

## UNAPPROVED

### SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2013

This meeting was called to order by Chair, Lewis White at 6:00pm 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, Laurie Frechette, Doug Hamilton, Jack Manix, Pam McFadden, Harold & Jean Newell, Dan Normandeau, Jody & Paul Normandeau, Herb Rest, Gail Sorenson, Rich Melanson from BCTV, Mike Faher from the *Brattleboro Reformer*

On a motion from Steve and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from December 26<sup>th</sup> and the payment of Warrants 14 & 14P.

The Board recognized Listers Charlotte Annis, Doug Hamilton and Jean Newell, who spoke about the Southeastern Vermont Learning Collaborative's request for tax-exempt status. Charlotte reported on her recent conversation with Michelle Wilson from the State Dept. of Taxes, who stated that it is too late for the Collaborative to be declared tax-exempt this year. They and/or the Town are responsible for this year's educational taxes, payable to the State. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Tom will contact VLCT for advice; Bill offered to contact SVLC to update them on this issue.

The Board recognized Jack Manix from the Farmland Protection Committee, who reported on the committee's recent activities. Other committee members are: Vern Grubinger, Nelson Jillson, Read Miller and Bill Schmidt.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. The one-ton pickup is out of service for about a week for repairs; it is under warranty. He is working on getting easements for the upcoming Dutton Farm Road project.

Dan Normandeau questioned why the plow trucks were out "in full force" on January 4<sup>th</sup> when there was very little snow on the paved roads. Steve asked if there is a policy; there is no written one.

No bids were received for roadside mowing.

The Act 250 hearing for the Renaud Gravel Pit is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office.

Correspondence for information included: a memo from the Windham Solid Waste Management District; January 2013 *VLCT News*.

The Board reviewed a letter from Atty. Walter French regarding the Thibaults' appeal of the DRB's decision. DRB Chair, Herb Rest reported on his discussion with Atty. French. Tom moved to formally decline to mediate a settlement. Steve seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Bill & Steve updated the Board on the work of the Ancient Roads committee.

The Board reviewed proposed amendments to the zoning bylaw from the Planning Commission. These amendments address: unspecified uses; fences; waivers. On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to hold a public hearing at 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 6, 2013.

The Board began a lengthy final review of the FY 2014 budget.

Tom moved to keep the purchase of a tractor for \$55,000 in the Capital Plan budget. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 3-2.

The Board decided to hold a special meeting on Monday, January 14th at 4pm to adopt the budget.

With no other business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was accepted at 9:27pm.

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Lewis White, Chair

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Bill Holiday, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant