

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

December 28, 2011

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

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

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Maria & Steve Glabach, Dan Normandeau, Jody & Paul Normandeau, Gail Sorenson, Jeff Unsicker, and Laurie Frechette

Lewis moved, with a second from Greg, to approve the minutes from December 6th, 14th, 17th & 21st, and payment of Warrants 13, 13P and EC4. Paul & Jody Normandeau pointed out that Bill Holiday's name was not listed as being present on the 21st, however motions were made in his name. Greg also proposed a friendly amendment to remove the Kipling Road street address from the minutes as well as the website. Lewis accepted this amendment; the motion was approved 5-0 as corrected/amended. Laurie assured the concerned parties present that when minutes are amended and/or corrected, the website is updated as well.

Renaud Gravel Pit Updated: Tom presented a list of Selectboard members' notes to be approved by the Board and sent to the recent meeting attendees. Jeff Unsicker thanked the Board for holding the introductory meeting.

The Board discussed the Line of Credit for the Renaud Pit expenses that will need to be opened in the near future. Bill and Greg will look into some options (Brattleboro Savings & Loan, Merchants Bank, People's Bank).

The actual costs of opening the pit are to be split into thirds, between the Towns of Dummerston & Putney and Renaud Bros. Renaud Bros. will pay their share back to the towns in gravel.

The Board discussed their recent tour/inspection of Town roads which was conducted on December 17th. Tom stated his belief that the roads are naturally eroding, resulting in the shoulders being below the banks. Greg commented on the placement and location of cutouts; the roads are in good shape; we are following the best practices from VT Local Roads. Zeke stated that he is generally impressed with the road conditions and expressed how impressed he is with Road Foreman Lee Chamberlin's conscientiousness in his work. Zeke also suggested holding an informational session with VT Local Roads, Stevens & Assoc., and other road experts. Lewis urged Lee to obtain water easements with property owners to install more culverts. Lee spoke about his concern is getting the water off the roads and would like to approach more property owners about water easements. Tom agreed to have the town's attorney review the current Water Easement Agreement and recommend any changes in the current language.

The Normandeaus urged the Board to continue having public discussion on road maintenance.

The Board reviewed a letter from the VT Agency of Transportation - Traffic Operations regarding approved changes to the parking situation at the Rock River intersection on RT 30.

The Board reviewed a letter from New England Uniform regarding the Town's cancellation of the uniform contract. Tom offered to write a letter of response.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the action taken at the December 14th meeting regarding previously reported road alterations along a Kipling Road property. The Board revisited this issue and decided that no damage had been done. As no letter had been sent out and no remedial action taken, no board action was needed to rescind the earlier vote.

Zeke will respond to an email from Eesha Williams regarding budget items and the Community Center building.

Other correspondence for information included: Notice of 1/20 Windham County budget hearing; 12/14 correspondence from WSWMD; 12/14 email from Mark Whitaker; Notice from VT Tax Dept. that 2012 COD is 15.32% and CLA is 99.43%.

The Board reviewed and briefly discussed the proposed "special events" change to the zoning bylaw. They will set a date for the Public Hearing at their January 25th meeting.

Zeke moved to accept with regret Rick Sullivan's resignation from the Development Review Board. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

On a motion by Greg and second by Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Hugh Worden as an alternate to the Development Review Board, replacing Rick Sullivan.

The Board reviewed and discussed the FY 2013 budget. The next budget work session will be held on January 4th at 6:30pm.

With no other business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was accepted at 9:35pm.

January 11, 2012
Approved

Tom Bodett, Chair

Zeke Goodband, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant