

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2012

This meeting was called to order by Chair, Lewis White at 6pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Tom Bodett, Steve Glabach, Zeke Goodband, Lewis White

Absent: Bill Holiday

Also present: Jody & Paul Normandeau, Laura Sibiliala, Gail & Lew Sorenson, Roger Turner, Rich Melanson from *BCTV*, Mike Faher from *Brattleboro Reformer*, Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Zeke and second by Tom, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of November 14 & 20; as well as the payment of Warrants 11, 11P and CF3.

Gail Sorenson asked if there is an update on the Learning Collaborative situation; not yet. She also asked if Lewis had contacted the Community Center's Board of Trustees to invite them to tomorrow's Library Trustees meeting; he responded in the affirmative.

The Board recognized Lew Sorenson & Roger Turner, Dummerston's representatives to the Windham Regional Commission (WRC). Lew gave a brief history of WRC and how they work with the area towns. Roger explained the different committee assignments and their usefulness to the towns. WRC's Project Review committee will be reviewing the Renaud/SB Land gravel pit at their December meeting. Lew asked the Board for feedback on WRC's value to the Town's work.

The Board recognized Laura Sibiliala from the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, who spoke about the Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies program. They are requesting financial aid from the towns in Southeastern Vermont. The Board asked her to provide them with more information on how this program will benefit Dummerston and its residents.

There was no Highway Report.

There was no update on the Renaud Gravel Pit.

Correspondence for information included: Notice of 11/26 pre-trial telephone conference for Thibault E-Court hearing; emails from DRB members re: Thibault E-Court hearing; emails and letter from Rescue, Inc.

Paul Normandeau questioned the Board why they didn't support the DRB's decision and send legal representation to participate in the pre-trial conference for the Thibaults' appeal to E-Court. He expressed his displeasure with the Board's decision and strongly encouraged them to reconsider. It is too late for the Town to participate in this appeal; the deadline was before Monday's pre-trial conference. Jody Normandeau took the Board to task for not taking a vote on this issue. Tom, speaking personally, not as a Board member, responded to her concerns. Zeke assured the Normandeaus several times that the Board had been advised by both VLCT and the Town's Attorney that it was not required that the Town participate in this hearing.

Steve publicly thanked Bill Holiday for obtaining the financial report from Rescue, Inc.

Steve moved to approve a request from School Nurse, Mary Ann Runge, for \$100 from the Miller Fund to pay for a student's eye exam and glasses. Tom seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Board discussed the replacement of the Town Office building's roof. Steve will work with the Town Clerk on this project.

At 7:20pm, Tom moved to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Steve seconded the motion; it passed 4-0. Laurie was excused from the meeting and left the building.

Executive Session ended at 7:42pm, with no decisions being made.

With no other business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was accepted at 7:43pm.

Approved

Lewis White, Chair

Zeke Goodband, Vice-Chair

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant