

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2012

This meeting was called to order by Chair, Lewis White at 5:37pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

The Board immediately entered Executive Session to discuss a pending legal matter. Listers Charlotte Annis, Jean Newell and Doug Hamilton were invited to join the Board in the session. This session ended at 6:06pm with no decisions made and the Listers left the room.

The Board immediately entered a second Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Emergency Management Director, Rick Davis was invited to join the session. This session ended at 6:26pm, with no decisions made.

The Board continued its regular meeting. The following people were present: Rick Davis, Sam Farwell, Fita Ferguson & William Lhamon, Jean & Harold Newell, Gail Sorenson, Mike Fahner from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Rich Melanson from *BCTV*.

On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted to approve the minutes of August 8th and 21st, along with the payment of Warrants 4 and 4P. Lewis abstained from voting on the August 21st minutes.

The Board recognized Harold Newell, the Town's representative to Rescue, Inc.'s Board of Trustees, who informed them that there will likely be a 2.5% increase in Dummerston's FY14 assessment.

The Board recognized William Lhamon and Fita Ferguson, who spoke of a recent attack by pit bulls at their home on Middle Road. Zeke moved to send a letter to the owners stating that if the dogs are found off their property again, they will be seized and possibly euthanized. Tom suggested that they immediately call Zeke if the dogs get loose again; Zeke will notify the Sheriff's Department. As the dogs were unlicensed, the owners were given a notice of violation "10 days to get dogs licensed". Tom moved all precautionary actions to prevent further incidents.

The Board recognized Planning Commission Chair, Sam Farwell, who presented the resolution for the FY 2013 Municipal Planning Grant (MPG). This grant will be used for further work on revising the Town Plan and the Zoning Bylaw. On a motion by Zeke and second from Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the resolution. Sam requested that Laurie Frechette (as grant administrator) be asked to add John Bennett from Windham Regional to the grant as a writer.

Emergency Management Director, Rick Davis joined the Board at the table to discuss the newly mandated training requirements for municipal officials (both elected and appointed). Tom expressed his displeasure with these requirements.

Rick requested permission from the Board to designate the Community Center as a Red Cross Emergency Shelter. Zeke moved to allow Rick to pursue getting more information on this idea. Steve seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Covered Bridge wingwall project has been completed - several weeks ahead of schedule. Tom agreed to thank Renaud Bros. for a job well done!

Tom reported on the recent Development Review Board hearing for the SB Land Partnership and Renaud Gravel Pits. The hearing has been recessed until September 18th and is still open at this time.

Zeke moved to approve a request from School Nurse, Mary Ann Runge, for a \$300 allocation from the Miller Fund to purchase new winter clothing for a needy family. Bill seconded the motion. Tom offered a friendly amendment to increase the allocation to \$500; it was accepted. The motion as amended was approved 5-0.

Bill reported on the recent Ancient Roads Committee meeting.

On a motion by Zeke and second from Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Chair's signature on a Facility's Use Agreement for a wedding on the Town Common on June 22, 2013.

On a motion by Steve and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the 8/16/12 Certificate of Change to the 2012 Grand List.

At 7:11pm, the Board adjourned the regular meeting and immediately convened as the Liquor Commission. Tom moved to approve a request from the Putney Inn to cater a wedding at the Scott Farm on August 25th. Bill seconded the motion. Steve offered a friendly amendment (which was accepted) to change the ending time of the event from midnight to 11pm. The motion passed 3-0 (Lewis and Zeke abstained), as amended.

With no other business to come before the Liquor Commission, a motion to adjourn was accepted at 7:14pm.

Approved

Lewis White, Chair

Bill Holiday, Clerk

Submitted by: Bill Holiday, Clerk