

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2013

This meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Zeke Goodband at 5:45pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Tom Bodett, Steve Glabach, Zeke Goodband, Bill Holiday

Absent: Lewis White

Also present: Cathy & Steve Casabona, Joe Cook, Brenda Davis (at 6:44), Rick Davis, Laurie Frechette, Maria Glabach, Harold & Jean Newell, Jody & Paul Normandeau, Dana Shepard, Mark Whitaker, Mike Faher from *Brattleboro Reformer*, Rich Melanson from BCTV

On a motion from Bill and second by Steve, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from February 6th, 13th, 15th and 20th and the payment of Warrants 17A & CF4.

Steve Casabona and Joe Cook, candidates for the 3-year seat on the Selectboard, answered questions from members of the audience.

The Board recognized Dana Shepard from the Windham County Sheriff's Department, who gave an update on the department's recent activities.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Rick Davis. He asked the Board about the status of the Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP). This will be added to the March 6th agenda.

Rick asked the Board if any progress has been made on the designation of the Community Center as a Red Cross shelter.

The next VY drill is May 8th; the graded drill will be held on June 5th.

Tom gave the update on the Renaud Gravel Pit. We've been notified that the Underground Water Permit will not be needed. The Board thanked Tom for all of his hard work on this project. Steve will be taking over as the lead person.

Paul Normandeau asked the Board how much material is left in the Carpenter Pit. Tom responded that most of the gravel has been removed; there is about 15 years worth of sand left to be mined.

The Board reviewed a memo from the Delinquent Tax Collector regarding the Learning Collaborative. The Board had previously voted to waive the penalties/interest on their unpaid 2012 property taxes. However this decision is not supported by state statute. The Collaborative will need to appeal to the Board of Abatement.

The Board reviewed a letter from Ann Davis regarding the proposed lease between the Community Center and the Lydia Taft Pratt Library. Jean Newell asked if the Board was sure that representatives from both Boards had worked on this lease proposal. She asked to have the minutes reflect that she voiced her concerns.

Harold Newell spoke of his concerns that construction/renovation projects at the Community Center are not being put out for bid.

Correspondence for information included: email from Ed Anthes requesting reappointment to Conservation Commission; notice from E-Court re: rescheduling of Thibault conference to 4/8; letter from Atty. French to E-Court re: informal mediation proposal; letter from Nancy Rysz.

At 7:05pm, Tom moved to recess the regular meeting until the conclusion of the public Zoning Bylaw hearing. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

At 7:15pm, Steve moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Tom seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Board reviewed a request from the Zoning Administrator to waive the application fee for William and Suzanne Flynt's subdivision to donate 0.25 acres to the Town for the expansion of the Wilder Cemetery. Steve moved to approve this request. Tom seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

Steve spoke to the Board about requesting signage at Exits 3 and/or 4 of I-91. Steve moved to approach AOT to request adding "Dummerston" to signage at Exits 3 and 4. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 3-1.

On a motion by Tom and second by Steve, the Board voted 4-0 to sign the trailer park license for the Housing Foundation on RT 5.

On a motion by Tom and second by Bill, the Board voted 4-0 to sign the Final Certificate for the 2012 Grand List.

On a motion by Bill and second by Tom, the Board voted 4-0 to accept and approve the proposed changes to the zoning bylaw (see minutes of Public Hearing).

Steve moved to authorize Zeke to contact the Thibaults' attorney to facilitate the mediation process. Tom seconded the motion; it passed 4-0. Bill offered to research recent DRB decisions and will distribute them to the Board.

The Board will reorganize at its March 6th meeting.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Vice-Chair

Bill Holiday, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant