either Townshend, Chester or Springfield to be picked up by their families. The proposed new plans calls for a specific designated meeting place for each school, i.e. Putney Central School for Dummerston. The Board expressed their concern that Putney Central is located too close to the "10 mile radius" for VT Yankee and that it may make more sense for our elementary students to "shelter in place" rather than be bused anywhere. Bill Holiday expressed his belief that this evacuation plan is an "unmitigated disaster" and will never work. The Board assured Mr. Pollock that their misgivings were not directed at him personally and thanked him for his continued hard work.

The Board invited residents Pam and Rich McFadden to join them at the table, along with Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin to discuss the recent storm damage at 230 Bunker Road. The McFaddens shared a video taken during the most recent rainstorm on September 29th which showed the destruction caused to their property by what they consider to be a lack of proper drainage along Bunker Road. Most Board members have visited the property and have observed the damage. Lee has met with Steve Zaluzny and received a quote of \$37K to install a 2' pipe with a riprap ditch down through the McFadden's property to the bottom of the hill. A meeting will be held with the adjoining property owners as soon as possible; an update will be given at the next meeting. The McFaddens left the meeting at 8:35pm.

Lee reported that due to ongoing problems with the current uniform provider, he would like to switch to another company. On a motion by Zeke and second from Greg, the Board voted 4-0 to give Lee this authorization.

Lee met with a FEMA representative yesterday at the Sunset Lake Road project. The highway crew will begin work on the repairs next week.

Springfield Paving is scheduled to work on the East-West Road paving project tomorrow, 10/6.

The proposed Lease Agreement for the Renaud Gravel Pit was received late this afternoon. It will be added to the next meeting's agenda.

There was no update on the Covered Bridge Wingwall project.

The final inspection of the Green Iron Bridge is scheduled for October 12th at 1pm.

Correspondence for Information included: Zoning Administrator's Quarterly Report, Rescue, Inc's Quarterly Report, Act 250 Notice & Hearing for Sandri Realty on RT 5 - scheduled for 10/25 at 9:30am; Copy of letter from VT ANR re: boundary line adjustment involving properties owned by Wyse, Edson and Tkaczyk on RT 5; Notice of Secretary of State's "Open Meeting Law" presentation in Brattleboro on 10/27.

The Board reviewed an email from DRB Chair Herb Rest regarding the pending resignation of Rick Sullivan. Laurie was asked to have this information posted on the Town's website.

The Board briefly reviewed the VLCT Insurance Renewal Application, along with an email from Jody Normandeau asking if the Town has a procedure in place for valuation increases. The Town does not have such a policy; valuation increases have historically come from VLCT.

The Board reviewed a request from the Nature Conservancy for a letter of support to expand their holdings on Black Mountain. On a motion by Greg and second by Bill, the Board voted 4-0 to have Laurie write and send this letter.

Zeke reported on his review of the proposed charter revisions for the Windham Solid Waste Management District. He advised that there are very few substantive changes.

The Board reviewed recent emails regarding the legal expense reimbursement from the Learning Collaborative. While there appears to be some confusion as to whether the entire amount will come from the Learning Collaborative or be split with the State paying a portion, it has been agreed that the Town will be fully reimbursed.

On a motion by Greg and second by Bill, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Andrew MacFarland to the Planning Commission (term to expire in 2014).

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

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Approved

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Lewis White, Vice-Chair

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Zeke Goodband, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant