

# UNAPPROVED

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

**April 4, 2012**

This meeting was called to order by Chair, Lewis White at 7:08pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Charlotte Annis, Ruth Barton, Greg Brown, Michelle Cherrier, Brenda Davis, Deb Forrett, Maria Glabach, Doug Hamilton, Layla Lewis, Jean & Harold Newell, Jody Normandeau, Gail & Lew Sorenson, Laurie Frechette

Steve moved to approve the minutes of March 21st, along with the payment of Warrants 20, 20P & CC5. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

The Board recognized Layla Lewis from the Recreation Board, who presented their request to spend approximately \$1320 on baseball equipment. Included in this request is \$650 for a pitching machine. They are hoping to receive funding from a Brattleboro-based company to offset this expense. Bill Holiday expressed his opposition to this purchase. Tom moved to approve the request as presented. Steve seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Board recognized Doug Hamilton, Jean Newell and Charlotte Annis from the Board of Listers. They spoke about the Learning Collaborative's recent request for tax-exempt status. After discussion of the request and the history behind it, it was agreed that the Listers will work on this and report back to the Selectboard as soon as possible.

Jody Normandeau expressed her disappointment and frustration with the Selectboard's decision at their March 21st meeting to not hold a townwide meeting regarding roads. She thanked Zeke and Bill for their openness. She clarified that she feels Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin is doing basically a very good job but things could be done differently. She stated that it is not only a few people in town who are concerned.

Gail Sorenson reminded the Board of the Open Meeting Law and suggested that the pre-meeting interviews should have also been warned as a Planning Commission meeting.

Tom reported on his meeting with Brud Sanderson from Stevens & Assoc. regarding the covered bridge wingwall project. The changes in the grant requirements are federal mandates. There are enough funds remaining in the West River Crossings Fund to cover these additional expenses. The project will hopefully go out to bid by May 1st.

Tom reported that the final archeological report for the Renaud Gravel Pit should be available by April 17th. A preliminary noise study will be conducted around May 1st. A neighborhood meeting will be scheduled near the beginning of May.

No action was taken on an email from BCTV regarding the possibility of broadcasting Selectboard meetings on a regular basis.

The Board reviewed the revised Facilities Use/Rental Policy/Agreement as presented by Bill. After some discussion, Tom moved to add the "Hold Harmless & Alcohol" clauses to the Community Center's existing contract. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 5-0. Laurie was asked to reserve the Community Center for the Board's May 2nd meeting.

Steve moved to appoint Beverly Tier to the Planning Commission to complete the remaining two years of a four-year term. Zeke seconded the motion and a lively discussion ensued, with Board members speaking in favor of both candidates (Beverly and Greg Brown). By a 3-2 vote, Bev was appointed to the above term.

On a motion by Steve and second by Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Larry Doucette to a three-year term on the Energy Committee.

The Board will conduct interviews for a vacancy on the Conservation Commission, for an Auditor, and for the Town's representative to Rescue, Inc. beginning at 6pm on April 18th at the Town Office.

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

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| Larry Cassidy       | VT Community Development Program                                  |
| Terry Chapman       | Cemetery Committee  |
| Mary Ellen Copeland | Conservation Commission (4-year term to expire in March 2016)     |
| Janice Duke         | Cemetery Committee  |
| Lester Dunklee      | Windham Solid Waste Management District Representative            |
| Steve Glabach       | Police Advisory Board Liaison                                     |
| Vern Grubinger      | Farmland Committee  |
| Layla Lewis         | Recreation Board  |
| Jack Manix          | VT Community Development Program                                  |
| Read Miller         | Farmland Committee  |
| Kelly McCue         | Social Services Advisory Committee                                |
| Roger Turner        | Windham Regional Commission Representative                        |
| Tonia Wheeler       | Housing Advisory Commission (3-year term to expire in March 2015) |
| Mark Whitaker       | Fence Viewer  |
| Jill Williams       | Recreation Board  |

Planning Commission Chair, Sam Farwell will attend the April 18th meeting.

With no other business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was accepted at 8:34pm.

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Lewis White, Chair

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Bill Holiday, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant