

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

March 21, 2012

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

Members Present: Tom Bodett, Steve Glabach, Zeke Goodband, Bill Holiday, Lewis White

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Jean & Harold Newell, Gail Sorenson, Claudia Teachman-Blocher, Mark Whitaker, Laurie Frechette

Tom moved to approve the minutes of March 7th, along with the payment of Warrants 19 & 19P. Steve seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. The road crew has recently cleared brush along approximately 10 miles of road. The wing on the new dump truck has worked as well as anticipated. Mud season has been worse than in recent years, especially one spot on Sunset Lake Road.

The Town has received notification of approval for the 2012 Better Backroads Grant. We were approved for \$4000 of the \$4600 requested. These funds will be used to build more concrete headers for culverts. On a motion by Steve and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Better Backroads Grant Award Formal Agreement.

Lee reported that bids for the new backhoe and for this summer's paving project will hopefully go out in April. The paving bids will go out earlier than usual due to the escalating cost of fuel.

Discussion took place regarding the painting of white lines along the sides of East-West and Middle Roads. Lee will look into the current costs and report back to the Board.

A revised Drainage Easement Agreement was received from Town Attorney, Jodi French. On a motion from Zeke and second by Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the revised agreement and to begin using it immediately.

Tom briefly reported on the Covered Bridge wingwall project.

Zeke made a motion to "some time in the future to have a town-wide meeting to discuss the road characteristics". Tom seconded the motion. Gail Sorenson questioned why this topic was being discussed as it had not been on the agenda prior to late this morning. Lewis responded that it was prompted by a request from Bill Holiday and since the agenda was not overly long, he felt it was a good time to discuss it.

Tom spoke about the Planning Commission's looking into Scenic Road/Byway designations for specific roads. After their road tour in December, the Selectboard felt that the roads are being cared for correctly and are in good shape. This conclusion was reinforced by a report from a representative of Better Backroads, after taking a tour of town roads with Lee.

After a lengthy discussion, Tom called the question. The motion was defeated 3-2.

The Board briefly reviewed a letter from David Tansey (received late this afternoon), regarding the above topic. Tom asked to have the minutes clarify a statement from this letter quoting Corey Frehsee from Stevens & Associates that Bodett and the town had no interest in an independent engineer's report on the care and maintenance of town roads. What he had actually told Corey was " the Town had no interest in participating *financially* in a road study when we can get guidance from the State for free".

Tom updated the Board on the Renaud Gravel Pit project. SB Land Partnership and Mike Renaud have come to an understanding about combining efforts on this project. It is estimated that it will cost \$7800 to revise SB Land's Act 250 permit. The cost will be split 50/50 between SB Land and the Towns of Dummerston & Putney and Renaud Gravel. This agreement essentially moves the northern boundary of the Renaud Gravel Pit 200' north. A neighborhood meeting will be scheduled for neighbors of both gravel pits in the future.

The Board reviewed an Emergency Health Order issued on March 16th to prevent the burning of a refuse pile at 140 Camp Arden Road. Zeke reported that he visited the site with an officer from the VT Agency of Natural Resources. The residents of 140 Camp Arden Road have until Friday, 3/23 to dispute the Health Order. The Selectboard will need to meet as the local Board of Health in the near future regarding this issue.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Nature Conservancy regarding their receipt of a grant to purchase 25.15 acres from Erika Stahl on Black Mountain Road.

On a motion by Zeke and second from Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to sign an amendment to the Town's FEMA contract.

Bill agreed to revise the Facilities Use/Rental Policy/Agreement and bring it to the next meeting.

The Board will conduct interviews for a vacancy on the Planning Commission and for an Auditor beginning at 5:45pm on April 4th at the Town Office. They will also conduct interviews for vacancies on the Energy Committee and Conservation Commission, as well as for the Town's representative to Rescue, Inc. on April 18th beginning at 6pm.

On various motions by Tom, Zeke, Steve and Bill, with seconds from Steve, Bill, Tom and Zeke; the following Town officials were unanimously appointed (1-year terms unless otherwise indicated):

- John Anderson Conservation Commission (4-year term to expire in March 2016)
- Ruth Barton Weigher of Coal
- Recreation Board
- Council on Aging Representative
- Lee Chamberlin Road Foreman
- Michelle Cherrier Windham Solid Waste Management District Representative
- Rich Cogliano Planning Commission (4-year term to expire in March 2016)
- Bill Conley Energy Committee (3-year term to expire in March 2015)
- Wayne Emery Animal Control Officer
- Chad Farnum First Constable

Sylvio Forrett	Poundkeeper Inspector of Wood & Lumber Cemetery Committee
Laurie Frechette	Selectboard Assistant Current Tax Collector
Zeke Goodband	Animal Control Officer
Vern Grubinger	Farmland Committee
Doug Hamilton	E-911 Contact Person
Cindy Jerome	Housing Advisory Commission (3-year term to expire in March 2015) Social Services Advisory Committee
Nelson Jillson	Fence Viewer Farmland Committee
Lynn Levine	Conservation Commission (4-year term to expire in March 2016)
Jack Lilly	DRB (3-year term to expire in March 2015) VT Community Development Program
Jack Manix	Farmland Committee
Dan Marx	CT River Joint Commission
Amanda McCulloch	Social Services Advisory Committee
Pamela McFadden	Delinquent Tax Collector
Harold Newell	Fence Viewer
Rita Ramirez	Town Service Officer Social Services Advisory Committee
Sara Ryan	Social Services Advisory Committee
Bill Schmidt	Farmland Committee
Gail Sorenson	Social Services Advisory Committee
Lew Sorenson	Windham Regional Commission Representative
Ron Svec	Poundkeeper
Jerelyn Wilson	Energy Committee (3-year term to expire in March 2015)
Hugh Worden	Alternate on DRB (1-year term)

With no other business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was accepted at 8:43pm.

Approved

Lewis White, Chair

Bill Holiday, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant