

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 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: Charlotte Annis, Lee Chamberlin, Terry Chapman, Janice Duke, Sam Farwell, Shorty Forrett, Doug Hamilton, Smokey Howe, Nelson Jillson, Kelly McCue, Rich Melanson, Jean & Harold Newell, Jody & Paul Normandeau, Gail Sorenson, Jeff Unsicker, Mark Whitaker, Laurie Frechette

Steve moved to approve the minutes of April 4th, along with the payment of Warrants 21, 21P & CF6. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

The Board recognized Cemetery Committee members: Terry Chapman, Janice Duke and Shorty Forrett. They discussed the need for new members to join the committee. Zeke suggested posting this on the Town's website. Shorty recommended that the Board visit the five town-owned cemeteries to see the issues for themselves.

The Board recognized Doug Hamilton, Jean Newell and Charlotte Annis from the Board of Listers. They requested permission to consult with the Town Attorney about the Learning Collaborative's application for tax-exempt status. Tom moved to consult with our Town Attorney about our options regarding the Learning Collaborative's application for tax exempt status. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Board recognized Smokey Howe and Sam Farwell from the Energy Committee. Smokey spoke about the Town's street lights. The existing mercury vapor ballasts have been outlawed and cannot be replaced when they fail. The Board needs to decide what type of new fixtures will be the default for CVPS; GMP's default light is LED. He presented a great deal of information on the options. On a motion by Steve and second from Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to have the default be LED lights.

Sam then switched to his role as Chair of the Planning Commission. The PC is hard at work on updating the zoning bylaw. They hope to begin having public forums, not hearings, in the late summer/early fall of 2012. The Municipal Planning Grant must be completed by the end of May. Everyone agreed that it makes more sense to continue working on the bylaw revisions rather than amend the Town Plan with the corridors.

Discussion took place regarding the special events ordinance/permit. The Selectboard needs to draft an ordinance and criteria for the issuance of a permit. Paul Normandeau suggested just having a stand-alone ordinance instead of incorporating it into the zoning bylaw. Laurie offered to research sample ordinances from other towns.

Sam invited the Board to attend the PC meeting on June 5th at 6:30pm to meet with John Bennett from the Windham Regional Commission.

The Board recognized Rich Melanson from Brattleboro Community Television (BCTV), who explained that they will begin televising our Selectboard meetings starting May 2nd. Steve offered to open the Town Office 20 minutes early so that they may set up the equipment.

Paul Normandeau reminded the Board about the ceremony to formally reopen the Green Iron Bridge on Friday, April 27th at 4pm.

Road Foreman Lee Chamberlin joined the Board to open bids received from Nortrax and Milton Cat for a new backhoe. Lee and Steve will review the bids and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Invitations to bid on this year's paving project will be sent out this week and opened at the next meeting.

The Carpenter Gravel Pit will officially reopen for the season on April 20th. The signage on Middle Road is being installed using funds from a High Risk Rural Roads grant.

Jody Normandeau thanked Lee for the cleaning of the Tucker Reed Road bridge.

On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign the Sign Maintenance Policy and Procedure.

On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to approve and sign Curb Cut Permits for Dennis & Beverly Tier on West Street and Jesse Palmer on Rice Farm Road.

On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the annual bridge report from the State of Vermont.

After some discussion, Zeke offered to take Tom's position as overseer of the Covered Bridge wingwall project.

Tom reported on today's meeting at Stevens & Associates about the Renaud Gravel Pit. The new archeologist's report is being taken back to the State. The next neighborhood meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 9th at the Hidden Acres Campground.

Correspondence for review included: a copy of the Act 250 response for Disanto Jet Gas on Old Ferry Road; the Zoning Administrator's quarterly report.

The Board reviewed a request from School Nurse, Mary Ann Runge for \$150 from the Miller Fund to pay for last year's tuition for a student to attend Green Mountain Camp. On a motion from Tom and second by Zeke, the request was approved 5-0.

The Board also discussed Green Mountain Camp's policy regarding tuition for Dummerston residents. While scholarships are available based on financial need, residents currently pay the same tuition as non-residents. Tom urged Board members to contact members of the camp's Board of Trustees to encourage them to reconsider this policy.

Zeke moved to appoint Jane Michaud and Betsy Whittaker to the Conservation Commission. Steve seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Tom moved to appoint Libby Lafland to serve as Town Auditor to serve until Town Meeting 2013. She replaces Maria Glabach, who recently resigned, and whose term officially ends March 2014. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Zeke moved to appoint Harold Newell as Dummerston's representative to Rescue, Inc. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Zeke moved to change the date of the May 30th meeting to Thursday, May 31st at 7pm, due to the Memorial Day program to be held at Grange. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

At 9:33pm, Tom moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 5-0. Laurie was excused from the meeting and left the building. Executive Session ended at 9:44pm. No decisions were made.

With no other business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was accepted at 9:44pm.

Approved

Lewis White, Chair

Bill Holiday, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant
Bill Holiday, Clerk